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CVVFA March 18, 2007 Booster Meeting

St. Thomas Fire Company

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President Younker called the group together for lunch. Lunch was served by members of the St. Thomas Fire Company. Marshall called the meeting back to order at 13:03 hours. He asked Harry Alt for the invocation with the pledge following. PP Steve Austin spoke about and introduced Graydon Moir for acceptance of an honorary membership to CVVFA. President Younker presented the certificate on behalf of the Association. Mr. Moir thanked the CVVFA for the membership and spoke on related topic. St. Thomas Vice President Dwayne Straley was introduced who brought the welcome on behalf of the host company. He also announced that they would be hosting the CVVFA annual convention in 2014. Marshall presented the complimentary check to the host company.

Introduction of Guests - None

Secretary Worthington took roll call with 84 being recorded in attendance.

Communications - The Secretary read a thank you letter from Delegate McComas of the MD delegation reference testimony given at a recent legislative bill hearing.

Motion to accept the minutes with any corrections of the October booster meeting by Bob Cumberland, seconded by Walter Robertson, no further discussion, voice vote taken, motion passed.

Motion to accept the minutes from the Board of Directors meeting in January by Hugh Harris, seconded by Walter Robertson, no further discussion, voice vote taken, motion passed.

Officers reports

President Younker read from his written report. Good afternoon, fellow Officers, members and guests. I'm glad to see each and every one of you. Hope everyone had a safe trip with the weather we have had over the last few days. To our host company, thanks again and for the events last evening. Since the Board meeting, the weather has limited my events; however attended Clear Brook and Hancock banquets. I have been contacted by Frederick County, VA uniform committee for the career departments about making a presentation on vests. The county has recently adopted a "Highway Safety" SOP that mirrors our best practices. It looks as if the spring will be busy with events



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already on the agenda.

First Vice President Flickinger presented his written report and commented from it. Welcome to St. Thomas and our October booster meeting. Thanks to St. Thomas for hosting the meeting and for their hospitality last evening. Since our last meeting, I have attended our local and county trainings and meetings. I also have been re-elected to my 14th year as Fire Chief of Newport. Steve also spoke on attendance at events. I am still working on my county's safety vest program. Our grant application is working its way through the states procedure avenues, hopefully for final approval. I have been showing the CVVFA tape and safety vests at every opportunity. Thanks to Marshall for his leadership and let's all support him and our Association.

Second Vice President Daniels submitted a written report and spoke from it. Jerry thanked the St. Thomas Fire Company for hosting today's meeting and events over the weekend. He spoke about the events attended; copy was attached to the report. I have been assisting Pappy Hahn in the training of new fire police officers in their 6-hour basic orientation course. Representing the ERSI, I have been attending fire police meetings demonstrating the new public safety vests. Also, I have been educating fire police officers about the new move over law enacted this January. Recently, I have been campaigning for the Seat Belt Pledge to honor Brian Hutton who was killed when he fell out of his fire truck and sustained a life ending injury. We are asking everyone to sign the pledge with a goal of 1 million firefighters by this June. I wish everyone a pleasant and safe trip home and looking forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting.

Third Vice President Robertson presented his written report and spoke about his travels and involvement with his local and countywide issues. Walter thanked the host company for holding the booster meeting. He listed his activities being very extensive.

Fourth Vice President Greg Yost submitted a written report. He thanked St. Thomas for hosting the meeting and welcomed all to the meeting. Since our last meeting, I have attended my company meetings and our county association meetings. I gave a presentation on CVVFA to the Allegany/Garrett Association. I have been working on the CVVFA sponsored training weekend in Maryland.

Treasurer Dove presented his written report. George thanked St. Thomas Fire Dept. for hosting the meeting. Since the last meeting, have attended all functions of my fire company and was elected again as Assistant Treasurer. President Clarke and I met with the CVVFA convention committee and went over what they expected from the fire company. I have directed all the meetings of the Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival Firefighter Activities and at this time, we have over 20 bands that include the bagpipes from DC, 10 special units, 52 antique fire trucks and 225 fire and rescue units. If any of your fire company's wants to attend, I will fax an application. Account balances are as follows:

- CVVFA #4100840 death 839.67
- General Account 12858.12
- CVVFA HH bonds 6000.00
- CVVFA #236 71384.06

Financial Secretary McBee had no report.

