

Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association
 Booster Meeting May 1, 2011
 Joppa Magnolia VFC MD

President Yost called the group together for lunch. He asked Joppa PP Lou Jonske to make some remarks and give us guidance for the meal logistics. Lou welcomed all, glad to be your host for the meeting and provided guidance for the meal. Assistant Chaplain Jim Wharry gave the blessing for the meal. Lunch was served by the host company. Greg called the meeting to order at 12:55 hours. He asked Assistant Chaplain Wharry to give the invocation and lead the group into the pledge. Greg asked PP Hoby Howell of the Harford Cecil Volunteer Firemen's Association to give the welcome on behalf of them. Hoby spoke about the activities over the weekend including the hospitality provided last evening. Hoby also thanked Joppa for hosting the meeting and introduced some of the members. Greg thanked the company for hosting the meeting, thanked the membership for serving lunch and presented the complimentary \$100 check for expenses. He then thanked Hoby and the Harford Cecil Association for their hospitality.

Introduction of Guests –

President Yost welcomed our guests and some of our members who we have not seen for a while. Secretary Worthington took roll call with 71 representatives and delegates being recorded in attendance.

TITLE	NAME	OCT	BOARD	MARCH	MAY
President	Greg Yost	1	1	1	1
1st Vice President	Michael Sullivan		1	1	
2nd Vice President	Steven Haines	1	1	1	1
3rd Vice President	Rich Toulson		1	1	1
4th Vice President	Walter Robertson	1	1	1	1
Treasurer	George Dove	1	1	1	
Financial Secretary	Stephen McBee		1	1	1
Recording Secretary	Gene Worthington	1	1	1	1
Home Office Manager	Stephen Heefner	1	1	1	1
Publicity Manager	Robert Timko	1	1	1	
Chaplain	Charles Barnhart				
Assistant Chaplain	James Wharry			1	1
Attorney	Howard Cohen				1
Pennsylvania Delegate	Charlie Myers	1		1	
Director, Pennsylvania (2011)	Rich Bruner	1	1	1	1
Director, Pennsylvania (2012)	Curtis Alleman		1	1	1
Director, Maryland (2011)	Wayne Baker		1		1
Director, Maryland (2012)	Robert Cumberland		1	1	1
Director, West Virginia (2011)	Bill Keller	1	1	1	
Director, West Virginia (2012)	Brett Bittle	1			
Director, Delaware (2011)	Harry Balthis	1	1	1	1
Director, Delaware (2012)	Steve Austin	1	1	1	
Director, Virginia (2011)	Kevin Wilkes		1		1
Director, Virginia (2012)	Allen Brennan	1	1	1	1
Past President	Walter Robertson	1	1	1	1
	Totals	15	20	20	17
Past Presidents		10	11	11	9

Maryland Fire Depts	7	11	15
Delaware Fire Depts	8	10	10
Virginia Fire Depts	8	5	5
West Virginia Fire Depts	3	5	1
Pennsylvania Fire Depts	25	34	14
Grand Totals	76	31	96

Communications – The Secretary read a thank you letter from the North Carolina Association of Fire Chiefs for our participation in the 2011 Mid Winter Chief’s Conference with our ERSI display booth.

Motion to accept the minutes from the March booster meeting as posted by VP Robertson, seconded by Bob Cumberland, no further discussion, verbal vote taken, motion passed.

Officers reports:

President Yost welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. Special thanks to the Joppa Magnolia VFC for providing the meal and being our host and the fine event held last night. Since our last meeting, I have attended FDIC and the CSFI Dinner. I have also invoked a couple of new ideas for the convention. I have made plans to attend the upcoming shows in Harrisburg, Baltimore and the MSFA convention in Ocean City. I have also attended all my company meetings and various county meetings. Again, thanks for coming, looking forward to a productive meeting and everyone have a safe trip home.

First Vice President Sullivan was absent; however he sent the following report. Fellow officers members and guest welcome. First, thank you to the host company for having the meeting. Since the March meeting I have attended all my companies regular meetings. I also attended the West Virginia State Fireman's Association’s Annual Safety seminar at the West Virginia Fire Academy in Weston to listen and learn from Chief Alan Brunacini from Phoenix speaks on leadership. I also attended the Funeral for Past Chief and lifetime member John Gordon. Gordy was a good friend and mentor for the company, he will be missed. I am sorry for not being able to attend I had to cancel last minute due to personal reasons, however, I will definitely be attending the convention and hope to see you all there, thank you and have a safe trip home

Second Vice President Haines presented his written report and spoke from it. President Greg Yost, fellow Officers, members and guests, welcome to Joppa, MD for today’s booster meeting. I would like to thank the Joppa Magnolia VFC for hosting today’s booster meeting. A special thanks to Hoby and his helpers for an enjoyable Saturday evening. Also, it is good seeing Pappy Hahn. Glad to hear everything is going well for you. Since our last booster meeting, I have attended my own fire company meetings, in house training sessions and our fire company’s annual banquet. I have attended the New Bloomfield FC meetings. Also, I had the privilege of attending the Presidents Council meeting in Wheeling WV. As always, good seeing everyone and looking forward to seeing everyone in McConnellsburg for our 110th annual convention. Take care and have a safe trip home.

