

Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association  
 Booster Meeting March 21, 2010  
 Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue Squad PA

President Robertson called the group together for lunch. Walter asked Assistant Chaplain Jim Wharry to give the blessing for the food and to lead the group into the pledge. Lunch was served by the membership. Walter called the meeting back to order at 13:00 hours. He introduced Jeff Mitchell, President of Blue Ridge to give the welcome. Jeff made some brief remarks and then introduced the Chief Jim Meek who also made comments. Walter thanked the company for hosting the meeting and presented the complimentary \$100 check for expenses.

**Introduction of Guests –**

Rick Blair, Washington County Treasurer

Roby Robertson who congratulated the Association on the preparation of the reputational management program. He further commented on some of the specifics, again congratulations.

Ken Farmer, USFA who brought greetings.

Secretary Worthington took roll call with 87 representatives and delegates being recorded in attendance.

| TITLE                          | NAME              | OCT | BOARD | MARCH |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-----|-------|-------|
| President                      | Walter Robertson  | 1   |       | 1     |
| 1st Vice President             | Greg Yost         | 1   | 1     | 1     |
| 2nd Vice President             | Michael Sullivan  |     | 1     |       |
| 3rd Vice President             | Steven Haines     | 1   | 1     | 1     |
| 4th Vice President             | Rich Toulson      | 1   | 1     | 1     |
| Treasurer                      | George Dove       | 1   | 1     | 1     |
| Financial Secretary            | Stephen McBee     | 1   | 1     | 1     |
| Recording Secretary            | Gene Worthington  | 1   | 1     | 1     |
| Home Office Manager            | Stephen Heefner   | 1   | 1     | 1     |
| Publicity Manager              | Robert Timko      | 1   | 1     | 1     |
| Chaplain                       | Charles Barnhart  | 1   |       |       |
| Assistant Chaplain             | James Wharry      | 1   |       | 1     |
| Attorney                       | Howard Cohen      |     |       |       |
| Pennsylvania Delegate          | Charlie Myers     | 1   | 1     | 1     |
| Director, Pennsylvania (2011)  | Rich Bruner       | 1   |       |       |
| Director, Pennsylvania (2010)  | Gerald Holtry     | 1   | 1     | 1     |
| Director, Maryland (2011)      | Wayne Baker       | 1   | 1     | 1     |
| Director, Maryland (2010)      | Robert Cumberland |     | 1     | 1     |
| Director, West Virginia (2011) | Bill Keller       |     |       |       |
| Director, West Virginia (2010) | Harry Alt         |     |       |       |
| Director, Delaware (2011)      | Harry Balthis     |     | 1     |       |
| Director, Delaware (2010)      | Steve Austin      | 1   | 1     |       |
| Director, Virginia (2011)      | Kevin Piatt       | 1   |       |       |
| Director, Virginia (2010)      | Allen Brennan     | 1   |       | 1     |
| Past President                 | Jerry Daniels     | 1   | 1     |       |
|                                | Totals            | 19  | 16    | 15    |
| Past Presidents                |                   | 11  | 10    | 10    |
| Maryland Fire Depts            |                   | 5   | 0     | 8     |
| Delaware Fire Depts            |                   | 10  | 0     | 6     |

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|--------------------------|----|----|----|
| Virginia Fire Depts      | 4  | 0  | 6  |
| West Virginia Fire Depts | 1  | 0  | 3  |
| Pennsylvania Fire Depts  | 30 | 0  | 39 |
| Grand Totals             | 80 | 26 | 87 |

**Communications** – None

**Motion** to accept the Board of Directors minutes with any corrections as distributed and published on the web site by Bob Cumberland, seconded by Steven Haines, no further discussion, voice vote taken, motion passed.

**Officers reports** – President Robertson brought greetings to the group and continued by stating Officers, members and guests, I would like to thank the members of Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue Squad for hosting this booster meeting. Also I want to thank 1<sup>st</sup> VP Greg Yost for chairing the board of directors meeting in my absence. I have attended all of my fire company meetings, and all my county and state meetings. Got to attend the Hancock, MD annual banquet, Greg your folks treated me great. I missed seeing you there; hope you and your better half enjoyed the concert. Also worked the Emergency Responder Safety Institute booth at the Virginia Chiefs Conference in Va. Beach, VA. I was at the Everyone Goes Home Summit in Emmittsburg where we were presented this glass seal of excellence. To all the members who have suffered a loss in their ranks, I extend my sympathy. The greatest contributions to any organization are the individuals who give of their time and talents, and whenever anyone is lost it is a loss to the whole organization.

