

Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association

Booster meeting March 16, 2014

McConnellsburg PA

The booster meeting was called together by President Watson at noon. Jim asked Assistant Chaplain James Wharry to give the blessing for the meal. The meeting was then recessed for all to enjoy lunch served by our host.

The meeting was called back to order at 13:00 to resume the business of the Association. The invocation was given by Assistant Chaplain Wharry then followed by the pledge to the flag. Jim asked Dave Hoover to come forward and give the welcome on behalf of the host company. Dave welcomed everyone here today and gave some brief comments on the company followed by applause. Jim presented the complimentary \$100 check for our host company.

Introduction of Guests

MSFA 2nd VP Johnny Roth

Roll call by Recording Secretary Gene Worthington with 92 Officers, delegates/representatives and guests in attendance

TITLE	NAME	OCT	BOARD	MARCH
President	James Watson	1	1	1
1st Vice President	Walter Robertson	1	1	1
2nd Vice President	Hoby Howell	1	1	
3rd Vice President	Bill Keller	1	1	1
4th Vice President	Rich Brunner	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
Publicity Manager	Bob Timko		1	
Chaplain	Charles Barnhart			
Assistant Chaplain	James Wharry	1	1	1
Attorney	Howard Cohen		1	
Pennsylvania Delegate	Charlie Myers	1	1	1
Director, Pennsylvania (2015)	Donna Welsh	1	1	1
Director, Pennsylvania (2014)	Mike Whitzel	1	1	1
Director, Maryland (2015)	Dave Lewis	1	1	
Director, Maryland (2014)	Robert Cumberland	1		1
Director, West Virginia (2015)	VACANT			
Director, West Virginia (2014)	Mike Sullivan			
Director, Delaware (2015)	Harry Balthis	1	1	1
Director, Delaware (2014)	Steve Austin	1		
Director, Virginia (2015)	Steve Switzer	1	1	1
Director, Virginia (2014)	Allen Brennan		1	1
Director, New York	Dave Jacobowitz	1		
Past President	Steven Haines	1	1	1
	Totals	20	18	16
Past Presidents		12	10	13
Maryland Fire Depts		12	0	11
Delaware Fire Depts		5	0	10

Virginia Fire Depts	7	0	8
West Virginia Fire Depts	1	0	1
Pennsylvania Fire Depts	27	0	33
Others	1	0	0
Grand Totals	85	28	92

Reading of Communications

We received a letter of nomination for youth leadership from Delaware City, this was turned over to Erin for her committee's consideration. Also, received correspondence from Caleb Holley on his eagle scout project of building a memorial, the Secretary will follow up with him.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

President's Report – James Watson

I'd like to thank the Officers and members of the McConnellsburg FD for hosting this booster meeting. I have attended all my meetings, took some training in the department, and attended some local events along with firefighter funerals. I have been having some computer problems, hopefully to be fixed soon.

First Vice President's Report – Walter Robertson

I want to thank McConnellsburg Fire Dept., for hosting this booster meeting. Since we last met at Halfway, I have attended all of my fire company meetings and fund raising activities. I have also taught a few EVOC classes, and attended all of my county meetings, and committee meetings. Have attended a few fire company banquets in the last few weeks. I hope everyone has a safe trip home and look forward to see everyone in May at Wilson VFC.

Second Vice President's Report – Hoby Howell

Hoby was absent, unable to get off work.

Third Vice President's Report – Bill Keller

Welcome and thank you to the McConnellsburg VFC for hosting the CVVFA booster meeting. I attended the Board of Directors meeting held in Halfway, MD on Jan 12, 2014. Since the last booster meeting, I have taught Fire Officer I and II, EMT recert and attended a class on threat mitigation (active shooter.) I will be teaching a NIMS 300 class next weekend in Keyser. We can only hope spring is around the corner so we can get out and enjoy the weather.

Fourth Vice President's Report – Rich Brunner

Rich was absent, however sent this report.

