

Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association
 Booster Meeting March 17, 2013
 Rescue Hose Greencastle PA

Let's start with a personal commentary, thanks to all for the card. You really don't learn to appreciate one of these until you are receiving such. Also, thanks to all for the calls and cards sent personally. I am on the mend, have a follow up with the cardiologist this week. Hopefully, he will find no damage to the heart and turn me loose. I remain optimistic and hopeful. I will see many of you in New York next week. Thanks to HMO Steve Heefner for filling in and providing me with the highlights of the meeting.

Vice President Watson called the group together for lunch at 12:05 and asked Assistant Chaplain Jim Wharry to give the meal blessing and lead the group in the pledge to the flag. President Haines called the meeting to order at 12:50 hours. The welcome address was given by Cheryl Mowen, President of the Rescue Hose Co. Steve then read an email message sent from Secretary Worthington explaining his absence from the meeting. The President asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting, motion to accept, seconded and passed. In the absence of the Secretary, a hand written roll call list of attendees was passed around for signature.

TITLE	NAME	OCT	BOARD	MARCH
President	Steven Haines	1	1	1
1st Vice President	James Watson	1	1	1
2nd Vice President	Walter Robertson	1	1	1
3rd Vice President	Hoby Howell	1		
4th Vice President	Bill Keller	1	1	
Treasurer	George Dove	1	1	1
Financial Secretary	Stephen McBee		1	
Recording Secretary	Gene Worthington	1	1	
Home Office Manager	Stephen Heefner	1	1	1
Publicity Manager	Robert Timko	1	1	
Chaplain	Charles Barnhart			
Assistant Chaplain	James Wharry	1	1	1
Attorney	Howard Cohen		1	
Pennsylvania Delegate	Charlie Myers	1	1	1
Director, Pennsylvania (2013)	Rich Bruner	1		1
Director, Pennsylvania (2014)	Mike Whitzel		1	1
Director, Maryland (2013)	Wayne Baker	1	1	1
Director, Maryland (2014)	Robert Cumberland	1		
Director, West Virginia (2013)	Fred Bragg			
Director, West Virginia (2014)	Mike Sullivan			
Director, Delaware (2013)	Harry Balthis	1	1	1
Director, Delaware (2014)	Steve Austin	1	1	
Director, Virginia (2013)	Kevin Wilkes			
Director, Virginia (2014)	Allen Brennan	1		1
Director, New York	Dave Jacobowitz		1	
Past President	Mike Sullivan			
	Totals	17	17	12
Past Presidents		12	12	10
Maryland Fire Depts		10	0	6
Delaware Fire Depts		10	0	11
Virginia Fire Depts		11	0	9
West Virginia Fire Depts		0	0	0

Pennsylvania Fire Depts	28	0	21
Others	0	0	0
Grand Totals	88	29	69

President Haines informed everyone that we would change the order of business for today’s meeting only to accommodate some of our speakers. Greg Yost spoke first about a bus trip to New York, leaving Hancock on August 30 and returning on September 1. He also spoke on the day at the ball yard for June 15 in Baltimore. Greg continued to speak about the Firefighter Safety Day on May 18. Anyone wishing to attend any of the events, please contact him before the posted deadlines.

Introduction of Guests – None

Communications – None

Officers reports:

President Haines welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. Fellow Officers, members and guests, welcome to Greencastle for today’s booster meeting, Happy St Patrick’s Day. A special thanks to Rescue Hose Co #1 for hosting the meeting. Since the BOD meeting, I have attended my own company meetings and my county association meetings. Not much has been happening so far, just waiting for spring. Good seeing everyone, take care and have a safe trip home, see you all in May at Newport.

First Vice President Watson read from his written report. I’d like to thank the Officers and members of the Rescue Hose Co #1 for hosting this booster meeting. Since the last meeting, I’ve attended my company meetings, BOD meetings, several meetings for the 2015 CVVFA convention we are hosting, county firefighters meetings and county fire chiefs meetings in February and March. Also, I attended a meeting at IAFC Headquarters in Fairfax representing the CVVFA on March 14 and 15 on Study of Behavior Motivation on Reduction of Risk Taking Behaviors. I conducted several training classes in my department as well as attended several other classes. I have given out a number of applications to new prospective members and have encouraged other organizations to join our group.

