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CVVFA May 19, 2002 Booster Meeting

Hollywood, Maryland

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The meeting was called to order by President Stephen C. McBee at 12:30 p.m. The Invocation was given by Assistant Chaplain Ray W. Mowen, followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

We were welcomed by Maryland State Firemen's Association President Charles "Jenks" Mattingly, who is also a member of the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department. Everyone was invited to take a tour of the facility. Mr. Mattingly was presented with the CVVFA \$100 check to help pay for the meal. Doyle Cox, President of the Southern Maryland Firemen's Association and Executive Committee Chairman of the Maryland State Firemen's Association was also introduced.

Instead of the usual roll call being taken by Recording Secretary Louise E. Dell, a book was passed around for everyone in attendance to sign. There were 23 members and 10 guests for a total of 33 individuals present, representing 20 companies. A roll call was taken of the Officers and Board members.

Board of Director's Meeting Minutes: MOTION BY JOSEPH BUKOWSKI, SECOND BY ROBERT CUMBERLAND, TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE MARION, PA, MEETING AS MAILED. MOTION CARRIED.

Reading of Communications: Recording Secretary Dell read a thank you note from the daughter of Muriel A. Shockey for CVVFA's thoughtfulness in sending flowers. Mrs. Shockey was the wife of Past President Harold Shockey.

OFFICERS REPORTS

President Stephen C. McBee - Good afternoon, and thank you to the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department for hosting this Booster meeting. I attended the CFSI banquet in Washington, DC. I also attended the viewing for George Dove's Mother and sent flowers from the CVVFA for Muriel "Zimmie" Shockey, wife of Past

Roll call was taken by Recording Secretary Louise E. Dell.

OFFICERS

- President Stephen C. McBee - present
- First Vice President Charles "C.J." Bens - excused
- Second Vice President Wm. Dean Simpson - present
- Third Vice President J. Allen Brennan - present
- Fourth Vice President Ronald L. Royer - absent
- Financial Secretary James J. Wharry - excused

CVVFA Scholarships

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President Harold Shockey. I have been working with the Convention Committee and anticipate a great Convention in August. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

First Vice President Charles "C.J." Bens - Excused. No report.

Second Vice President Wm. Dean Simpson - Have been attending meetings in Delaware and worked on and participated in the 75th Anniversary of my fire company.

Third Vice President J. Allen Brennan - Attended the National Volunteer Fire Council meeting in Colorado.

Fourth Vice President Ronald L. Royer - Absent. No report.

Treasurer George J. Dove - Excused. Sent the following:

As most of you know, my Mother passed away on March 24 and times have been hard on me and my family.

I would like to thank the following people who took time to come to the funeral home on Sunday, they being President Stephen McBee, Director Harry Alt and his wife Jeannie, Betty Haines, and Bob Diehl. I would also like to thank Assistant Chaplain Ray Mowen for the letter and card sent to the family on behalf of the CVVFA, and many thanks to all the members who sent us cards and flowers.

Thanks also to two other people who took the time to be with me during Apple Blossom--Steve Austin and Jeff Kimble. Thank you to Bob Cumberland who kind of looked after me while I was in Emmitsburg, MD, for the Fire Grant Program. If I missed anyone please excuse me.

My report is as follows:

General Account - \$ 4,978.41
Death Benefit - \$ 1,078.04
Savings Bonds - \$ 5,000.00
CD - \$69,212.45
CD - \$11,567.55

Financial Secretary James J. Wharry - Excused. Sent the following report:

I am not able to make this meeting due to being volunteered for a community service project by my boss.

Every member has been converted into the new computer system. We currently have 1,084 members and 108 companies. Unfortunately I have not accomplished sending the dues notices yet and am attempting to do that. I plan to have the laptop with added memory and the new system loaded for the Convention.