Good afternoon President Watson, CVVFA Officers, members and guests and welcome to the CVVFA March booster meeting. A special thanks to McConnellsburg VFC for hosting the meeting this afternoon 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. I am sorry that I am unable to attend as our family is gathering this weekend for the internment of my mother-in-law who passed away last week after enjoying 90 years of a wonderful and fruitful life. Since our last meeting, I have attended all of our company meetings, training and functions. I also attended training for emergency coordinators presented by Perry County Emergency Services. I also attended training on the 10 ways firefighters are killed and 10 solutions to prevention. This program was presented by Dr. Richard Gassaway. I would highly recommend this program to any department as it really presents how we are recklessly putting our members in harms way and risking their lives to save very little. Again, thanks to all involved for making today's booster meeting a success and wish everyone a safe trip home.

Treasurer's Report – George J. Dove

George provided the following account balances:

Death benefit	600.00
General account	21,725.37

Savings

90,681.07

In January, we did meet and a budget was set for the coming year. I want to thank the McConnellsburg VFC for hosting our March booster meeting. As your treasurer, since last meeting I have attended all my fire company functions, all bills paid and all deposits made. I will not be at the next booster meeting in May due to the Apple Blossom festival is that week with all my time being working with Rouss FC May 1-4 with the firemen's parade being on Friday night and grand feature parade on Saturday and cleanup on Sunday. The CVVFA and the President are invited as always, if Pres is coming we need to have a sign made for him. Wayne will have to advise. Again, I want to thank you for the things you do for this Association. To Hoby, if you have any checks or money off of the coins, I will at least need the checks because some of the banks after 90 days checks go stale.

Steve Flickinger, Bill Keller and Walter Robertson turned in money for coin sales to George. Gene gave an additional 10 coins to Steve at his request.

Financial Secretary's Report – Stephen C. McBee

No additional report at this time.

Recording Secretary's Report – Gene Worthington

Thanks to McConnellsburg for hosting our booster meeting today. The minutes from the Board meeting have been transcribed and sent out for review, no comments were received. The agenda for the meeting was sent to the President. I have been unable to locate anyone knowing Richard Baker for his 50-year cert. I continue to meet my local training requirements and attend many meetings, company, county and state. As always the office remains committed to support the Association.

Home Office Manager's Report – Stephen E. Heefner

President, Officers, members and guests, welcome to McConnellsburg VFC and thanks to their Officers and members for hosting today's meeting. I would like to thank the many officers and members of the CVVFA for the cards, e-mails, text messages, flowers and kind words of sympathy following after the passing of my mother on Feb 24. I have been busy attending convention committee meetings, making hotel reservations for up coming meetings and planning upcoming booster meetings. I received from the IRS the 1099 form from FEMA and forwarded same over to Greg Yost. I also received 10 scholarship applications and turned them over to the committee. I forwarded address changes and death notifications to the financial secretary. Reminder that our next booster meeting will be at the Wilson VFC in Lyndhurst, VA on May 4.

Publicity Manager's Report – Bob was absent, sent a report showing convention book sale ads to date.

Chaplain's Report – Charles E. Barnhart, Jr. - absent

Assistant Chaplain's Report – James J. Wharry

Since the last meeting, I have sent cards when requested and attended my own company meetings. Thank you to the McConnellsburg VFC 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 mentioned that the place for getting the flower arrangements for convention has made some changes, will need to make some adjustments. I will look for another place.

Attorney – Howard S. Cohen – absent, he did send an e-mail stating that he would not be in attendance.