First Vice President Yost presented his written report and commented from it. Hello everyone, welcome and thanks to the Blue Ridge Summit Fire Company for hosting today’s meeting. Since our last meeting, I have attended all my company meetings. I am also in charge of our Washington County Chiefs Committee and we have been tasked with designing a county fire plan which will ensure appropriate fire response throughout the county. They recently implemented an EMS plan. Since my company’s offer to host the convention, I have been busy with them working on plans. I will have that report later in the meeting. I was honored to see the results of the Reputation Management seminars and thank Steve Austin and all those involved for the outstanding work. Thank you. I have a commercial request for all to help with. We are trying to win 2 thermal image cameras with the Pepsi challenge. You can vote once a day, so please vote for Hancock.

Second Vice President Sullivan was absent.

Third Vice President Haines presented his written report and spoke from it. President Walter Robertson, fellow Officers, members and guests, good afternoon and welcome to today’s booster meeting. I would like to thank the Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue for hosting today’s booster meeting. Since our Board of Directors meeting, I have attended my company meetings, New Bloomfield FC meetings and my county association meetings. Also, I attended a convention meeting with PP Steve Flickinger in Harrisburg in regards to the convention. My thoughts and prayers go out to the families of Allen Brennan and Karen Bukowski on the loss of their loved ones. I am looking forward to attending the Presidents Council meeting in Delaware. Nice to see everyone today. Take care and have a safe trip home.

Fourth Vice President Toulson brought greetings by stating good afternoon everyone. I would like to thank Blue Ridge for hosting our meeting and the meal they prepared for us. I have attended department meetings and training, also county and state meetings with training at the fire school. I also represented CVVFA at various functions and will be going to Alexandria, VA this week. Thank you.

Treasurer Dove presented his written report. Account balances are as follows:

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|----------------------|----------|
| CVVFA #4100840 death | 839.67   |
| General Account      | 13881.98 |
| CVVFA HH bonds       | 2000.00  |
| CVVFA #236           | 82219.02 |
| Net Worth            | 98940.67 |

Financial Secretary McBee stated no report.

Recording Secretary Worthington stated, the minutes from the Board meeting were transcribed and sent out electronically for any corrections, none were received back; therefore the copies were mailed to those desiring hard copies. Also the final copy was sent to the webmaster for posting on the site. I have been in communication with the President to assist with the business of the Association, also provided him with an agenda for today's meeting. I certainly thank Blue Ridge our host company for their hospitality and I have attended all of my company, county and state meetings. The Office stands ready to support the Association as the Secretary's office.

Home Office Manager Heefner presented a written report. Officers, Members, and Guests, welcome to the second day of spring. The snow is gone and everything is turning green again. Thanks to the Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue Squad for hosting today's meeting. These past couple of months has been difficult for most with the passing of PP Lee Holler, Karen Brennan, Howard Fox, and my dear friend PP Joe Bukowski. They will all be sadly missed. I received the tags for CVVFA trailer and scholarship applications for JR Haines and Kenneth Butts Foundations. I have talked to 1<sup>st</sup> VP Greg Yost, chairman of the 109<sup>th</sup> convention, which will be held in Hancock, MD. The host hotel will be the Best Western in Berkeley Springs, WV. Full details will be forthcoming in the Spring newsletter.

Chaplain Barnhart was absent.

President Robertson then acknowledged the death of VP Toulson's father. Our deepest regrets are given to you and the family.

Assistant Chaplain Wharry presented a written report, read the following from it. Thank you to the Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue Squad for hosting this booster meeting. Since the last meeting, we have unfortunately lost three of our Past Presidents, Larry Smallwood, Lee Holler and Joe Bukowski. Also we have lost family members Karen Brennan, Howard Fox and Jessie Toulson. I sent sympathy cards to all. This has been a sad time for the Association. I have sent get-well cards when requested.

Publicity Manager Bob Timko presented a written report, highlighted some comments from it. The deadline for your ad information with your check is June 21. We would prefer camera ready art work. Copies of the order forms were passed out to the Officers. A question was asked about a patron page, response yes we will have these ads for \$2.