Second Vice President Robertson stated I want to thank the Rescue Hose Co. for hosting our booster meeting today. Since our meeting at Halfway in January I have attended all my fire meetings, and fund raising activities, also attended all of my county meetings, and training sessions, committee meetings. In February I attended the Va. State Fire Chiefs conference, and worked the Responder Safety Booth, while Jack Sullivan was teaching classes on Highway Safety. I also attended my Instructor update so I could continue teaching EVOC classes. I hope everyone has a safe trip home and look forward to see everyone at our next meeting.

Third Vice President Howell was absent, sent the following written report. We would like to thank the Rescue Hose Company No.1, for your hospitality in having our booster meeting here today at your facility. We appreciate your dedication to your community and our Association. Since my last booster meeting I’ve attended my regularly schedule fire company meeting, drills Fallston VFAC, MSFA Safety meetings at MFRI college park. Attended Harford/Cecil meetings January, March, missed our last couple of meetings due to work, and illness.

Fourth Vice President Keller was absent.

Treasurer Dove read from his written report. Mr. President, fellow Officers and members, first I want to thank Rescue Hose #1 for hosting this booster meeting. Today, I also want to say to Barb and Ray, happy 50th anniversary. Just think this is where I got on the train back in the 60’s as your 3rd VP. I will not be at our May booster meeting as this is Apply Blossom weekend. George gave a recap of the finances, provided a written copy of same and presented the following report.

CVVFA #4100840 death	400.00
General Account	9016.78
CVVFA cd	90000.00
Net Worth	99,416.78

Financial Secretary McBee was absent.

Recording Secretary Worthington was absent due to illness.

Home Office Manager Heefner presented a written report. Officers, Members, and Guests, welcome to Greencastle, PA on this beautiful St Pats Day, do you have your green on? Thanks to Rescue Hose Co #1 for hosting today's meeting. Since our BOD meeting in January, I have been busy making hotel/motel reservations for our March & May booster meetings and our convention in August in Shippensburg. In mid-February, I received my new laptop computer compliments of ERSI. I have received dues money which I will turn over to Financial Secretary Steve McBee and on March 12 @10:30am, my wife Anita and I became first time grandparents. 8lbs 8 ozs baby girl named Sophie Lynn was born. Hope everyone has a safe trip home, see you in May at Newport.

Publicity Manager Timko was absent, sent an email with contents later in the minutes.

Chaplain Barnhart was absent

Assistant Chaplain Wharry read from his written report. Since the last meeting, I have sent cards when requested, attended my own company meetings and have been appointed to the 125th anniversary committee of the Aetna Hose, Hook & Ladder Company for 2013. Thank you to the Rescue Hose Company of Greencastle for hosting this meeting. Please contact me if you need a sympathy card or thinking of you card sent for one of our members. Chaplain Barnhart reports that he is doing well and if there are no holdups at Church, he may be at the meeting today. Please keep Vivian Myers and Robert Trace in your thoughts and prayers as they are recovering.

Attorney Howard Cohen was absent, he sent an email to the Secretary's office stating he is assisting Jordan with a community project for the upcoming Passover holiday.

Pennsylvania Delegate Charlie Myers thanked Rescue Hose for hosting the meeting.

Directors' reports

Pennsylvania Director Rich Brunner read from his written report. Good afternoon President Haines, CVVFA Officers, members and guests and welcome to the CVVFA March Booster meeting. I would like to thank the members of the Greencastle Fire Department for hosting today's CVVFA meeting. As usual the hospitality of our hosts is second to none and very indicative of the member companies of the CVVFA. Since our last meeting I have attended all of our company meetings, training and functions. In addition I have attended our County Association meetings and the PFESI Banquet in Harrisburg. I have also completed a High Rescue Ropes Course designed to extricate hunters in distress from tree stands. Rather a unique training but something very useful in the area in which we live. I have also been involved very extensively with our Truck Committee and have learned allot regarding the FEMA requirements and more importantly IRS requirements. This is something that I plan on discussing at the Booster meeting this weekend. Again, thanks to all involved for making today's meeting a success and wish everyone a safe trip home.

Pennsylvania Director Michael Whitzel read from his report. I attended my fire company meetings, fundraisers and line officers meetings. I gave reports to 5 municipalities we serve each month. I attended the school safety meeting monthly, Northern School District. I attended the state firemen's meeting in January. My company signed a contract for a 2013 Predator KME rescue pumper. As Chief of the company, I have been educating the boroughs and townships on the replacement of the 1989 FMC. This has been a 5 year process. The company is not putting out and \$\$\$\$ for the unit, \$100K is coming from 3 municipalities and \$452,921 is coming from the other. There were a lot of meetings over the past 2 months for the rig, paperwork and attorneys. I sent the learning network training to my contacts. February 4, I started at Harley Davidson in York as the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management Coordinator.