Delegate to Pennsylvania – Charlie Myers

Our next 3 state meetings will be at Meadville, Pa, site of our next convention Sept 24-27. The next quarterly meeting is April 11-12. Also, I would like to report the Expo is coming up May 16-18. Charlie gave a medical report on Bob Trace, in the hospital and needs our prayers. He then asked Ernie to give some additional info. Ernie reported he is working on a printing project for ERSI. The Hahn fire apparatus in Hamburg has been closed for several years, going to have a reunion with a parade looking for older Hahn apparatus to participate. PA weekend at the NFA July 19 is scheduled. I have handouts on the Presidents Council meeting for next month in Seaford, DE. Most of the workers comp has been dumped on the state rather than private insurance companies, therefore the state has set up a program and guidelines that may provide a discount if safety training has been met. PA is hosting a breakfast meeting in the Senate on May 1 in DC. Remind all that PA does have a 5-1-1PA.com showing accidents.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORTS

Pennsylvania - Donna Welsh (2015)

Mr. President, members and guests, it is good to see everyone. I would like to thank McConnellsburg for hosting the meeting. Since my last meeting, I have attended my company meetings and shoveled snow. I hope to see you in DE.

Mike Whitzel (2014)

Good afternoon Officers, Members, and Guest. I would like to thank McConnellsburg Fire Department for hosting the meeting. Thank you for the hospitality. I attended my Company's meetings, training, and fundraisers. I have been working with my Staff Members on our new Rescue. Mounting of the equipment and training. Our goal is April 1st to put into service. I have been helping with Company fundraisers. Thursday Jams, Sunday dinner, and bingo. I give Fire Reports to 5 municipalities we serve each month and go to extra meetings on zoning and planning. I also attended the EMA meeting for the Townships we serve. I attended my school district Security and Safety meeting. I have been in touch with my State Reps. on various different types of emergency service issues and concerns. I have been in touch with PFESI on legislative issues. I'm promoting CVVFA by letting emergency service responders know that we have free highway safety training for them.

Maryland - Dave Lewis (2015) was absent, sent the following report.

Please accept my apology for being unable to join you today for the Boosters meeting. I was given an opportunity to participate in a pilot offering of a new training program at the National Fire Academy and am attending class there. I bring you greetings from the State of Maryland and am delighted to see that spring is finally close at hand. Since our January meeting, I have been busy with a number of activities in support of the volunteer fire and emergency services of my local community, the State of Maryland, the CVVFA region, and nationally. We are delighted with the news that Maryland's other Director, Bob Cumberland is hope recuperating from his knee surgery and although he still has a rough road ahead, we are assured that he will soon be back with us at a future meeting. I am certain that Bob would enjoy a phone call or get well card when you have a free moment. His phone number is (443) 375-6682. Cards may be mailed to Bob's home 222 Shipley Ave. Westminster, MD 21157

Emergency Responder Safety Institute – I have been busy over the past few months working with our web vendor on the implementation of a secondary reporting capability that will allow departments and organizations to retrieve completion reports for members taking the Responder Safety training. This will also facilitate the awarding of continuing education credits to those organizations granting them. We expect to make this capability available in the coming months ahead. As a representative of Responder Safety, I attended Maryland's Highway Safety Summit on February 24-26. There were some good presentations at the summit and I have offered to support next year's summit with the addition of some programs on responder safety. I am also planning to travel for Responder Safety to FDIC on April 9-13 to help staff the booth to promote our training programs and the secondary reporting capabilities.

NVFC Health and Safety – Since our last meeting, I have attended an in-person meeting of NVFC's Health and Safety Committee on December 16 and a teleconference meeting on February 5. The committee continues working on the projects supported by the FY-11 and FY-13 AFG/FPS grants with some major efforts on a Training Summit on June 20-21 in Myrtle Beach and the annual Safety and Health Week held in cooperation with IAFC on June 15-21. We will hold our next teleconference on April 2 to continue discussing progress on these items.

Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program – I have been active assisting Maryland departments with AFG applications for much of the last ten years now. The 2013 AFG applications are currently being reviewed and I had the opportunity to serve as a peer reviewer on February 10-14. We will return on March 31 – April 4 to complete the evaluation of applications, plus conduct the evaluation of applications for the Fire Prevention and Safety grant program. Good luck to any department that has applied for these programs.