Third Vice President Toulson submitted a written report. President Yost, Fellow Officers, members, and guests, good afternoon, I want thank Joppa Magnolia VFC and the Harford Cecil for hosting today’s booster meeting. Since our last meeting I have attended my departments meetings and training nights. I have attended the Sussex County Firefighter’s and Chief meetings. I also attended the training at our state fire school. I attended the FDIC at Indianapolis and helped in the booth it was a huge success and I had a great time. I attended the CFSI dinner in Washington. I attended a two day NFPA 1091 Traffic Control Incident Management Professional Qualifications committee meeting in Baltimore which was very productive.

Fourth Vice President Robertson stated I want to thank the Harford Cecil Association and the Joppa Magnolia VFC for hosting this booster meeting. Since our last meeting I have attended all of my fire companies meetings and fund raising activities. I have also attended all county meetings and attended the Presidents Council meeting in WV.

Treasurer Dove was absent due to some medical problems with his wife. She will be undergoing some treatment the coming week at the hospital. Please keep George and the Dove family in your prayers. He provided the following report.

CVVFA #4100840 death	1300.00
General Account	13057.82
CVVFA #236	85877.77
Net Worth	100235.59

Financial Secretary McBee stated he had no report at this time.

Recording Secretary Worthington stated, the minutes from the March booster meeting were transcribed and sent out electronically for any corrections, none were received back. Copies were mailed to those desiring hard copies. Also the final copy was sent to the webmaster for posting on the site. Also, at the front table are proceedings books from convention for your usage, please take them. 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 our host company and the Harford Cecil Volunteer Firemen's Association for their hospitality. 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 Joppa Magnolia VFC on this the first day of May. If April showers bring May flowers, then it should be a very beautiful May this year. Thanks to Hoby and the Harford Cecil Association for helping arrange today's meeting and special thanks for last night's fine hospitality and dinner. Since our last meeting, I attended the Presidents Council meeting in WV hosted by the West Virginia State Firemen's Association and the Benwood FD. At the conclusion of today's meeting final preparations will be made for the convention newsletter. Rooms are still available at the Sleep Inn, Clear Spring MD, see flyer on head table. Anyone needing assistance before convention please let me know. Once again, I will accept the nomination for the office of Home Office Manager at this year's convention.

Publicity Manager Timko was absent, sent info asking for all to assist with the selling of book ads for the convention book.

Chaplain Barnhart was absent.

Assistant Chaplain Wharry read from his written report. Since the last meeting, I have sent cards when requested and attended two funerals at my own fire company, one for a past member of the CVVFA and one last week for a life-time member of CVVFA. I would like to thank the Joppa Magnolia VFC for hosting this booster meeting. I would like to thank the members of my fire company with helping by providing transportation to the booster meetings. I would like to thank my family for understanding the times I must be away.

Attorney Howard Cohen stated he had nothing to report at this time however will cover the tax status changes under old business.

Pennsylvania Delegate Charlie Myers was absent.

Directors' reports – Pennsylvania Director Rich Brunner stated he would like to thank Joppa Magnolia and Hoby for setting everything up for this weekend. Since our last meeting I have attended all my fire company meetings and also attended funeral services for member from New Bloomfield. One of the highlights this year was at our annual banquet we had the PA Emergency Manager as our speaker. If we need a speaker for our banquet, I would highly recommend him. He was really a great speaker. Glenn has a fire service background and brings a different perspective. Rich gave some additional comments about his experience and commented on his speech.