Recording Secretary Worthington reported on his activities by attending all the local, county and state meetings required. The secretary's office has completed all business of the association as requested. I did have an opportunity to testify on HB671 in Annapolis which written testimony copy is on the front table. Thanks to Steve and Howard for providing the testimony. Also thanks to Steve and Howard for their writing of the Senator Sarbanes Life Safety Achievement Award, copy of that nomination is at the front table. We are pleased to announce that CVVFA has been chosen as the winner of this award. Along with that goes an opportunity to display our health and wellness program in DC.

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Home Office Manager presented a written report. Steve thanked St. Thomas for hosting the meeting. Thanks to everyone for coming out today despite the bad weather. I mailed approximately 1200 cards that include the dates for upcoming events. I returned several address changes and membership applications and 1 death benefit request to Financial Secretary McBee. I received and mailed the current tag stickers for the CVVFA sign trailer to Director Baker. I attended a convention committee meeting in Winchester and have compiled a list of lodging in the area. I along with other members attended the spaghetti feed social at the St. Thomas fire station last night. Next booster meeting is in Verona, VA on May 6, 2007.

Publicity Manager Timko presented his written report and spoke from it. Flyers and ad forms were passed out to those in attendance. Approximately 100 of the flyers were mailed out to different businesses. If anyone knows of more, please advise. As of now, gave the Treasurer \$475 for ads. I do need some info on the host company and George will provide. Pictures of all the Officers were taken today. Patron ads for \$2 are for sale.

Pennsylvania Delegate Charlie Myers reported that quarterly meetings will be held at the Adams County Training Facility. The PA convention will be held on September 19-22 in York.

Directors reports

Pennsylvania Director Holtry spoke from his written report, welcomed all to St. Thomas. This is the first time we have met here and hope to return. I'm back to work now for the second week after my surgery and doing fine, for not working 14 weeks. His activities were listed on the report.

Pennsylvania Director Haines presented a written report and thanked the host company for holding the meeting. Since the Board meeting, I have attended my own company and county meetings. Also, I have been working on getting ads for this year's convention book. Good seeing everyone again, have a safe trip home.

Maryland Director Cumberland presented his written report. Bob reported on activities attended. He has been appointed PIO and delegate to the Carroll County Association for the Westminster Fire Department. In February, I worked on the fire prevention and safety grants for two weeks at the NFA and then for two weeks in Rockville. Working with Bob Timko, we made a presentation on the NVFC and ERSI to the students in the VIP program at the academy. The first weekend, I attended the Maryland Weekend and provided information about responder safety at the Safety Officers Course. I have helped locate members of the association roster. Congrats to CVVFA for being selected as the Sarbanes Fire Safety Award. Bob presented a flyer on a fallen hero classic car show to benefit Maryland Fallen Firefighters on April 1 to be held at Mt. Airy.

West Virginia Director Alt thanked St. Thomas for hosting the meeting. Harry reported he has been working on the safety seminar in WVA that I chair. This is our third year and attendance has risen each year. Various topics are covered where training is not readily available. I'm keeping busy.

Virginia Director Brennan had no report.

Delaware Director Austin reported on his busy schedule. He has several motions to bring up under the proper order of business.

Committees

Archives - no report

Auditing - no report

Budget & Finance - no report

Constitution & Bylaws - no report

Convention - Chairman Steve Flickinger talked about the meeting held with the host company. We went over the different items normally discussed. Steve then asked George to discuss further. George spoke about the plans for convention. Registration will begin at the Best Western/Lee Jackson motel in Winchester. 60 rooms have been set aside there for the attendees until July 15. Their phone number is 540-662-4154. George then went over the order of activities to include social events during the evenings. This information will be available on the web site. Steve continued with the trophy list changes and the memorial service. We still have two trophies that need sponsors, second place at a cost of \$100 each. Steve Heefner spoke about other hotels within the area and some campgrounds. Everyone should have received a post card with info about the upcoming meetings. In the near future you will be receiving pre-convention information.

Marshall announced that the Board of Directors meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday evening. The audit committee will meet earlier.

Emergency Responder Safety Institute - Chairman Steve Austin spoke about the upcoming need for persons to man the display booth at events. Steve went methodically through the dates to carry us through convention. We should have some handouts at these events especially geared around the National Unified Goal. We will be discussing the proper vests to be worn and the National Unified Goal for Traffic Incident Management. Steve spoke further about the Sarbanes Award and how it would benefit CVVFA in the future. Congressman Patrick Murphy from Bucks County, PA has agreed to become the new ERSI honorary chairman. Hopefully he will be able to be with us at the CFSI dinner for recognition. Steve continued to talk about the grants to be received or submitted for. Our funding levels are getting low. He then presented a slide show program on highway safety and compliance standard on federal funding highways. This standard will become effective November, 2008. We encourage all to take the pledge to wear your vests all the time when you step on the highway. The slide show will be placed on the web. Steve also showed a slide show reference the National Unified Goal, how we are going to change the culture of public safety and transportation and towing recovery industry on how we deal with highway incidents in this country. He further spoke on traffic incident management to meet the goals and objectives of NUG. The launch of the NUG should be happening sometime later this year probably in DC.