Maryland Legislative Session begins– The Maryland General Assembly convened its annual 90-day session starting January 8 and will continue through April 7. The MSFA staffs an office in Annapolis to review bills and develop position papers as needed. Our legislative agenda continues to be developed for the current session. We are currently monitoring several bills of interest to include a modification of the regulations concerning the state-funded fire assistance program (Amoss fund) and an increase in the volunteer income tax benefit. We hope to provide additional details on the progress of these bills at the April 5 Presidents Council meeting.

MSFA convention planning – Plan now to attend our annual convention on June 14-20, 2014. Our preliminary information packet has been posted to our web site for your planning purposes. In closing, it is a pleasure serving as a Maryland Director for CVVFA and I look forward to assisting with the programs and projects that our organization sponsors. If I can be of assistance to any of you or your departments, please don't hesitate to contact me. With that, I hope to see each of you at the April 5 Presidents Council meeting.

Robert P. Cumberland (2014)

President Watson, Officers, Directors, and Guest, I want to thank everyone for all the cards, thoughts and prayers while I was down with my health problems. I will not make the meeting because of my mobility but want to thank the McConnellsburg Volunteer Fire Company for hosting today's Booster meeting and providing the fine meal. I have not been able to attend any meeting or activities over the past couple of months and will still be out of service for the next couple of months until I can get a new knee. I did contact Senator Mikulski and Congressman Van Hollen about the IRS ruling on health care for Volunteer Fire and EMS personnel. They both supported the letters sent to the IRS and the legislation that we inducted. The Board of Visitors to the NFA did have our fall meeting in November at the Emmitsburg campus for two days and I was able to attend both days. The Board is working with the staff in updating and new programs for the future. There will be more information on these programs as they get approved by the Fire Administrator. The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) has named the recipient of the Junior Firefighter Program of the Year award. Outstanding junior firefighter programs from across the country were nominated for this year's award, which were made possible through the support of Tyco. The award will be presented during a special banquet at the NVFC's spring meeting on May 2 in Alexandria, VA. Washington County (MD) High School Fire and Rescue Academy Junior Firefighter Program of the Year Award, Sponsored by Tyco. The Washington County (MD) High School Fire and Rescue Academy was established in 1999 as a recruitment tool for the county's volunteer fire companies. This innovative program enrolls high school juniors and seniors in a two-year cadet program. Upon completion, the cadets are eligible for up to 16 college credits, including certifications in Firefighter I & II, Maryland EMT, Rescue Tech, and others. While in the Academy, all cadets are active volunteers in their community. They attend their main high school in the morning and the Academy each afternoon. Cadets in the program are active in fire prevention outreach in local schools, and promote fire safety throughout the community. They also participate in the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend held each October in Emmitsburg, MD, by assisting with weekend events to help honor the fallen. Cadets in the program are being trained to be future leaders in Washington County and beyond, and many graduates now serve as volunteer officers, career firefighters, EMTs, and paramedics throughout the Mid-Atlantic. Since the October Booster meeting I have received \$87.95 from ETA for new membership or renewals for the months of September, October, November, and January. I sent the checks to Treasurer Dove and the membership information to Steve McBee.

West Virginia - Vacant

Mike Sullivan (2014) - absent

Virginia - Steve Switzer (2015)

Since the last meeting of the Cumberland Valley Firemen's Association in January I have attended all of the meetings of the department, attended 2 work and training sessions. I attended the Hot Springs Fire and Rescue Association dinner and installation of officers on March 8.

Allen Brennan - (2014)

I would like to thank McConnellsburg for their hospitality today. Also, the NVFC is awarding the lifetime achievement award to Mr. Charlie Singleton, a life long member of Vienna at our next meeting. Have a safe trip home, if you going south, amen.

Delaware - Harry Balthis (2015)

Thanks to McConnellsburg for hosting the booster meeting.

Steve Austin (2014) – absent, sent the following report on his activities.