Attorney Howard Cohen was absent; however he sent the following email message. As I indicated in January I won't be able to attend today's booster meeting, though I hope to make the May meeting. Baby Andrew is just over 3 weeks old and doing well - a photo is attached. I was pleased to recently see the Reputation Management White Paper released and that the reception to it is generally positive. All of us are still shocked at the sudden passing of PP Joe Bukowski, and I offer my best to his wife Karen and family and hope that they are doing well. I wanted to especially thank the Hancock Fire Company and its Chief, Greg Yost, for stepping up to the plate to host the 2010 CVVFA convention. This bright light of mutual aide came in the face of the profound disappointment we felt in having the Harrisburg PA Volunteer Fire & Rescue Services cancel its plans to host just six months before convention. Harrisburg has a grand fire service tradition, and made grand representations to the CVVFA about its city and its capacity to host this convention as early as our 2006 convention in Greencastle. Certainly, times and political climates change, but the Harrisburg convention committee had well over three years to prepare for what is, in reality, a fairly small gathering. The CVVFA could have considered taking legal action to compel Harrisburg to host our convention -- they had signed a contract, after all --

but we, and particularly Greg and his officers at Hancock VFC acted as *MENSCHES* (a Yiddish word) and instead found a convention host that we know will warmly welcome us and actually wants to host us, at which convention we know from recent past experience that we will be treated grandly. I hope to see everyone in May, but, in any event, look forward to seeing everyone in August in Hancock for a great meeting.

Pennsylvania Delegate Charlie Myers thanked Blue Ridge for hosting the meeting today. The PA quarterly meeting will be held on May 9. The convention will be September 22-25.

President Robertson asked Ernie Rojhan to speak about some matters of importance to PA. Ernie talked about the museum in Harrisburg and its lease. He further spoke about the sprinkler legislation and the builders who went to court to block the new standard going into effect this year. They felt the code was illegal because it was written by a third party professional group. The court hearing was held about two weeks ago and was released. Thanks to the Maryland people who came up and helped with the testimony. Ernie spoke about a national communication problem and its resolution. He then talked about safety and equipment that could be purchased by fire police units from relief funds. Ernie talked about the PA Emergency Service Legislation web on-line. PA was considering taxing all non-profits groups on their fund raising events; this site was used and blocked this specific tax. The program has served us well and will in the future. Ernie is requesting information on any state that is taxing prepaid phone cards with the revenue to be used for the 911 centers.

#### **Directors' reports –**

Pennsylvania Director Holtry presented his written report, which stated Mr. President, fellow Officers and members, Blue Ridge Summit members and guests, welcome to the March booster meeting. It is our first time here. I wish to thank Blue Ridge FD for hosting this weekend's activity. We hope to see your members more often at other meetings. What a winter, 40 plus inches of snow. We lost three key members, PP and close friend Larry Smallwood. We had some memorable times with him. I listed some in my January Directors meeting. We from Shippensburg attended Larry's funeral. His casket was one I have never seen before. PP Lee Holler was one I hadn't known too much about; he was quite a firefighter leader. Allen Brennan's daughter Karen was also a lost. We would have been to her funeral if it were not for the weather. We figured with 30 inched of snow, we would stay home. PP Joe Bukowski, what a large pair of shoes to fill. Joe will be greatly missed. I'm sorry for your loss. We won't be able to attend his party, for we are leaving on a trip to Georgia the next morning. As you can see things aren't going well for me again, February 11<sup>th</sup>, I was going to clean the ice out of the roof gutters on the deck. While I was on the ladder, the ladder slipped on the ice and broke. I fell 8 feet and broke four bones in my foot. I hope to get out of this cast this week. We were looking forward to going to Harrisburg for this year's convention, sorry things didn't pan out. To Greg, thank you. Way to go for holding the convention in Hancock. We enjoy staying over at Berkeley Springs. I hope they can accommodate us. To all, drive safely home. Have a good Easter and hope to see you all at Manchester in May.

Pennsylvania Director Rich Brunner was absent; however he sent the following report. Good afternoon President Robertson and members of the Cumberland Valley Volunteer Fireman's Association. I would like to first thank the Blue Ridge Fire and Rescue and all of their staff who helped to prepare the meal and make this meeting possible. With all that we have to do in our busy lives these days it is the volunteer who keep associations such as ours alive and well. Thank you. Since the last meeting I have unfortunately not been very involved as my work has required me to once again travel quite a bit. I have been involved in attending my fire company meetings, training and fundraisers as well as our County Association meetings. I will continue to work on making our fire company and the CVVFA the best organizations possible and one's that are responsive to today's needs. Again, thanks to the host company and their members for the meal and preparations for our booster meeting and to President Robertson and the board and members of the CVVFA. Have a safe trip home.

West Virginia Directors Harry Alt and Bill Keller were not in attendance.

