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CVVFA October 15, 2006 Booster Meeting

Shippensburg Fire Company

October 15, 2006

President Younker called the group together for lunch. Ray Mowen gave the blessing for the meal. Lunch was served by ladies from the Vigilant Hose Company. Marshall called the meeting back to order at 13:00 hours. He again asked Ray for the invocation. Ray asked for those needing to be on the prayer list. Please remember Larry Smallwood on the passing of his wife, PP Diehl in currently in a nursing home and others were recognized. There was a moment of silent prayer followed by the prayer and the pledge. Vigilant Hose President Dan Byers was introduced who brought the welcome on behalf of the host company. Marshall presented the complimentary check for the host company. President Byers returned the check and asked that the money be used for the trophies at next convention.

Introduction of Guests - None

Secretary Worthington took roll call with 78 being recorded in attendance.

Communications - The Secretary read an e-mail message from Montgomery Fire & Rescue thanking CVVFA for assistance in resolution of warranty for vehicle marking tapes to be used on the back of their new pumpers.

Officers reports

President Younker read from his written report. Good afternoon, I would like to start by thanking our host company, Vigilant Hose of Shippensburg and the ladies who served lunch. The committee list for the coming year was distributed. Anyone who would like to serve, please notify me. With my work schedule still limiting my travel since the convention I was still able to attend the Delaware conference, local events in Leitersburg, MD and Blue Ridge VFC in VA. I also brought greetings to the Virginia Rescue Squad Association and the Virginia Association of Hazardous Materials Response Specialist. Jack Sullivan was there providing our responder safety course.

First Vice President Flickinger presented his written report and commented from it. Welcome to Shippensburg and our October booster meeting. Since our convention in Greencastle, I have been busy doing the usual things a Fire Chief does in his own company. I have also spearheaded the first step to get state funding for a countywide safety vest program for all the 12 companies in Perry County. Myself and my company's



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drum and bugle corps had the opportunity to parade with the Aetna in the Delaware conference parade in Dover. A big thank you to Aetna for a great time. It's good to see Marshall sitting "in the chair". Let's all support him and his year in office and continue to help our association to grow and prosper under his leadership. Our prayers go out to Larry Smallwood for his loss of his wife, Shirley. In closing, thanks to our hosts for today's meeting and fellowship.

Second Vice President Daniels submitted a written report and spoke from it. Jerry thanks the Vigilant Hose Company for hosting today's meeting. I'd like to again thank everyone for the honor of being selected CVVFA fire person of the year presented to me at the convention. This is truly a great honor. He spoke about the events attended, copy was attached to the report. I have been assisting PP Steve Austin with a presentation of the new CD on promotion and were able to gain five new members. As a member of ERSI, I have been spreading the word regarding highway incident scene safety and the importance of wearing the appropriate high visibility protective gear when on the highway. I wish everyone a pleasant and safe trip home.

Third Vice President Robertson spoke about his travels and involvement with his local and countywide issues. I talked to a couple of folks about the vacant Virginia director position. Thanks to Vigilant for hosting the meeting. I appreciate everyone's faith in me going through these chairs.

Fourth Vice President Greg Yost submitted a written report. He thanked Vigilant Hose for hosting the meeting and look forward to attending the dedication of their new pumper later today. I am honored to be your VP. This organization has such an illustrious past and a bright future in the safety of firefighters. If I can play a very small part in that, then I will be happy. Greg spoke on his activities since convention. I have been assisting PP Austin with the updates to the web site. While at the convention, I heard these statements made:

- We need to get the word out on available grants
- Emergency responders need the NIMS classes
- This organization has always focused on fire prevention
- Responder Safety is a priority for CVVFA
- We need to recruit new members

I would like to propose we investigate the possibility of sponsoring a training weekend in Maryland. If successful, other states could follow. I floated this idea to several people via email and it got mixed reactions. I will present this idea for discussion at the appropriate time during the meeting.

Treasurer Dove presented his written report. George stated that he has attended all his fire company functions, have had several meetings with the convention while serving as the director of the Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival Firefighters Parade. I have just completed the instructors course and am teaching the new certs program to include NIMS, CPR and Incident Command. I attended the memorial viewing of Shirley Pope, my friend, we grew up together as children. To Larry, I want to say thank you for sharing her with us. My audit report is ready for the auditor and our audit committee. Thanks to Shippensburg for the meeting today. May we all leave here with memories of what happened in Lancaster, PA and do not forget to pray for them They have only asked for two things and that is privacy and prayer. Account balances are as follows:

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Financial Secretary McBee spoke from his written report. Steve stated that dues are still coming in for 2007. I have turned over approximately 30 notices, with invalid addresses

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- >> [Congressional Fire Services Institute](#)
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to the state directors for follow-up. Dues notices to member companies have gone out with 2nd notices sent on 9/18/2006 to 12 companies including the 12 yet to pay dues. We have a total of 73 member companies or associations. Please remember to let me know of any member deaths.