I am unable to attend the booster meeting as I am in Florida. Here is a recap of my activities. Attended several Volusia County Fire Police drills and presented programs on the Association and ResponderSafety. Along with Greg Yost, Bob Romig and members of the Volusia County Fire Police, I worked our booth at the FL state fire chiefs conference in Daytona Beach. I worked with George Dove to straighten out billing problems with our web page vendor Firecompanies.com. I attended the NFFF Everyone Goes Home Summit Tampa 2 with Director Dave Jacobowitz, Candice McDonald, Claudia Garner, Greg Yost, Rich Marinucci along with several other members of the CVVFA including Mark Bashoor and Billy Goldfeder to name a few. I contacted VP Bill Keller and Treasurer Dove regarding recruiting Chief Dustin Amtower to fill the open WV Director seat. I also contacted Chief Baldwin in Winchester asking that he support all the members of WFD as members of the CVVFA. This is under consideration.

New York - Dave Jacobowitz - absent

Past President - Steven Haines

I would like to say thanks to McConnellsburg for hosting today's booster meeting, good to see everyone and have a safe trip back home.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archives/Historical Committee – Guy M. Flory/Ray Mowen

Ray asked Steve Heefner to give the report on what is going on with the Chambersburg museum. They have requested the CVVFA to remove our archives to make room for their materials. This was discussed at the Board meeting for action. We have an offer from the Franklin fire station in Chambersburg to house our history items. I would like to ask permission for Franklin to purchase the needed filing cabinets, etc. and reimburse them at a future time. This would allow them to purchase like items to match existing and make it happen. President Watson will ask for a motion under new business.

Auditing Committee – Jerry Daniels

Jerry reported that all the financial information has been provided to the accounting firm for their review and audit, hopefully will have for convention.

Budget & Finance Committee – George J. Dove

All finances are in order.

Business & Operations Plan – Greg Yost

No action until we have our planning meeting.

Constitution & By-Laws Committee – Robert P. Cumberland

Bob commented on the voting, recommend to leave open, just need to remind all to have their membership card. We recommend reminding all members coming to convention to carry their card. Several made some comments about their cards and lack of current.

Convention Committee – Steve Flickinger

First, good to see Guy Flory with us today, we met on February 6 with Chambersburg convention committee. He introduced Dick Hershey for comments. Dick handed out the agenda for convention currently scheduled. He spoke on those with some specifics. We will be selling coins to cover some of the expenses. We have contacted a guest speaker for the banquet, understand that we need to coordinate this with Steve Austin. The mailing will cover all of this in detail. We do have a bridge with minimal height restrictions that may be a concern to the parade participants.

Steve commented further that Bob Trace will not be compiling the history due to his medical illness, therefore Dick will have someone prepare. The parade sponsorships are ready to mail late April, please return your sponsorships quickly. We are looking forward to another successful convention.

Steve Heefner spoke about the hotel accommodations, he had to reserve 40 rooms in his name. The Country Inn & Suites has given us this limited number. Best Western has the overflow of 20 rooms. He read a list of names for reservations, need the individuals to contact the hotel and provide their personal info. A question was asked about apparatus parking, yes large lot.

Credentials Committee – Jeff Ringer

Nothing to report.

Emergency Responder Institute – Steve Austin

Steve was absent, however sent the following report. I have made or in the process of making all arrangements for FDIC, Harrisburg Expo, MSFA, Firehouse, FASNY, FRI, DVFA, others to follow. We accepted the resignation of Chief Dennis Rubin who was representing us at the federal highway administration and have begun a search for his replacement. Along with Greg Yost, Jerry Daniels and others we continue to provide daily support to this project including working with Stonehouse Media on new productions. We are working on several new projects including secondary reporting headed by Dave Lewis and updating our Near Miss Data Base with IAFC. Greg will provide a full financial report at the meeting. Please thank Greg for his outstanding support of the CVVFA, he works tirelessly on our behalf. President Watson thanked Greg personally followed by applause. Greg then gave the financial report of the accounts. We are experiencing a problem with billing to federal highway. I opened a new checking account with the bank in Hancock making much more convenient for myself. Training classes are going well. We are currently working on the grant applications.

