

Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association
 Booster Meeting May 5, 2013
 Citizens Newport PA

President Haines called the group together for lunch at 12:00 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 and Jim gave the invocation and asked for prayers for the Kirschner family who lost their son in a fire last week. Steve gave some opening remarks about the logistics for the meeting. The welcome address was given by Rich Brunner, President. Rich expressed his appreciation to host the meeting, introduced the ladies who served lunch and extremely proud of Steven Haines, the third President to serve the CVVFA. Steve presented Rich the complimentary check who in turn returned the check to the Association, again a pleasure to host.

Introduction of Guests - None

Roll Call was taken with 83 representatives in attendance as shown.

TITLE	NAME	OCT	BOARD	MARCH	MAY
President	Steven Haines	1	1	1	1
1st Vice President	James Watson	1	1	1	1
2nd Vice President	Walter Robertson	1	1	1	1
3rd Vice President	Hoby Howell	1			1
4th Vice President	Bill Keller	1	1		1
Treasurer	George Dove	1	1	1	
Financial Secretary	Stephen McBee		1		1
Recording Secretary	Gene Worthington	1	1		1
Home Office Manager	Stephen Heefner	1	1	1	1
Publicity Manager	Robert Timko	1	1		
Chaplain	Charles Barnhart				
Assistant Chaplain	James Wharry	1	1	1	1
Attorney	Howard Cohen		1		
Pennsylvania Delegate	Charlie Myers	1	1	1	1
Director, Pennsylvania (2013)	Rich Bruner	1		1	1
Director, Pennsylvania (2014)	Mike Whitzel		1	1	1
Director, Maryland (2013)	Wayne Baker	1	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	1
Director, Delaware (2014)	Steve Austin	1	1		1
Director, Virginia (2013)	Kevin Wilkes				
Director, Virginia (2014)	Allen Brennan	1		1	1
Director, New York	Dave Jacobowitz		1		1
Past President	Mike Sullivan				
	Totals	17	17	12	17
Past Presidents		12	12	10	11
Maryland Fire Depts		10	0	6	10
Delaware Fire Depts		10	0	11	7
Virginia Fire Depts		11	0	9	7
West Virginia Fire Depts		0	0	0	1
Pennsylvania Fire Depts		28	0	21	29
Others		0	0	0	1

Communications – None

The President asked for a motion to approve the March booster meeting minutes, moved by VP Robertson, seconded by VP Howell, verbal vote taken, motion passed.

Officers reports:

President Haines welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. Good afternoon and happy Cinco de Mayo everyone. Welcome to Newport for today's booster meeting. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Officers and Members of the Citizens Fire Company #1 of Newport for hosting this booster meeting. First, let me start off with special thanks to those who were here for our fire company Steak Night dinner. Your friendship and entertainment as always was greatly appreciated. Thanks to Jim Watson for bringing the shrimp so that we could have Surf and Turf for our meal, also to Steve Flickinger and Rich Brunner for all of their help for this weekend festivities and for the hospitality that we all had after our Steak Night dinner at the Brunner residence. The fellowship and friendship was had by all. A big thank you to John Gabel and his crew for cooking and to Karen Still for all of her help with the meal. I am grateful to all of you. To my 1st Vice President Jim Watson, thank you for filling in for me in New York for the Presidents Council meeting last month and for representing me and the CVVFA at the CFSI dinner in Washington DC. Since our last booster meeting, I have attended my own fire company meetings as well as our own in house training sessions. I also attended our annual fire company banquet. I am looking forward to attending the training session to be held in Hancock, MD on May 18, 2013. Hopefully, I will see some of you in Hancock for that training session. Well, this is my last booster meeting. My train is slowly coming into the station to let me off. I still have one big event left and that is the convention. I am looking forward to the convention that will be held in Shippensburg and also to be coming back home to my college alma mater. Thank you all for coming to today's booster meeting. I will see everyone in Shippensburg for the convention in August. Take care and have a safe trip home.