Recording Secretary Worthington reported that the minutes from convention has been transcribed and distributed. A directory of the convention minutes, by-laws, officer listing, past presidents, business and operations plan and the history of the association was mailed to all member companies and the Officers. There are additional booklets on the front table for all. Gene also assisted PP Austin with the mailing of the promo DVD, we purchased 500 copies. Home Office Manager Heefner was given 200 copies for future distribution as requested. The secretary's office has completed all business of the association as requested.

Home Office Manager presented a written report. Steve thanked the Vigilant Hose Company of Shippensburg for hosting this booster meeting and training weekend. Since our annual convention in Greencastle, I attended the DVFA conference in Dover and the viewing of Shirley Smallwood. I mailed 1200 postcards to our members about this weekend's activities. I am currently working on a winter newsletter scheduled for a Dec/Jan mailing. If any committee would like to add anything to the newsletter, please let me know. Reminder about the dedication ceremony at the Vigilant Hose immediately following today's meeting. Drive safe as you travel.

Publicity Manager Timko was absent.

Chaplain Barnhart was absent.

Attorney Cohen submitted an email message stating, I won't be in attendance at the October 15 booster meeting due to other commitments. I hope to attend the January BOD meeting and to attend either the March or May booster meeting. So far as I am aware there are no significant legal issues outstanding, and I continue the daily struck-by searches.

Pennsylvania Delegate Charlie Myers reported he attended the PA state convention. He reminded all that the emergency services dinner will be held on November 20 at the Penn Radison hotel. Charlie attended the national memorial service in Emmittsburg. There were several CVVFA members present. He also attended the services for Mrs. Smallwood.

Directors reports

Pennsylvania Director Haines presented a written report and thanked the host company for holding the meeting. Since the convention in August, I have attended my own company meetings and training. I have attended my county association annual meeting in August. Congratulations Marshall for being elected President of this Association. I'm looking forward to working with you and everyone else on making this a successful year.

Pennsylvania Director Holtry spoke from his written report, welcomed all to Shippensburg, his hometown and company. It's a great pleasure to have you all here this weekend. Thanks to the Vigilant Hose for hosting. Hope you enjoyed your lunch today. Thank you ladies and others for preparing it for us. Thank you Dan Byers for today's welcome. Larry Smallwood, sorry for your loss of Shirley. Gerald reported on the activities he attended.

Maryland Director Baker reported on his activities. He attended the services for Shirley Smallwood. Thanks to the Vigilant Hose for hosting the booster meeting.

Maryland Director Cumberland was not present, however Bob submitted a written report to be read. I am sorry that I cannot make the meeting today due to the city of

Westminster honoring local honors today which is the fire, police and other city government departments. Since the convention in Greencastle, I have attended state conventions in West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Delaware. I also attended the viewing of Larry Smallwood's wife Shirley in Winchester. My condolences to Larry for his loss. I continue to represent the Association and work on other projects along with the highway safety program. I would like to thank PP Austin for all his hard work on the responder safety vest. We need to continue to support that effort. The Carroll County Fire Police are looking at getting new vests and called for some advice. I suggested they purchase the new recommended breakaway vest. To President Younker and the other Officers, I give you my support and will help you in any way I can to move the association forward.

West Virginia Director Alt reported on his activities from his written report. Harry attended the state convention. He is teaching a drivers operations class which includes our ten cones of safety as part of the curriculum. He also attended the service for Shirley Smallwood. Harry has been appointed chairman of the state training committee. He attended the national memorial service.

Virginia Director Holler spoke about his attendance at various meetings. Lee will be representing the fire department on consolidation efforts from his area. I encourage all to look at the web page. I have handed out several applications for membership.

Delaware Director Hahn submitted a written report. Pappy reported that he is now a PP of the Delaware State Fire Police Association and feels it was a good year, fast and busy. I did assist Allen Baldwin in conducting a highway safety course at the Delaware conference. I have been promoting the responder safety vest whenever the opportunity arises. I have also attended all my fire company meetings and county meetings. As usual, it is a pleasure to attend this CVVFA booster meeting.

Committees

Archives - no report

Auditing - Chairman Jerry Daniels reported that the issue from convention has been corrected and that all the books are in order.

Budget & Finance - Chairman George Dove requested budgets be submitted from all desiring CVVFA funds, only one received to date.

Constitution & ByLaws - no report

Convention - Chairman Steve Flickinger presented his budget to George. Steve read the names from the committee and stated there would be a convention meeting by the end of the year. Steve needs a trophy list and feels we should not depend on the host company to cover any costs of trophies. We would like to see some money be budgeted for marching units. A new trophy will be added for the marked apparatus proposed at convention.

Emergency Responder Safety Institute - Chairman Steve Austin sent an email report. It states presentations were made at the WV and PA conventions on the new vest standard. We are in negotiations with the Monroe county, Michigan Fire service (home of Sarah's story) to present a class. DVVFA members should read the detailed report on the web, regarding the status of the public safety vest standard. Joe Kroboth, Allen Baldwin and myself will be attending the National Unified Goal Conference sponsored by the National Traffic Incident Management Coalition in Newport Beach, CA in late November. All travel is funded by the Federal Highway Administration not our grant funds.