Pennsylvania Director Alleman presented the following written report. Since our March booster meeting in East Pennsboro I have been busy within my area helping to fight with our elected officials on the sprinkler code which was unfortunately removed from the building code and signed into law this past Tuesday April 26, 2011. This issue along with working close with the PFESI on other legislative issues

has made for a very busy time. I would like to encourage as many PA firefighters to please go to www.pesla.org and sign up for the legislative alerts. As we continue to hear from our elected officials in Harrisburg they say that we as a fire service are not contacting them. If we want to continue to get legislative issues through the state we need to become more active with our elected officials and what better way to do this than through pesla.org. I've also been working with Bob Timko and Bob Cumberland on a couple possible PR highway safety events that will be coming up in PA. The first one will be on Friday May 13, 2011 at the PA State Line Welcome Center on Interstate 81 in Greencastle PA from 10am-2pm. We plan to have information on highway safety for our emergency responders available along with information on the move over laws in PA. We are also looking at doing another evening in Shiremanstown PA in June but I haven't confirmed this event yet as I need to see if others are available to assist due to this being right at the start of the MSFA convention in Ocean City MD. I've attended my monthly fire company meetings along with the Fireman's Association State of PA meeting and was also in attendance at CFSI in April. I've worked very close with PFESI on several legislative issues that have come forward and have attached a copy of the happenings in Harrisburg recently. On April 8, 2011 Bob Timko and I traveled to Baltimore MD following the CFSI activities to the NFSA Conference and Luncheon where both the MD and PA fire sprinkler coalitions were presented with the leadership awards from the NFSA outgoing president. On Wed April 6, 2011 Bob Timko and I traveled to Pittsburgh PA for the funeral of CVVFA member Fred McCutcheon. Fred was a big advocate of the fire service and was instrumental in the SR 60 report in PA. I look forward to seeing everyone in August at the annual convention in McConnellsburg PA. The group from McConnellsburg has a great event scheduled for us and hope to see everyone there.

Maryland Director Wayne Baker had no report.

Maryland Director Bob Cumberland read from his written report. President Yost, Officers, Directors, and Guests, I want to thank the Joppa Magnolia VFC and the Harford Cecil Volunteer Firefighters Association for hosting the Booster meeting and the fine meal that they served. Since the March Booster meeting I continue to lead the Westminster Fire Department as their President and attend the Carroll County Volunteer Emergency Services Association meetings as a delegate for the Westminster Fire Department. I also attend the two monthly meeting of the Westminster City Council representing the Westminster Fire Department making reports to the Mayor and City Council about the activities of the fire department. I represented the association and responder safety institute in staffing the booth at FDIC in Indianapolis. I attended the National Fire Academy Board of Visitors meeting at the campus in Emmitsburg, Md. and also attended the CFSI dinner in Washington, DC. I attended the President's Council meeting in Wheeling, WV representing the Maryland State Firemen's Association along with Gene Worthington. As a member of the Maryland Fire Rescue Education Training Commission we held our quarterly meet in Annapolis. On April 21st and 22nd I attended the first meeting of the NFPA new Technical Committee on Traffic Control Incident Management Professional Qualifications. The new standard is NFPA 1091 and there will be sub-committee meeting to work on the knowledge and skill for this standard. The next meeting of that committee is set for July 27th and 28th in Harrisburg, Pa. For the months of February and March we have received \$53.50 and we could be making more if we promote the store more as directors of the association. Most of the funds came from new or renewed membership.

West Virginia Director Keller was absent.

West Virginia Director Bittle was absent.

Virginia Director Kevin Wilkes stated it is good to see everyone here, sorry to have missed the last meeting I was tied up with conditions at work. He spoke about some personal problems within his home company. He encouraged all to have a plan in effect for some professional counseling should the need arise. Kevin was in Delaware for a close friend's funeral service. We also had a tornado push through our response area, fortunately no injuries to report. I have done some county and state level training. We just opened a new fire station in our area, working with them. Walter and I are planning on some road trips and visiting some stations spreading the word of CVVFA. Thanks to our host.

Virginia Director Allen Brennan presented a written report. Thanks to Joppa-Magnolia for hosting this Booster Meeting. It is great being here. The following is a list of my activities since my last report:

10/30/10- attended Executive Committee meeting in Culpeper

1/9/11- attended the Cumberland Valley Volunteer Fireman's Association Board of Directors meeting held in Halfway, MD

1/22/11- attended the Chancellor Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department Installation Banquet and installed their officers and gave a short speech.

3/20/11- attended the Cumberland Valley Volunteer Fireman's Association Booster Meeting in Enola, PA

4/1-2/11- attended the Auxiliary to Virginia State Firefighters Association meeting held in Luray, Va.

4/4-5/11- attended the National Volunteer Fire Council Spring meeting held at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Alexandria, VA

4/6/11- gave a report on updates for the Legislative agenda to the VSFA representatives going to visit on Capitol Hill on 4/7/11 in Washington, DC.