Maryland Director Wayne Baker provided a verbal report.

Maryland Director Bob Cumberland was absent, however sent this report. President Haines, Officers, Directors, and Guest, since the January Directors meeting I have attended all my fire department meetings, and the Carroll County Volunteer Emergency Services Association meetings each month. Received an e-mail request for Linda Hoover from the I-81 Visitors Center to display the associations and respondersafety booth for tourism week May 4th to the 11th. I sent out e-mail request to all officers and received two replies back from officers that could help. Richard Brunner can help on Tuesday May 7th and Walter Robertson can help on Wednesday May 8th, we need someone to take this over and make it happen as I will not be available to help this year and Bob Timko or Curtis Allemam are not available to help. This has always been a great opportunity for the association to promote highway safety and it has paid dividends. Who ever takes this project on needs to contact Linda to set up the time and date? Linda's e-mail is lihoover@pa.gov

I have received an invite to serve on the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region III Regional Advisory Council (RAC). I will serve as a member representing the Fire Service representative in the field of emergency management. The mission of the RAC is to ensure effective and on going coordination of preparedness, protection, response, recovery, and mitigation efforts for all hazards within Region III. The RAC brings together subject matter experts that represent each domain of the emergency management lifecycle: protection, preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation. I will ask Steve Austin to represent the CVVFA on the NVFC Health and Safety Work Group that is funded through a Fire Prevention and Safety Grant, I was on my first conference call Wednesday, March 13, 2013. The agenda covered the four areas that the work group will work on, Firefighter Behavior Health, Equipment, Standards and Codes, and Training. The call covered material on Behavior Health from the NFFF, and items that will be covered in the other 3 areas. The next conference call will be June 5, 2013 @ 2 PM. For the months of December 2012 we received **\$24.00** all for membership renewals or new applications. Lou Jordan has semi-retired from the business with his son taking over. After contacting ETA in reference to receiving any funds for January and February I was advised they will be mailed out this week. As soon as I receive the checks I will forward to the Treasurer.

West Virginia Director Fred Bragg was absent

West Virginia Director Mike Sullivan was absent

Virginia Director Kevin Wilkes was absent

Virginia Director Allen Brennan presented a written report, Officers and members of CVVFA, thank you to the Greencastle VFD for hosting this booster meeting. Since the last meeting, I have attended the VA State Firefighters Association Executive meeting held in Charlottesville in November, 2012. I attended the CVVFA booster meeting in Gettysburg in October. Also, I attended the auxiliary to the FSFA zone meeting held in Harrisonburg in November. On March 16, 2013, I attended the Culpepper VFD annual installation banquet. I was unable to attend the BOD meeting due to being in the hospital on the date of the meeting. Thank you to everyone at the meeting that signed the get well card that was sent to me. It was great to receive this card from everyone. I have attended my company meetings since my last report, looking forward to working with everyone the rest of the year.

Delaware Director Harry Balthis thanked Rescue for hosting the meeting and provided some additional comments.

Delaware Director Steve Austin was absent, in Florida for his winter snowbird retreat. Steve sent a written report of his activities which will be inserted in the proper format.

New York Director Dave Jacobwitz was absent.

PP Mike Sullivan was absent.

Committees –

Archives – President Haines welcomed the return of Guy Flory to the meeting. Guy thanked all for their thoughts shared and he looks forward to improving health.

Auditing – Chairman Jerry no report

Budget & Finance – George Dove no report.

Business & Operations Plan – Greg Yost no report.

Constitution & By-laws – Bob Cumberland no report

Convention – Steve Flickinger asked Charlie Myers to give an updated report which he did. Steve Heefner gave some additional comments about the hotel reservation at the Shippen Place Hotel, please register early.

Credentials – Jeff Ringer no report.