First Vice President Watson read from his written report. I'd like to thank the Officers and members of the Citizens Fire 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 April. Also, I attended the Fire State presidents meeting in Corning, NY, hosted by FASNY on April 12, 2013. I conducted several training classes in my department as well as attended several other classes from the NFA on leadership I, II, III. I have given out a number of applications to new prospective members and have encouraged other organizations to join us.

Second Vice President Robertson stated I want to thank Newport for hosting our booster meeting today. I have attended all of my fire companies meetings and fund raising activities. Also I have attended all of my county meetings, as well as state meetings. I just finished teaching an EVOC class. Sorry I missed everyone in New York, as I was attending the 35th Anniversary meeting of the Old Dominion Historical Fire Society. I hope to see some of you in Harrisburg in a few weeks, and I hope everyone has a nice summer. Again I want to thank Newport for hosting this meeting and everyone have a safe trip home.

Third Vice President Hoby Howell thanked Citizens for your hospitality in having our May booster meeting here today at your facility. We appreciate your dedication to your community and our Association. Since our last meeting, I have attended my company's regularly scheduled meetings and drills, attended Harford/Cecil Association meeting, attended MSFA safety committee meeting.

Fourth Vice President Keller stated, welcome and thank you to the Citizens Fire Co #1 of Newport, PA for hosting the CVVFA Booster's Meeting. I want to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers, cards and flowers for my mother who passed away on January 18th. March 8, 9, 10, 16, 17 & 18, I attended the Sissonville Fire School in Sissonville, WV. The turnout for this fire school was about 800 students. I attended the HazMat Tech class and I am happy to say I passed and ProBoard. I have taught HazWoper, CPR and will be teaching an EMT recert class in 2 weeks. I will also be attending the Mineral WV fire training weekend on May 16th, 17th and 18th. I will be instructing the Live burn classes with the use of the WVU live burn trailer. I hope everybody is making plans to attend the 112th Annual Convention of the CVVFA to be hosted by Vigilant Hose Co. in Shippensburg.

Treasurer Dove was absent, sent the following report. I will not be at the meeting this Sunday as it is Apple Blossom Week. My time will be at the Rouss Fire Company. Account balances are as follows:

CVVFA #4100840 death	400.00
General Account	8951.81
CVVFA cd	90000.00
Net Worth	99,351.81

Enclosed is a copy of an invoice for the ERSI payment which was given to Greg. Thanks and have a safe trip home.

Financial Secretary McBee reported that dues notices went out to all member companies due this year and preparing to send out the individual notices within the next two weeks.

Recording Secretary Worthington said thanks to all who sent cards and made phone calls during my recent illness. The large card sent from the last meeting was really enjoyable. I am on the mend, but my rehab will last through summer 3 days a week. Thanks to Steve Heefner for taking notes at the last meeting. I did transcribe those and sent out to the membership, hearing no corrections, they were forwarded to the webmaster for posting. Also, thanks to Citizens for hosting the meeting.

Home Office Manager Heefner presented a written report. Officers, Members, and Guests, welcome to Citizen's Fire Company #1 of Newport, PA. Thanks to CVVFA President Haines and the members of Citizens for hosting today's meeting. Approximately 15 members attended Saturday's Steak feed and special thanks to CVVFA PA Director Rich Brunner for hosting a campfire social at his home after the feed. Since our last meeting, I along with Chief Emeritus Jeff Ringer attended the President's Council meeting in Corning, NY. Thanks to Dave Jacobwitz and the other members of FASNY for an enjoyable fun filled weekend. The 112th annual convention in Shippensburg hosted by the Vigilant Hose Co is in the final planning stages. Motel reservations can be made at the Shippen Place motel, \$75 plus tax July 31 – Aug 3, 2013. There are flyers on the table. Hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer and look forward to seeing everyone in August.

Publicity Manager Timko was absent, sent an email saying that he would not be at the meeting, this is his Orthodox Easter Sunday. As of today we have collected 14 ads and \$1,330. I need a copy of our W9 to be paid. George can you provide me the W9. Steve Austin, can you place the book ads on the web page and facebook. Everyone have a great day.