4/9/11- attended the spring Executive Meeting of the Virginia State Firefighters Association in Culpeper, VA.

4/15-16/11- attended the Presidents Council meeting held in Wheeling, WV.

4/27/11- participated in the Firefighters Scoop Night put on by Baskin-Robbins held at the Fredericksburg, VA store.

I have attended all of my fire company's' meetings. I am also participating in an effort to set up a Recruitment & Retention program for our fire company to work on increasing our membership.

Delaware Director Harry Balthis spoke from his written report. I would like to thank Joppa Magnolia VFC for hosting today's booster meeting. Since the last meeting I have attended my home company meetings and the Presidents Council meeting in WV. I also worked with the Scholarship committee. I will report on that later.

Delaware Director Steve Austin was absent; however he sent a written report for reading.

President's Council-A most successful meeting took place in Wheeling. One outcome was to have CVVFA.org list all the future conventions for each state. This work is underway. The spring meeting will take place April 14, 2012 on Maryland's Eastern Shore hosted by MSFA

Fire Police PSOB Legislation-Working with PA Fire Commissioner Mann, PA State Fire Police Association, National Volunteer Fire Council and CFSI on this legislation to ensure coverage for fire police.

Past President Robertson had no other report than what he previously stated.

Committees –

Archives – no report

Auditing – no report.

Budget & Finance – Nothing from George, however if someone has something for George, Walter will be making a stop by his home.

Business & Ops Plan – no report

Constitution & By-Laws – no report

Credentials – no report

Convention – Steve Flickinger reported on the sponsorship letters that have been sent and a few are coming in. Today is the day we take a collection for the Louise Dell memorial trophy sponsorship. I will be introducing Donna from McConnellsburg for comments. We have attended a joint meeting with them. Donna provided the logistics for the meetings and activities. We will be providing means for changing clothes after the Thursday business meeting in lieu of returning to the motel. We will also have a shuttle van from the motel to the picnic site. Registration forms will be coming out soon, please respond with numbers who will be attending the various events. Our host needs a close count of those

attending, remember they are providing these activities at their expense, it seems the very least we can reserve. They are in the planning phase for a class on Friday.

Steve reported that we collected \$125 in donations toward the Dell award which will cover the cost of the trophy.

Credentials – no report

Emergency Responder Safety Institute – Gene again read from the report submitted by Steve. I chaired the first ever NFPA 1091 Pro Qual Committee last week. Thanks to VP Toulson, Past President Cumberland, Training Director Sullivan and Instructor Baldwin all committee members for their active participation. We meet again in Harrisburg the week prior to our Convention. Our next event is the Fire Expo in Harrisburg. We are also teaching in South Carolina, Florida and New York prior to Convention. The several new products distributed last meeting are being printed a minimal charge by the PA Firemen thanks to Ernie Rojan and his staff.

Emergency Responder Institute Financial Review-I prepared a document at the request of our CPA firm outlining the separation of financial duties. Following the submission I met with the accountant who had no questions or concerns about the manner in which we authorize or disperse funds. We expect the usual favorable financial review to be completed prior to the Convention.

Bob Cumberland presented some handouts that are being given out at the display booth. We want to thank Ernie for his assistance with the printing of these items. I also have a signup sheet for Harrisburg; please we need your help. Bob then provided dates for the upcoming shows. Rich spoke about the Montgomery County MD advance warning program, unfortunately before we could give the class they had a firefighter struck this past week. We have been meeting some resistance with our program; hopefully their attitude will change after this incident. We have our first classes scheduled for this week. Bob then spoke about the I81 rest stop display event. Sometime in the near future we should send a letter to Linda Hoover for allowing us this opportunity. Curtis talked about the Lionville resolution that was presented by him and Jack Sullivan.

Fire Person of the Year – no report

Fire Prevention – Erin Drumheller said hello everyone, it's nice to see all of you today. I'm sorry I missed you at the last meeting, but I just wanted to thank you for allowing me to push forward with a fire prevention website. I think the best thing we can do to protect our first responders is to keep them out of harm's way, so I hope that this helps the community and our first responders. Thank you for your support and I hope Steve and I will have something to show you at convention. Thanks so much and I would ask you to keep me in your thoughts as I compete for Miss Maryland.

Grants - We are still awaiting a decision on our FEMA Fire Prevention and Safety Grant. Application for the Learning Network. We are submitting a sponsorship request to Lakeland Industries to fund non federal grant training and travel.