Virginia Director Allen Brennan submitted a written report. Officers and members of the CVVFA, I would like to thank the Blue Ridge Summit VFD for hosting this booster meeting. A big thank you to the Hancock VFD for stepping in and taking over the convention for the coming year. This is something that is hard to do on such short notice but there is no doubt that we will have a top notch convention. Allen thanked all for their cards and prayers during their time of grief.

Virginia Director Kevin Piatt was absent.

Maryland Director Wayne Baker stated that he has been keeping up with all his meetings. The sign on the trailer for convention has been updated from Harrisburg.

Maryland Director Bob Cumberland presented his written report. He represented the Association at the funeral services of PC Stairinger of Littlestown.

President Robertson, Officers, Directors, and Guest, I want to thank the Blue Ridge Fire & Rescue Department for hosting this weekend booster meeting. Since the January Board of Directors meeting, I have attended or participated in the following meetings or events. I attended my county association meetings, presided over my fire department and Board of Directors meetings, presided over the Maryland Fire Rescue Institute President's Board of Advisors as the Chairman. I attended the Maryland State Firemen's Association Legislative Reception in the State Capitol, and I attended the Rocky Ridge VFD, Winfield and Community Fire Department, and the Westminster FD Fire Police banquets. I attended the Westminster City Council meeting for the past two months and department supervisors for the city. I participated in the SAFER grant review in February in Memphis, Tenn. I also attended the following training sessions, the first was the MD Weekend at the academy, second was the MD Chief Officers Seminar in Rockville, MD. I was able to present to the son of deceased member Forest E. Brehm of Liberty FC in East Berlin, PA the convention resolution from the Association. While at the station, I talked about the CVVFA and asked them to take part in attending our booster meetings and convention. I continue to work with Emergency Training Associates and the Association store in looking for new items to put on the store. I have talked with them about new shirts and other items. I hope in the next couple of weeks we will have the 5.11 shirts on the store page. Since January we have received from them \$69.60 in sale of merchandise and new membership dues. This is easy money and no one has to work hard to make it for the Association other than get out and promote the web page and the store. Please I am asking each state Director and Officers to promote the store and items on our web page. I want to thank Howard Cohen and Jerry Laughin for their hard work in preparing the white paper on Fire Service Reputation Management. We also need to thank Steve Austin and all the fire service leaders in the development group for their hard work on a great document. Since this was introduced there have been many good comments about this paper and it has created a lot of interest. This will become another great produce from the Association over the next couple of years and will take a lot of work on our part to make sure it produces good outcomes.

Delaware Director Harry Balthis was absent. He sent this message, I am sorry that I am missing the March 21st Booster meeting. I will be in Florida. I do not have a report at this time. I will see everybody at the Presidents Council meeting in April and the May Booster meeting. I would like to serve again this year on the Scholarship Committee, but would prefer not to be the chair.

Delaware Director Steve Austin was absent, however submitted the following report. I have been in Florida since the January Director's meeting except for 9 days in February when I returned to Delaware for family matters. While in Florida, I did participate in the Fire Department Safety Officers Apparatus Symposium where Chief Allen Baldwin, Joe Bukowski and I presented a highway safety program. I also attended two drills of the Volusia County Fire Police and made presentations on behalf of the CVVFA. The day following the death of PP Bukowski, I traveled to Clearwater and paid a visit to the family. At that time I was given computer software and paper records pertaining to the finances of the ERSI. As a reminder, a party celebrating Joe's life is scheduled at Aetna Hall in Newark at 2pm on Saturday, April 17, 2010. This is a party not a memorial service. Joe left those instructions.

Past President Daniels was absent, however submitted this report. Please express my greetings to all at the booster meeting in Blue Ridge Summit on Sunday March 21, 2010. I'm in Florida on vacation and will not be able to attend the booster meeting. I would like to thank the Blue Ridge Summit Fire Company for sponsoring the booster meeting. The sudden loss of Joe Bukowski was a shock to me as well as everyone in our organization. There is to be a celebration of Joe's life at the Aetna Hose, Hook and Ladder Fire Company Station 8 on April 17, 2010. I would like to thank Vice President Greg Yost and the Hancock Fire Company for stepping up to the plate to have the convention this year in Hancock. I wish him and the members of Hancock best wishes in their attempt to capture a grant from PepsiCo. I wish everyone a safe trip home and I look forward to seeing you in the near future.

### Committees –

Archives – Guy stated they have everything catalogued presently.