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. Thank you to the Citizens FC #1 of Newport PA for hosting this meeting. Please contact me if you need a sympathy card or thinking of you card sent for one of our members. Jim passed out a card for signatures to be sent to Roby Robertson and Bob Cumberland.

Attorney Howard Cohen was absent, he sent an email to the Secretary's office stating he would be attending the LODD funeral in Reisterstown.

Pennsylvania Delegate Charlie Myers reported on the quarterly meeting of the state association, next meeting to be in West Chester. The 134th convention will be September 25 – 28 and we are looking forward to our out of state guests on Thursday. For those wanting to make room reservations, you need to call the headquarters hotel and Jim Malaney needs to approve your room. We expect to provide you with lunch.

Directors' reports

Pennsylvania Director Rich Brunner read from his written report. However, before that I want to thank my wife for putting everything together last night. Good afternoon President Haines, CVVFA Officers, members and guests and welcome to the CVVFA May Booster meeting and the home company of President Haines. We here at Citizen's Fire Company #1 of Newport, PA., are proud to host this month's booster meeting. As you know our CVVFA President is also a valued member of our company and we are proud that he has chosen to continue our legacy with CVVFA by being the third President from our company to hold this prestigious position. A special thank you to all the members of Newport who have spent their valuable time in hosting this meeting and preparing the food that you have enjoyed. 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. I also attended the President's Council meeting that was held in Corning, NY and

it was a valuable and educational experience. I would recommend this meeting to anyone in the Association. I also attended a special training on Safe Driving presented by the Safety Director from New England Motor Freight. I have also been involved very extensively with our Truck Committee and have learned allot regarding the FEMA requirements and more importantly IRS requirements. If companies have never heard of the Form 990 I would highly recommend that you contact your solicitor immediately and begin the process. 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. Rich provided some additional comments reference the requirement to submit your 990 form to the federal government. We are learning the hard way.

Pennsylvania Director Mike Whitzel submitted his report electronically. I attended the funeral service for Chief Rodney Miller, thanks to Newport for their hospitality. His report, Good afternoon officers, Members, and Guest, Thank you Newport for hosting and your hospitality. I attended my Fire Company meetings, fundraisers and Line Officers meetings. I gave Fire Reports to 5 municipalities we serve each month and extra meetings on various issues, limited access on route 15 and building plans. I attend the monthly school safety meeting, attended County Fire fighter meeting in March. I attended the state Fireman's board meeting in April. I attended the PFESI board Meeting by conference call in late March. I coordinated 2 Fire Prevention programs and gave presentations with the assistance of other officers and Members of Company. We have a big Fire Prevention program coming up at Camp Tuckahoe. 250 plus Scouts and another 250 Camper, Scout leaders and parents. This will take place May 11, 2013, 16 Emergency Services Group or Department involved. I will be coordinating Fire Extinguisher class with Townships EMA CERT teams. I have been educating my State Rep and our Congressman on various different types of emergency service issues and concerns. I'm very busy working with KME on our 2013 Rescue/Pumper. I'm promoting CVVFA by letting emergency service responders know that we have free highway safety training for them. I attended Chief Rodney Miller's viewing this past Thursday evening. I continue to run the day-to-day operations for our emergency services side of Department.

Maryland Director Wayne Baker provided a verbal report. I attended the Presidents Council meeting in NY and the Apple Blossom, had a great time. Thanks to Newport for being our host.

Maryland Director Bob Cumberland was absent and is currently in the hospital at the time of the meeting. MSFA Past President Dave Lewis spoke to Bob this morning via phone in the hospital and would like to pass along these comments. Bob is feeling OK, however need to run some tests. The MSFA will be celebrating our convention June 16-19, as always welcome our out of state guests to attend. We just finished our legislative session on April 8, had a fairly good year. We got an increase to the Amoss fund adding \$5M and a minimum of 51% must go directly to the volunteer fire companies within each jurisdiction. We made changes to the Charles W. Riley for a scholarship in lieu of tuition reimbursement. We worked with Fire Marshal Barnard requiring 10 year battery smoke alarms. Dave commented about the conference being held in Hancock, register thru MFRI. Bob sends his wishes and is sorry to miss the meeting.