- Recording Secretary Louise E. Dell - present
- Treasurer George J. Dove - excused
- Home Office Manager Stephen E. Heefner - present
- Advertising Manager - Position vacant
- Chaplain Charles E. Barnhart - excused
- Assistant Chaplain Ray W. Mowen - present
- Attorney Howard S. Cohen - excused

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Guy M. Flory (PA) - present
- Richard P. Jones (PA) - present
- James M. Stokely (VA) - absent
- Larry W. Smallwood (VA) - present
- Wayne M. Baker (MD) - present
- Robert P. Cumberland (MD) - present
- John L. Mitchell (DE) - excused
- Claude Ray Johnson (DE) - excused
- Harry C. Alt (WV) - excused
- Hugh M. Harris (WV) - absent
- Stephen E. Heefner - PP - present

PAST PRESIDENTS IN ATTENDANCE

- Larry W. Smallwood (1977)
- Wayne A. Baker (1982, 1990)
- Charles E. Myers (1998, 1992)
- Robert P. Cumberland (1995)
- Ray W. Mowen (1997)
- Joseph W. Bukowski (1998)
- Stephen E. Heefner (2000)

Here are a list of helpful links!

- >> [Congressional Fire Services Institute](#)
- >> [Delaware Volunteer Firemens Assoc.](#)
- >> [Firehouse.Com](#)
- >> [Firemen's Association State of NY](#)
- >> [Maryland State Firemens Assoc.](#)
- >> [National Volunteer Fire Council](#)
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I apologize for my inability to get everything accomplished. I have had to do a lot of research for questions constantly received.

Recording Secretary Louise E. Dell - My report is the same old-same old. The minutes of the last meeting were transcribed, reproduced and mailed to the appropriate individuals.

Home Office Manager Stephen E. Heefner - I would like to thank the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department for hosting today's meeting.

I, along with a small band of merry men and women, 15 in all, enjoyed an overnight stay at the Hampton Inn in Lexington Park, and a fine meal at the Point Lookout Marina Restaurant. The evening concluded with a visit to the famous Point Lookout Haunted Lighthouse.

I attended the Five States Presidents meeting, the CFSI annual dinner in Washington, DC, and attended convention meetings with the host committee for the 2002 Convention.

Suggestions and/or new ideas for the Home Office Manager are encouraged so that I may continue to serve this fine organization.

Advertising Manager - Position vacant.

Chaplain Charles E. Barnhart, Jr. - Excused. No report.

Assistant Chaplain Ray W. Mowen - Thanks to the Hollywood VFD for hosting this meeting. You have a beautiful station. Sympathy cards were sent to the George Dove Family and the Gerald Holtry Family. I attended the Five States Presidents meeting.

Attorney Howard S. Cohen - Excused. No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archives/Historical Committee - Guy M. Flory - No report.

Auditing Committee - Gerald L. Holtry - Excused. No report.

Budget & Finance Committee - George J. Dove - Excused. No report.

Constitution & By-Laws Committee - Wm. Dean Simpson - Progress.

Convention Committee - Steve Heefner reported that he has attended Convention Committee meetings with the host committee. The motel is well on its way to being completed. The in-ground swimming pool is being installed. The weather has been excellent so the completion is well ahead of schedule.

I hope to finalize all the rooms this week. Those of you, Officers and Directors, who have not contacted me should do so immediately. I will call those who are not present today and have not made contact with me. We are slowly running out of rooms and I feel that the motel will be filled with CVVFA people. If any of you cannot get reservations at this motel, please refer to the list of other motels in the area.

The Convention is being hosted by several organizations within the immediate area this year, so that there will be no large burden on any one company. The parade will begin at

12 noon.

The picnic on Thursday will be hosted by Great Capacon VFC costing \$6.50 per ticket. The banquet on Friday will be hosted by South Morgan VFC costing \$8.00 per ticket. A formal presentation will be forwarded to all members in the near future.

The following was e-mailed by the Convention Committee 2002:

Hope you are looking forward to attending a Convention SO BIG it had to be held in TWO states.