Auditing – no report

Budget & Finance – no report

Business & Ops Plan – no report

Constitution & By-Laws – no report

Convention – Steve Flickinger reported on all the happenings for convention. He started with some old business; the convention for Harrisburg has been cancelled. Steve thanked all those from the committee who worked diligently over the past two years in preparation for the events surrounding the convention. As for new business, convention will be held in Hancock with our host VP Yost. All the activities are presently in the planning phases; however everything should be similar as in past years. Our apologies are extended to McConnellsburg who gave up this year for Harrisburg to host. Steve then asked Greg to speak about the specifics. Greg had a couple of questions for resolution. Our host hotel will be the Best Western in Berkeley Springs; however there are two hotels within Hancock for those desiring less travel. We plan on using the high school auditorium for the meetings. Hopefully the picnic will be on our new grounds. We will be having a training class for Friday, hopefully a flagger course. Greg asked for some guidance as to the banquet food and drink. **Motion** that the banquet be a non-alcoholic event by Hugh Harris, seconded by Steve Flickinger, no discussion, voice vote taken, passed. The parade will be the same route as last one held there. Apparel is being designed, hopefully for sale soon. A golf outing is being planned for Wednesday, more info to follow. All this information will be sent out with the spring newsletter from the Home Office Manager. A question was asked about the Presidents Council meeting on Friday, will be held same location as business meetings. Convention dates are August 4, 5, 6, and 7.

Credentials – no report

Emergency Responder Safety Institute – Steve Austin was absent, however sent the following report. We are scheduled for FDIC, Fire Expo in Harrisburg (we need help staffing this booth), MD Convention (need help), Firehouse Expo in Baltimore (need help) and FRI in Chicago. We also are considering VA convention and WV if our schedule and finances permit. We were forced to cancel training at Blue Ride Summit due to a conflict with a vehicle rescue course taught yesterday. We will have training on the Saturday prior to the next booster meeting. We will complete our photo shoot for two of our pending projects on April 16 in Newark, DE for *The First 15 Minutes and Public Safety Flagging*. We will film our Move Over Public Service Announcement in the next several weeks. We are planning to bring our technical review team together again at BWI Airport to review materials we have collected on advanced warning. This is an issue of growing importance to everyone on the roadway. This material will be used to develop best practices and a new training program. Thanks to VP Toulson and Director of Training Jack Sullivan for covering several Washington DC meetings for me this winter. A special thanks goes out to Chief Crawford Wiestling for heading up the fire service component of the new I-81 Corridor Coalition that will meet for a quick clearance workshop on March 30 in Shippensburg. All

responders are welcome at this session. The CVVFA was asked to contact responders from NY to TN along the corridor to attend this seminar. The loss of Joe Bukowski is a blow to the CVVFA. Joe as the Chief Financial Officer of ERSI worked daily keeping the books in order. Since Joe's death many people have pitched in including PP Jerry Daniels, our faithful Treasurer George Dove, our computer guru Graydon Moir and member Roland Leathrum. Thanks to all these members for their dedication. To deal with the transition our CPA firm Haggerty and Haggerty has been contacted for advice as well as our legal counsel Howard Cohen. Citizens Bank has been contacted and all pending accounts are in order. Joe left excellent records accurate to the penny. I am pleased to announce that Past Chief Jon Townley, a former comptroller for a number of car dealers and restaurants and owner of a financial review and consulting firm agreed to assume the position of CFO for ERSI. Jon is a life member of Aetna and a CVVFA member. Jon is known for his integrity, understanding of the finances of fire departments and their associations. Jon is a Past President of the Eastern Division of the IAFC and current Treasurer of the Delaware State Fire Chiefs Association. A formal announcement of Jon's appointment will take place after Joe's celebration of life on April 17. We are extremely fortunate to have Jon on board handling this important task. In closing, I wish to thank the membership for the well wishes for Shirley earlier this year. She has been released from the doctor and is doing great. We both look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Fire Person of the Year – George reported that no nominations have been received to date. President Robertson encouraged all to participate in this program.

Grants – Steve Austin was absent, however submitted the following report. Awaiting word on FEMA Grant Phase 4 for the distance learning project for responder training. These grants have not been released at this time. No word if we will be successful. Our Cooperative Agreement with the USFA is pending. This looks favorable but we have yet to see any paper work. Until these funds are received we are watching our expenditures closely. Phase III FEMA grant is underway. Work has begun on the Essentials Manual for Traffic Management and the analysis of 500 Near Miss reports is complete. We are looking for more grant money from the private sector to continue our work.