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, gave some opening comments about speaking with Bob Thursday night, things can change quickly, now I hear he is in the hospital. Officers and members of CVVFA, since my last report, I have attended the booster meeting in Greencastle, attended the VSFA executive committee meeting in Culpeper, Spring Zone meeting auxiliary in Vienna, the President's Council in NY. Thank you to Citizens Fire Company for hosting this booster meeting, great time last night.

Delaware Director Harry Balthis commented on his activities and meetings, thanks to Newport for hosting the meeting, will have more under the scholarship committee report.

Delaware Director Steve Austin spoke on the continuation of the 125th anniversary of Aetna, going real well with events each month. I want to mention what we are doing at CFSI, the 25th anniversary of the Institute dinner next Thursday night. We set a goal of having 250 attend from Delaware, met that goal and we understand VP Biden will be the keynote speaker. We look forward to seeing our friend Joe there. I will have a number of other reports during the proper committee business.

New York Director Dave Jacobowitz, first Newport thanks for hosting the meeting today. Hopefully, the Officers are receiving the e-blast, if not, let me know. We just completed our Recruit New York program for the

third year, keep updating each year and provide to entire membership. That way they can take the information and use accordingly by getting the word out by the best means. We had over 600 departments participate that weekend. What you put in is what you get out and has been very successful. We did hand out the recruit book at the Council meeting. Our convention will be in Albany, August 20-23, go online for reservations. This is the first year that FASNY will be running the convention, normally the host does the convention. I continue to act as the FASNY liaison, had a great honor to represent FASNY in Texas for the memorial service held in Waco. I got hooked up with some people from the Fire Marshal's group, treated very well, took me to the memorial service, the night before took me to the actual fire ground site of the tragedy. I have pictures with me and invite you to look at them today. The FASNY Directors certainly enjoyed having you in Corning. Again, thanks for everything you do.

PP Mike Sullivan was absent.

Committees –

Archives – Guy Flory was absent.

Auditing – Chairman Jerry no report

Budget & Finance – George Dove was absent.

Business & Operations Plan – Greg Yost no report.

Constitution & By-laws – Bob Cumberland was absent

Convention – Steve Flickinger stated that he has turned over the sponsorship trophy money to Walter \$1425 for the Treasurer, still a few who have not paid. Also, today is our annual day to pass the hat for the Louise Dell sponsorship. We have not received any Bukowski nominations to date, however we do expect some. Steve then asked Charlie for the update. Charlie gave a rundown on all the activities and locations, these will be sent out to the membership soon. We are working on a location for Saturday morning prayer breakfast, still not confirmed. Shippen Place is the host hotel, call during the day and talk to Rebecca for reservations 717-532-4141.

Credentials – Jeff Ringer no report.

Emergency Responder Institute – Steve Austin gave an update on several topics for highway safety and all the good things happening. Steve asked for Greg to give a financial report for the Institute which he provided funding status on all the grants. Thanks to everyone who has been helping us along the way, many of you within the room. We have been very busy since the last meeting, made a presentation in DC to COG Fire and Safety Committee. Rich Marinucci participated with us for this event, he will also be at Hancock on the 18th. We are leveraging our ability by participating in several events on one travel. We wish Bob Cumberland well, has caused some logistics as others have filled in. The whole team continues to support us. For the future, we are going to need some additional help in Harrisburg to man the booth, see Greg for signing up. Our goal is to get folks to sign up to the Learning Network, this worked well at FDIC, about 400 signed up. We are requesting that all of our regulars get signed up and review the programs online. As of yesterday, we were at about 5,600 people signed up with a goal of 10,000 by convention. We are going to MSFA convention, also FRI in Chicago. We are still working on a new PSA on quick removal from accidents. We are looking for a place to hold this scene videography, a two lane roadway with shoulders on both sides. To update you on federal highway, we are going to be the point group for the NIM training, still need a contract signed by the feds, a multi-year contract. The Association stands to gain some financial assistance under this grant. Steve reported on a call from the NFA to keep the website running. We encourage you again to go to the website and review the new material and register. He asked for questions, one about the small TV usage. We will be giving out our remaining stock of DVD's at Harrisburg. We are also going to Fire House Expo in Baltimore.