Fire Corps - Chairman Jeff Ringer reported that our attempts to start the program have been unsuccessful due to the limitations that we have. We are not going to be able to make that happen from Halfway VFC. Possibly Westminster or Gettysburg can pick up the program. Steve further spoke on the grant and the logistics of same.

Fire Person of the Year - no report

Fire Prevention - no report

Grants - Chairman Steve Austin reported on this prior.

Legislative - Chairman Bob Cumberland presented a written report and talked about the Sarbanes Award. Federal legislation that is of interest and we should support is HB943, The Volunteer Responder Incentive Protection Act. This bill was introduced in February and would prohibit the federal government from taxing benefits provided to volunteer fire and emergency medical services personnel by local and state governments. This bill has been referred to the House Ways and Means Committee. Companion legislation will soon be introduced in the Senate. The President's FY08 budget would slash funding for the

Assistance to Firefighters Grant by \$247MM and eliminate SAFER and there are other grant programs that would take a reduction. Some state legislation that we need to be aware of:

PA Legislation was reintroduced this year that would give volunteer firefighters and ambulance personnel a \$250 break on their state income taxes. The bill is in the Senate. Another bill is the Volunteer Fire Company & Volunteer Ambulance Service grant is working its way to getting passed as well as Move Over legislation in Maryland that unfortunately will not get out of committee. Another will ease the restrictions on the state appropriations funding. Also the cigarette fire safety performance standard has passed the House 136-1 and now moves to the Senate. The legislative committee stands ready to assist. Question was asked about the income tax subtraction for MD, response yes it is under the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Memorial - no report

Parliamentarian - no report

Public Relations - no report

Publicity - no report

Recruitment & Retention - no report

Resolutions - no report

Scholarship - Chairman Harry Alt continues to publicize the scholarships offered by CVVFA. We presently have 21 applications; many are from states far off. We will be reviewing them over the next month and bringing a recommendation at next meeting. I would ask to review the web site reference scholarships and limit the applicants to member states, discussion.

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 reported that all the information being talked about during the meeting will be on web page. Thanks again to Howard for his daily work in updating the site.

Unfinished business

Officers badges - progress

Training weekend summit - VP Yost spoke on the progress made. The date selected has been June 29 & 30 with location; TBA possibly a school. There are costs involved with this program. Greg discussed the various topics under discussion for classes. Discussion continued on how to finance the event. Pre-registration will be required with a cutoff date.

Motion to create a budget amount of \$500 for sponsorship of the training summit by Bob Cumberland, seconded by Hugh Harris, no further discussion,

voice vote taken, approved.

Motion to charge a fee of \$25 for this class, \$5 goes towards dues of this association, seconded by Hugh Harris, no further discussion, voice vote taken, approved.

Convention plaque - It has been delivered to the vendor to be upgraded.

Bears status - Steve Heefner requested that anyone having bears please return them to him allowing proper accountability and status of sales.

Steve also has several promo DVD's for distribution desiring.

New business - The President reminded all again that the convention Board meeting will be at 7pm.

Motion that the Association purchase an ad in the Sussex County, Delaware anniversary booklet for \$100 by George Dove, seconded by Bob Cumberland, no further discussion, voice vote taken, approved.

Motion that the Association purchase a ticket as we do every year for the President for the CFSI annual dinner by Steve Austin, seconded by Tater Sweetman, no further discussion, voice vote taken, approved.

Motion that we formally adopt the National Unified Goals discussed earlier by George Dove, seconded by Harry Alt, no further discussion, voice vote taken, approved.

Good of the Association

Steve Flickinger suggested to the President that a convention representative contact person should make contact with us. Marshall will do.

The October booster meeting location is still open, contact Steve Heefner if you would like to reserve. Steve then gave the locations for conventions thru 2014. There are plenty of booster meetings open over the next years.

Walter reported the May booster meeting reservations need to be in by April 12. Unfortunately that is James Madison graduation weekend thus the rates are high.

Harry Alt gave the benediction, meeting concluded at 15:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Worthington
Recording Secretary

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