Fire Prevention – no report

Legislative – Bob Cumberland spoke on the PA and MD bills being supported by the state associations. There are several move over bills. As for federal, its all health care. Hopefully the AFG grant process will start next month. There may also be a SAFER grant application period.

Memorial – Chaplain Barnhart was not present. Bob told the group that our Chaplain had been in the hospital for a few days, (didn't tell anyone). Mr. Chaplain we need to practice what we preach.

Parliamentarian – no report

Public Relations – Rich Toulson has accepted this position as of today.

Publicity – Bob Timko had nothing further to report.

Recruitment & Retention – Allen Brennan no report

Resolutions – Jerry Daniels will assume this position after the passing of Joe.

Scholarship – no report

Sergeant at Arms – no report

Training – VP Yost reported progress.

Topics – Chairman Steve Austin was absent, however he submitted the following report. I will be working with VP Yost regarding speakers for the 109<sup>th</sup> annual convention.

Web Page – Steve Austin was absent, however he submitted the following report. CVVFA.org is fully up to date as of today. Quite a bit of work goes into this page as well as the Cumberland Valley Express Newsletter. 330 members receive this newsletter. We need more email addresses from our members so we can reduce postage and improve our communications. Members who change email addresses or obtain them for the first time should contact Steve McBee or myself to have these addresses added to our system. Respondersafety.com our flagship webpage continues to be the premier web portal for all things about highway incident scene safety. If you have not checked the page recently see some

good investigative journalism. We have a photo and an on scene story submitted by a reader who saw a fire police officer directing traffic in a snow storm without a reflective vest. Respondersafety.com has over 3400 subscribers to our Breaking News Alerts. FirefighterBehavior.com is under design and will be launched in the coming weeks.

President Robertson asked if there were any other committees that needed to report.

### **Unfinished business**

Reputational Management Seminar update - Steve Austin provided the following. We received an endorsement from the US Fire Administration Chief Kelvin Cochran. That endorsement appears in the White Paper. I have been interviewed several times by the fire service trade press. We are getting outstanding articles about our work. 1,000 copies of the paper are being printed and on the way to the Home Office. Hopefully they will arrive prior to the Presidents Council meeting. Meanwhile the paper is available at CVVFA.org. Members are requested to print a copy of the paper and give to the leadership of your fire company. For follow up we need volunteers to help us with the FirefighterBehavior.com.

Scholarship brochures – Rich Bruner was absent.

Charitable tax status – Steve Austin sent the following report. I continue to work with the law firm in Philadelphia attempting to get the legal work done at no cost. No progress to report now. Hope to be able to give a more favorable report at the May meeting.

Promotional package and agreement with booster meeting partners – Steve Heefner stated still progressing.

### **New business**

Bob Timko reported on the PA legislative email blast. Several other states are considering usage of this type of program.

Secretary Worthington read a message received from PP Austin. The CVVFA will be providing a seminar at the CFSI Dinner and Seminar again this year. As is our custom, I request the President or his designee to have a ticket purchased by the Association to attend the dinner. **Motion** to support the request just read by Dale Myers, seconded by Bob Sweetman, no further discussion, voice vote taken, passed.

Secretary Worthington read another message received from PP Austin. I recommend a new award be presented at convention each year be established in the memory of PP Bukowski for a person(s) or organization that provided outstanding efforts in reducing injuries to responders on the highway. The first award should be presented to Joe posthumously at the convention in Hancock. After this year the CVVFA ERSI can develop criteria for the award for future years. **Motion** to support the request just read by Dale Myers, seconded by Hugh Harris, no further discussion, voice vote taken, passed.

### **Good of the Association -**

A reminder, DVFA Kevin Wilson is hosting the President's Council meeting on Saturday, April 10, in Clayton, DE. There will be light refreshments served on Friday night. Meeting and working lunch on Saturday, see the webpage for full details. A reminder will come by email prior to the meeting.

Steve Heefner spoke about upcoming meetings. The next booster meeting will be on May 2 hosted by Manchester VFD at 3209 Main Street in Manchester, MD. The meeting will be held at the activities building. Convention locations, this year Hancock, next year McConnellsburg. I now have a signed contract for Berkeley Springs for 2012 and Shippensburg for 2013. St. Thomas is holding 2014 for consideration. We need locations for booster meetings next year starting with October.

A question was asked about instructors for the flagger safety course. This course is not yet finalized.

Assistant Chaplain Wharry gave the benediction, meeting adjourned at 2:40pm.

Respectfully submitted, Gene Worthington, Recording Secretary