Fire Corps - Chairman Jeff Ringer reported that the start of the program has been sluggish with some scheduling problems. We now have a firm start date of November 9

for the training class. I understand that we have an extension on the final report deadline.

Fire Person of the Year - no report

Fire Prevention - no report

Grants - Chairman Steve Austin submitted an email message stating we have been advised that the Fire Corps is extended in the amount of \$39,000. The statement of work is very detailed and is somewhat restrictive. We must accept funds as offered and we will work to make this a success. We have also been advised by the DOJ that they will fund us for \$50,000 through an arrangement with the Texas State Sheriff's Association. Details have not been worked out on how this transaction will work.

Legislative - no report

Memorial - no report

Parliamentarian - no report

Public Relations - no report

Publicity - Robert Trace reported that he needed future meeting dates for submittal into the Lancaster Fireman. Steve will provide them.

Recruitment & Retention - no report

Resolutions - no report

Scholarship - Chairman Harry Alt continues to publicize the scholarships offered by CVVFA. He reminded all of the deadline for submitting at March 1. Harry then presented the scholarship book on the awardees since the inception of the program. This book will be kept in the secretary's files.

Sgt-at-Arms - no report

Surplus - no report

Topics - Chairman Steve Austin reported by email message that he will contact George Dove to discuss the type speakers the Winchester convention committee would like for the annual convention.

Web Page - Chairman Steve Austin submitted an email message with thank you to VP Greg Yost for your help in assembling the Officers list for the web page. All has been sent to Chris at Firehouse for posting. A number of new articles are on the page with more to follow. Please help by submitting new articles for publication. The page is going to be redesigned soon and readers will be able to view the new promo DVD as streaming video right on the page.

Secretary Worthington read from an email message from PP Austin. We expect a bill for the duplication of the 500 DVD's in the amount of \$1237.05. Please approve this invoice that was already voted via email to all Officers and Directors. Other than the postage as Secretary Worthington will attest, all other mailing materials were donated. Labor to assemble was pursuant to part of our Association's name that says volunteer.

Motion was made to approve the payment for duplication of the DVD's and postage costs for mailing, seconded, no further discussion, verbal vote taken, motion passed.

President Younker then introduced Ted Wise, public safety director for Cumberland Valley for some remarks. Mr. Wise welcomed all to the meeting. He stressed mutual aid and how important it is to actively participate in the process of homeland security. We want to keep our state safe and again welcome.

Unfinished business

Steve Heefner discussed dates for upcoming events, Harrisburg booster meeting in May, etc. He thought it would be great to hold a training seminar at the Expo, however, the Sunday booster meeting looks difficult. Discussion followed by several on various locations within the area to conduct the meeting. You might want to consider the first weekend, May 6, Verona will take that date if approved.

Steve McBee motioned to have the May booster meeting in Verona on May 6, 2007, seconded, no further discussion, verbal vote taken, motion passed.

There continued additional discussion about the exhibit at the Expo and a training seminar. VP Flickinger asked who is the responsible person to get us reserved at the Expo, reply Bob Timko. Steve asked the President to follow-up and confirm.

Ray Mowen commented on last convention, still have items for sale. Ray further discussed the problem on parade trophy for best appearing company with music. This was presented to Jerry Daniels from Aetna at this time. Ray further stated that the expenses for Greencastle to host the convention were \$9600. Ray also showed a photo album of the parade.

Discussion ensued reference the 3rd VP badge missing, Steve Heefner will either locate it or purchase new one. Also the director's badge from VA is missing, possible Mr. Smallwood has, Steve will correct this also.

New business

Steve Heefner advised all of the date change for the BOD meeting. He asked for a motion to accept the change due to the changing of the date of their annual banquet to the second Saturday.

Motion was made to accept the date of January 14, 2007, for the Board of Directors meeting to be held at Halfway VFC, seconded, no further discussion, verbal vote taken, motion passed.

VP Yost asked for further discussion on the training summit from his report. VP Flickinger suggested that the state directors need to discuss at the BOD meeting. Marshall stated that this would be an item for discussion at the BOD meeting and that all Directors should be prepared with pros and cons of such a summit.

Good of the Association

Secretary Worthington read from an email message from PP Austin reference an invitation from the Virginia State Firefighters Association to host the spring President's Council meeting on April 13 & 14, 2007, at the Hilton Garden Inn, in Fredericksburg. A block of rooms are reserved under the code VFF, call 540-548-8822 for the special rate. A Friday evening reception is planned from 6 til 8 with finger food and a cash bar. The meeting would be held beginning at 9am at the hotel. More information to follow.

Gary brought the plaque from convention locations. It has been at Chambersburg for the past five years. Marshall will get it updated and given to George, our host for next convention to display.

Director Hahn commented on safety vests, some discussion he had with the state police of Delaware.

Ray Mowen gave the benediction, meeting concluded at 14:20.

Respectfully submitted,
Gene Worthington
Recording Secretary

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