Fire Person of the Year – George Dove was absent.

Fire Prevention – Erin Drumheller was absent.

Grants – Steve reported on these earlier, however wanted to give an update on the Reputation Management program. It is going really well with articles getting on the web quickly. We are getting some more folks involved at the trade shows and continue to look for more.

Legislative – Bob Cumberland was absent

Memorial – Chaplain Barnhart was absent

Parliamentarian – Howard was absent.

Public Relations – Rich Toulson was absent

Publicity – Bob Timko was absent, however sent some info for the meeting. Ad sales info is on the website, encourage sales, up to \$1,400 to date. June 1 is the deadline for posting ads in the convention book.

Recruitment & Retention – Allen Brennan no report

Resolutions – Jerry Daniels no report

Scholarship – Harry Balthis reported a total of 6 applications received. The committee recommends Kyle Mellon of Media, PA for the \$1,000 J R Haines Memorial Scholarship. He is a member of Middletown FC #1 and attends the University of New Haven, majoring in Fire Science-Fire Administration. The committee would like to award 2 \$500 scholarships for the Kenneth Butts Memorial Scholarship: one scholarship to Kaitlyn Sweetman of Newark, a member of Aetna, she attends Delaware Technical Community College majoring in nursing. She is the granddaughter of Tater. The second scholarship of \$500 would be awarded to Jamie Watson of New Castle, she attends Widener University majoring in Radiologic Technology, leading toward a BS in Allied Health Studies. She is the daughter of VP Watson.

Sergeant at Arms – Wayne Baker no report

Training – Greg Yost reported on the May 18th training at Hancock.

Topics – Steve reported on the speakers for convention.

Web Page – Steve reported on the lack of correct addresses on the Express, about 1,100 signors with about 100 deficient. We need everyone's help in getting these corrections. All hard copies are now requesting email addresses. We may have to resolve to making a phone call to them.

Youth Leadership – Erin was absent.

Reputational Management – Steve reported on this earlier.

Joe Bukowski Award – Steve Flickinger asked for nominations.

Unfinished business

Classified ads on the web – Rich Brunner stated we are waiting on the new rewrite for the site.

Franklin Fulton County Association – Ray Mowen was not present, we have not heard any feedback from the offer given at the Board meeting, that being that we would be honored to accept the donation, but we cannot state what or how to use those funds until we actually receive.

Sales Tax Exemption PA – Rich Brunner no progress yet.

Long Range Plan – VP Watson would like to meet, just need a date when all can get together. Delaware City would be glad to host the meeting.

New business – VP Robertson asked for the bylaw committee to look at the possibility of moving this meeting till June and report at convention. Walter made his comments a motion, seconded by VP Watson, discussion, motion passed, the President will advise the by law committee to address this. Some additional comments were made about the feasibility of looking at the Presidents Council meeting coincides with this booster meeting. This led into much discussion from the group by several.

Motion to accept the recommendations of the Scholarship committee by Harry Balthis, seconded by Walter Robertson, no further discussion, motion passed.

Good of the Association

Bryan Althouse from Shoemakersville would like to host a booster meeting. I offer my assistance for the booth in Harrisburg. Yesterday we were in Gettysburg, since this is the 150th anniversary, they are expecting about 3 million visitors over the summer.

Bob Trace thanked all for the get well cards from his accident.

Vivian Myers stated that it was good to be here.

President Haines made some closing comments, asked for Assistant Chaplain Wharry for the benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 14:40pm.

Respectfully submitted

Gene Worthington, Recording Secretary