After spending two days eating all the good food prepared by South Morgan VFC, Great Capacon VFC and Berkeley Springs VFC in West Virginia, the activities move to Maryland where the

Hancock Fire Company and Hancock Rescue Squad are hosting the annual CVVFA Parade. The big announcement is after the parade the two companies will be holding a Fireman's Muster. This is also the kickoff event for the Hancock Fire Company 75th Anniversary.

The parade will begin at 11 a.m. with pre-parade judging beginning at 9 a.m. in the Raylock Industries parking lot. Once judged, entrants will then take their place in the parade line-up. A unit must be ready, at the judging area by 10:15 a.m. The parade will leave Raylock, travel west on Main Street and end at Widmyer Park where the Muster will be held. Parking will be at the park and the nearby school complex. Trophies will be awarded at the following Muster. The standard CVVFA awards will be presented plus maybe a couple of others. We hope to have a Grand Marshall(s) for the parade.

The Muster will consist of several events including: Battle of the Barrel, Fireman's Dress, Bucket Brigade, Stretcher Race, and Fireman's Endurance Test. The events are to start at 1 p.m. Specific rules will be mailed to those who pre-register and available the day of the Muster. At least two prizes will be awarded for each event. There will be both team and individual events. We are trying to plan other demonstrations and events for the afternoon as well. Food will be available for purchasing during the event. (If any company wants to put on a demonstration, let us know.)

There will be the usual Convention tee-shirts and other items available. These plans are tentative. The specifics will be mailed to all members in a couple of weeks in their pre-registration packet.

President McBee stated that there will be vans to transport members to the various activities. Good directions will also be available at Convention.

Credential Committee - Marshall E. Bricker - No report.

Fire Person of the Year - Guy M. Flory - Joe Bukowski reporting. Directors were sent Nomination Forms and advised that today was the deadline for submission for CVVFA Fire Person of the Year. I will give Guy Flory the forms so that he and the Committee can review them and advise me of who the recipient of the award will be. At that point I will ask the Home Office Manager to order the two plaques to be given to the recipient. Other nominees will be given a Resolution at the Convention Banquet. I have also asked the President to contact me with the names of companies involved in hosting the 2002 Convention, which he has already done, along with anyone else he would like to receive a Resolution.

Fire Prevention Committee - Charles E. Myers - No report. Would appreciate it if Steve Austin would get a speaker for the Fire Prevention Program.

Legislative Committee - Stephen P. Austin and Robert Cumberland. Robert Cumberland reported that the Five States Presidents meeting was very successful, and well attended by the Officers and Directors of the CVVFA. AND, we now have made that a six state meeting--New York being the new state. If we continue to grow, we may have to change the name of the event.

It was a very successful meeting with the exception of Larry Smallwood's wife breaking her wrist in a fall.

We may go to Prince George's County for the next meeting which will be held in March 2003. More information will be available as it becomes available.

As you well know, the Fire Grant Program is well under way. George Dove helped review grants and I spent two weeks reviewing grants. We reviewed 9,000 plus grants. There was a total of 19,000 and of those over 9,000 had to be reviewed. They are in the process of being categorized and put in process by score from our evaluation and a score from the first evaluation. Money will start being distributed by June 1. There is \$150 million that has to be distributed by September 30, 2002. The other \$210 million that was appropriated was a supplemental appropriation and they have until the end of the year to get that money distributed.

Last week, the President signed into law HB 2646, the Farm Bill, which will be used to fund partial scholarships for training and to provide financial assistance to State and regional centers that provide training for firefighters and emergency medical personnel. The US Department of Agriculture Rural Development Division will be working on administering this program and putting together the regulations. This money will not be available until October 1, 2002.

Legislative-wise, there are a lot of things going on. Right now, we are just meeting to make them go forward. We are still working on the increase in the fire grant program. As you know, they want to fund that at \$900 million next year. At the VA/HUD's Senate Subcommittee meeting two weeks ago, Senator Barbara Mikulski, from Maryland, made the announcement that she will do everything that she can to see that the \$900 million is put in that program for the next fiscal year.