Emergency Responder Institute – Steve Austin sent this report. Training was conducted at the following locations-

- Fire Department Safety Officers Association Apparatus Summit in Orlando
- Upper Tract WV Fire Department
- VA State Fire Chiefs in VA Beach
- NY State Fire Police Training Weekend in Montour Falls NY

Thanks to Jack Sullivan, Jerry Daniels, Greg Yost, and Walter Robertson for putting this together for the CVVFA

The ResponderSafety Learning Network has 4765 registered users as of 3/16/2013 and growing every day. Four new modules are in production the next up is High Visibility Concepts that will go up this week. The Federal Highway Administration has paid the balance on their work order. We have begun paying some of our bills and ordering new equipment that we have deferred for lack of funds. This includes a new laptop for our Attorney, a new digital transcription machine for our Secretary, and a laptop for the Home Office Manager. We have also ordered new equipment for the tradeshow booth. That includes a 60 inch monitor and stand, a shipping case and a second netbook computer. Thanks to C.F.O Greg Yost we are revamping the CVVFA tradeshow presence with full focus on signing up new students for the learning network. We will be giving away ResponderSafety chips to anyone who signs up and they will be eligible for an I- pad give away at major shows. We will pilot this at the FDIC in April under Greg's guidance. We appeal to all our members to enroll themselves and all members of their fire companies to the lifesaving program. We also invested in reorganizing the Resource Section of the webpage. The new format is easier to locate material. We are the largest and most complete on line resource for Traffic Incident Management Information in the world, something we should all be proud about.

Fire Person of the Year – George Dove no report

Fire Prevention – Erin Drumheller gave a verbal report.

Grants – USFA/Department of Justice Cooperative Agreement- We have been notified there is \$30K for us. FEMA who controls USFA has an embargo on releasing any new funds due to the budget impasse. This is the funding we use to operate the website. We have no idea when these funds will be released to us.

Fire Prevention and Safety Grant- We are waiting to be notified about our application that was submitted in January for about \$257,000. This is a difficult project. Thanks to Greg Yost and Howard Cohen for all their help writing the application that will extend the learning network for another year.

ITERIS IDIQ Federal Highway Contract-We are part of a proposal to teach SHRP II TIM Training across the country. We should know the result of this application within a couple of months

Federal Highway /Fire Service Outreach- We are in the final stages of negotiations to provide outreach to the fire service for Traffic Incident Management. This is a sizeable contract. We will report on the status at the next meeting.

Legislative – Bob Cumberland no report

Memorial – Chaplain Barnhart no report

Parliamentarian – Howard was absent.

Public Relations – Rich Toulson no report.

Publicity – Bob Timko was absent, however sent some info for the meeting. Bob has received \$675 total to date for ads of all sizes. Please get them in so we can have a great convention book.

Recruitment & Retention – Allen Brennan no report

Resolutions – Jerry Daniels no report

Scholarship – Harry Balthis reported a total of 8 applications received.

Sergeant at Arms – Wayne Baker no report

Training – Greg Yost no report

Topics – Steve's report, I have approached two individuals to speak at the convention. I will confirm both the Keynote and Banquet speakers soon and will be in touch with the convention and host committees with the names.

Web Page – Steve's report, all of the Association's websites are operating and are up to date. It should be pointed out that out of 640 email addresses on our members list, 104 of these are bad. I will be working with Steve McBee and Steve Heefner to make these corrections and to obtain email address for the rest of the membership.

Youth Leadership – Erin gave a verbal report.

Reputational Management – Steve's report, Claudia Garner, Erin Drumheller and Howard Cohen are doing outstanding work posting the news stories and in Erin's case actually teaching firefighters about this important topic. The website is updated daily.

Joe Bukowski Award – Steve Flickinger asked for nominations.

Unfinished business

Franklin Fulton County Association – Ray Mowen gave an update on the status at this time.

Long Range Plan – VP Watson would like to meet in May in Newport sometime prior to the start of our booster meeting.

Apple Blossom – PP Baker reported our registration has been accepted.

CFSI – President Haines is unable to attend and will send VP Watson to represent the CVVFA. Motion was made and passed for same.

New business – None**Good of the Association**

Jerry Daniels spoke about the President Council meeting in NY and the importance of pre-registration.

Ray Mowen invited all to visit the firehouse museum before leaving today.

Vivian Myers thanked everyone for the cards and prayers during her recent illness.

PP Steve Flickinger invited everyone to participate in SteakNite on Saturday, May 4, before the next booster meeting in Newport.

There being no further business to conduct, benediction was given Assistant Chaplain Wharry, meeting adjourned at 2:10pm. Again, thanks to HMO Steve Heefner for taking the minutes of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Gene Worthington
Recording Secretary