Grants – Steve Austin

The Fire Prevention and Safety Grant period is open and the applications are due next Friday. We will be ready. Thank you Greg Yost, Howard Cohen, Jack Sullivan all who are pitching in and helping.

Fire Person of the Year Committee – George Dove

Nothing at this time.

Fire Prevention Committee – Erin Drumheller

We are currently working on a form to be used by the 911 centers for disabled persons.

Legislative Committee – Bob Cumberland

Bob read from his written submission. Last December, President Obama signed the “Pathway for SGR Reform Act of 2013” into law, delaying until March 31, a scheduled payment reduction to medical service providers who treat Medicare patients. With that deadline approaching, reimbursement rates for ambulance transport are set to be reduced automatically unless Congress acts. Need everyone to contact their Congressmen to have the tax-writing committees extend the authorization of Medicare ambulance add-on payments in legislation currently under consideration related to Medicare’s sustainable growth rate (SGR). On February 4, the House Committee on Ways and Means voted unanimously to favorable report HR 3979, Protecting Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders Act. The bill, which was introduced by Representative Lou Barletta would clarify statutorily that volunteer fire and EMS personnel who receive nominal compensation will not be treated as volunteers under Obama care. On January 10, the Department of Treasury announced that volunteer emergency responders who receive nominal compensation will not be treated as employees in the final implementing regulations of the health care reform law, which has yet to be issued. On Tuesday, March 4, the White House unveiled the FY 20156 budget proposal. The \$3.9 trillion budget, which is an estimated increase of \$250 billion over the FY 2014 levels, contains \$38.2 billion for the Dept of Homeland Security. This represents a decrease of approximately \$1B from FY14 appropriations. Several programs of importance to the nation’s fire services are among those considered for budget cuts under the administrations proposal. The FIREACT and SAFER grant programs would be reduced by \$10M to \$670M for both. Congress appropriated \$680M in FY2014. The budget would reduce the USFA budget to \$41.407M. The budget would also cut funding for US&R response system by approximately 20%. The VFA program is one fire service

program that would virtually remain intact. VFA provides funding to state forestry agencies to deliver grants to fire departments for the purchase of firefighting equipment and training to respond to wildland fires in rural jurisdictions. The Administration proposes \$13M in funding in FY2015, a slight decrease.

Memorial Committee – Chaplain Charles E. Barnhart, Jr.

Assistant Chaplain Wharry will get with Dick Hershey to coordinate the service.

Parliamentarian – Howard S. Cohen - absent

Public Relations Committee – Rich Toulson - absent

Publicity – Robert Timko – absent

President Watson spoke on a conversation with Bob about the convention book. Bob suggests a percentage of ads goes to the host, will discuss further later.

Recruitment & Retention – Allen Brennan

Nothing to report.

Reputation Management – Claudia Garner – absent

Erin commented on a recent class. The NVFC selected the CVVFA proposal to facilitate the reputation management course at the summit in June covering the cost for Candice to attend. Candice and Erin will be facilitating the course at the Miltonberger seminar on April 5 at the Wisp Resort. Candice will also be at the Ohio conference. She sends her regrets for not attending today.

Resolutions Committee – Jerry Daniels

We have sent out two resolutions, one for Aetna anniversary, the second to Dr. Bass on his retirement.

Scholarship Committee – Harry Balthis

We had 10 applications, the committee will review and present their recommendation at the May booster meeting.

Sgt At Arms – Wayne Baker

Nothing

Sign Trailer – Wayne Baker

The headboard was installed yesterday, ready to go.

Training Weekend – Greg Yost

Currently working on a program similar to last year, Dennis Rubin has agreed to teach.

Topics Committee – Stephen P. Austin – absent

In his written report, stated I will reach out to our convention committee regarding speakers for convention.

Web Page Committee – Stephen P. Austin

All sites are up to date except for Ifire Prevention. We will need someone to assist Erin on this project. Please contact me if there are additions or corrections. We have over 100 bad email addresses for our members and over half we do not have. I am considering a project to obtain these by a mailer and return postage paid post card. While there is up-front costs the result will lower our postage cost overall. This may be a project our Youth Leadership committee might help us with by handling the proposed mailing and updating the addresses in our system.