Legislative – Bob Cumberland reported on some USFA issues. Also there is a new web page for the Fire grant program www.fema.gov/firegrant. And for those unfortunate ones who did not score high enough you should have gotten your denial letter. If not heard anything you should call the help desk – 1-866-274-0960. You will need your grant number, fire department name and contact person. SB550 has been introduced to reauthorize the FIREACT.

Memorial – Chaplain Barnhart was absent.

Parliamentarian – no report

Public Relations – no report

Publicity – no report

Recruitment & Retention – no report

Resolutions – Jerry Daniels stated that he has not received any to date.

Scholarship – Harry Balthis reported that scholarship applications are in and have been reviewed by the committee. As reported earlier, the number of scholarship applications was down this year. There were three for the Kenneth E. Butts Scholarship and four for the JR Haines Scholarship. The committee recommends Lindsay Carns of Newport, PA for the Butts Scholarship. For the Haines Scholarship, the

committee recommends Richard Witten of York Haven, PA. He also attends Harrisburg Area Community College.

Sergeant at Arms – no report

Training – no report

Topics – I will be most happy to assist the McConnellsburg Convention Committee should they desire speakers for the Convention either the Keynote, banquet or both.

Web Page – CVVFA.org has a new feature. Now our three awards are listed in a new section allowing online access to award requirements and application instructions. The new tab includes the new Bukowski award information. I have corresponded with Firecompanies.com regarding the approved Fire Prevention site. I will meet with Fire Prevention Chairwoman Drumheller to work on the design.

Youth Leadership – no report

Unfinished business

Scholarship brochures – Rich Bruner stated no action.

Charitable tax status – Attorney Cohen addressed this issue in the absence of Steve Austin. Howard gave an overview of the actions to date and the requirements needed for today. He asked Gene to read the proposed amendment which he did. Howard continued with more explanations toward our goals. He then proposed a motion that we amend as per what was spoken by the Secretary has just read reference the Articles of Incorporation, **Motion** by VP Robertson, seconded by Harry Balthis, no further discussion, signature ballots were distributed to the membership with directions for proper completion. Please sign the ballot, print your name and circle Y or N to cast the ballot. All ballots will be collected and counted by Presidential appointed persons.

Promotional package and agreement with booster meeting partners – Steve Heefner stated not yet completed.

Scholarship selection criteria – tabled earlier at another meeting.

Reputational Management - Tom Savage is doing a great job managing the Firefighterbehavior.com. Next week VFIS our partner will release a distance learning program regarding firefighter and fire company behavior issue. The company that contacted us offered to provide the background checks has not responded to recent emails or personal contact. Apparently they have either gone out of business or are no longer interested in our Association.

CVVFA family event – President Yost stated the ball game night will be held on July 23, a Saturday evening. I need to reserve a number of tickets as a group. We will need to pay for these tickets in advance. The ticket prices range from \$13 to \$48. Some discussion ensued about seating locations; we should look at an average of about \$25. Greg will make up a flyer to distribute with additional info with reservation dates.

Fire Prevention website – nothing further to add

Avon Fundraising – Greg reported on the logistics, still some problems with distribution after the sale, still being worked on.

Erin spoke further about the Youth Leadership award for convention. Please mail your nominations to her by the end of June.

President Yost then gave the report on the previous motion being voted on by ballot. It is a unanimous vote in favor of the amendment. Attorney Cohen stated that we now need to authorize the outside counsel handling the non-profit status to file with the Pennsylvania Corporation Bureau the amended articles of Incorporation, and to be paid for the time associated with said effort and the actual filing fees incurred within the scope of the \$1000 previously authorized by the Board of Directors for this effort. **Motion** made by Bob Cumberland, seconded by Walter Robertson, no further discussion, verbal vote taken, motion passed.

A question was asked about a tax exempt number from the state of Maryland. Discussion ensued reference tax numbers from all the states. Several gave different opinions on what is taxable and the value of having same. Discussion entered into the federal tax number, the concern is sales tax exemption.

Ernie made comment on the date changing for the fallen firefighter memorial weekend in October.

New business –

President Yost announced that we need to approve the scholarship award recipients. Harry read the names again, **Motion** to accept the nominees as recommended by the committee by Robert Sweetman, seconded by Hoby Howell, no further discussion, verbal vote taken, motion passed.

Good of the Association -

Wayne Baker gave a report on the Apple Blossom parade and the trailer is ready for pickup and delivery to McConnellsburg.

Robert Sweetman reported on the highway signs reference the Move Over law in the southern part of the country.

Assistant Chaplain Wharry gave the benediction; meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm.

Comments were made about the recent passing of PP James Woods of Aetna and his contributions to the company.

Respectfully submitted

Gene Worthington
Recording Secretary