Youth Leadership – Erin Drumheller

Erin reported we have a nomination for the award from Delaware City. The deadline is June 15 for submission.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Promotional package and agreement with booster meeting partners – Heefner

Progress

Classified ads on the web page – Bruner

Need upgrade to web site

PA sales tax exemption – PA Directors

Nothing to report

Long range planning – Watson
Still planning a date, may have something in this region
Challenge coins – Hoby Howell
Hoby has asked for all to get in the money from sales, appears to be selling great
Memorial service time – Charlie Barnhart
No change this year, on the schedule as 11am
By-laws article on voting procedures – Bob Cumberland
Discussed earlier, no action to be taken, will be removed from unfinished business
Chambersburg museum request letter – Heefner
Discussed earlier
Cumberland County fire memorial brick – Curtis Alleman
Gene to call the scout

NEW BUSINESS

President Jim asked for a motion to appoint Chief Dustin Amtower as the new Director for West Virginia, motion, Mr. President I would like to have the pleasure of nominating Chief Dustin Amtower of New Creek VFC as the WV Director by Bill Keller, seconded by George Dove, no further discussion, verbal vote taken, motion passed.

Jim requested a motion for the Franklin Fulton scholarship as discussed at the Board meeting, motion to support a new scholarship requested by the committee using funds from the Franklin Fulton Association for \$500 by Walter Robertson, seconded by Bill Keller, verbal vote taken, motion passed.

VP Robertson spoke about the May booster meeting at Wilson, unfortunately this is JMU graduation weekend, therefore hotel rooms are minimal. The first hotel block is already gone. The Secretary will send out info provided by email. Heefner gave some additional hotel info, first come, first serve basis. Waynesboro is 2 hours south of Hagerstown, down 81 and left on 64.

Jim reminded all of the Presidents Council meeting on April 5 at Seaford, DE. The hotel info was provided earlier. The meeting starts at 9am, Hampton Inn is about 2 miles from the fire station on Rt 13. There will be a meet your host Friday evening at the fire station, continental breakfast Saturday morning at the station, lunch provided and a Saturday evening event is planned.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

CVVFA day at the ballpark, Greg gave several dates, contact him with your preference. A concern was raised about the price of tickets.

Bob Cumberland requested we talk about the state conventions at the Council meeting. Again, this year VA and WV conventions are the same dates.

Jim requested a motion to revert back to new business, so moved. Motion was made to send the President to the CFSI dinner, seconded by Bob Cumberland, verbal vote taken, motion passed.

Jim again spoke about the ad sales for the convention book, he had asked Bob Timko to do a cost comparison with a recommendation of 80% to the host company and 20% to CVVFA, also the host company will do the work in solicitation of the ads, motion to support this recommendation by Bob Cumberland, seconded by George Dove, verbal vote taken, question is this for the current year or future years, response yearly, consensus was to make it a year by year decision, amendment to the motion to make this a year by year function of the convention committee to discuss with the host, amendment seconded, verbal vote taken on the amendment, passed, verbal vote taken on the amended motion in its entirety, motion passed.

Steve Heefner as previously discussed, we need to allocate some funds to purchase a file cabinet to complete the task of moving our archives to Franklin, Ray asked if they have the room to house the Franklin Fulton County Association records. Motion to purchase the necessary file cabinet to store our materials giving the latitude for Franklin to match existing units by Steve Heefner, seconded by Bob Cumberland, question will this be a fire proof safe, response no, verbal vote taken, motion passed.

Steve Flickinger reminded all of the Joe Bukowski award to be presented at convention. We would like to have the nominations in June.

Jerry Daniels reported that we now have over 10,000 registered viewers on ResponderSafety website.

President Jim reminded all of the upcoming events, Presidents Council, Apple Blossom parades, May booster meetings. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by motion at 14:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Worthington
Recording Secretary