Also, there is a "Dear Colleague" letter going around through the House to go to the House Appropriations VA/HUD Subcommittee asking them to support the \$900 million for the grant program for next year. So, it looks good for the grant program. I am not going to say that we will get the \$900 million but I would think that we would get about half of that in the next year or so.

Gave a brief report on courses being held by the National Fire Academy. Further information on courses may be obtained from the Academy's web site (http://www.usfa.fema.gov/n/fa/tr_vip.htm) or contact the VIP program Manager at 800-238-3358 ext. 1402 or 301-447-1402.

Membership Committee - Stephen C. McBee - No report.

Memorial Committee - Charles E. Barnhart, Jr. - Excused. No report.

Parliamentarian - Howard S. Cohen - Excused. No report.

Pennsylvania Delegate - Charles E. Myers - Gave a brief report on his activities since March. A complete report will be given at Convention and included in those minutes.

Protecting Emergency Responders on the Highways - Steve Austin - The new grant contract with USFA began May 15. I am participating in a distance learning seminar via

the Internet on this topic for the IAFC on Monday with Jack Sullivan. The trip to the FDIC was a great success. We have agreed to do a seminar in Wilson, North Carolina, in the Summer. I will be looking for volunteers to assist. If anyone is willing to go to the Maryland State Firemen's Association Convention in June to work the Booth, I will ask MSFA if they will comp us a space so we can provide educational materials on responder safety. I attended the Fallen Law Enforcement Officers Candlelight Service this past Monday in Washington, DC, at the Police Memorial. Our project continues to grow. Anyone who wishes to get involved, please call or e-mail me.

Publicity Committee - Alan Matheny - No report.

Public Relations Committee - Stephen C. McBee - No report.

Resolutions Committee - Joseph W. Bukowski - See Fire Person of the Year report.

Scholarship Committee - Joseph W. Bukowski - No report.

Topics Committee - Stephen P. Austin - Jack Sullivan has accepted the invitation to be the Keynote Speaker. (See CVVFA.org web site for additional information.) Please advise me if I should make arrangements for the Banquet Speaker and the Fire Prevention Program.

Web Page Committee - Stephen P. Austin - CVVFA.org. The web page is updated as of this Booster meeting. I still need more content from the membership. Since the last meeting no one has written any articles for the page other than me. Please send me information or articles. We will edit it and get it up on the page. I requested Firehouse.com to get me the number of hits on the page. As soon as I receive the report from their vendor who maintains their servers I will forward it to everyone.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Guy Flory reported that he had received a negative report on the fund raising proposal he had presented at a previous meeting. It will be tabled for the time being.

The subject of the fire engines which are still in the possession of Robin Hinchey was brought up. After discussion, President McBee stated that he would try to contact Robin to make arrangements to pick up the fire engines and any thing else she may have in her possession.

Robert Cumberland gave a breakdown of training sessions, seminars, etc., to be held at the upcoming Maryland State Firemen's Convention in Ocean City, MD, in June.

He reported on the IAFF local in Maryland that had put out a resolution re career fire fighters volunteering in local departments. It is no longer a local issue--it has gone nationwide and into Canada. The Prince George's Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association asked the MSFA for help. A Task Force was formed, chaired by Second Vice President Terry Thompson, and all of the information was taken to the NVFC meeting in Denver in April. They unanimously voted to come on board in support of the MSFA in their endeavors to make this resolution go away. Two weeks ago, we met with two of the union representatives in Washington, DC, and about the best thing to come out of that was I had a great lunch. We have not accomplished anything other than some "lip service" at this time. They say they have some information put out on what they are going to do. If something is not forthcoming soon, a Congressman from New York will put a resolution on the House floor. We are going to continue working on this problem.

If any of your volunteer members who may work as a paid fireman at another station has gotten threatening letters, please see that I get copies of them. We need all the

ammunition we can get.

NEW BUSINESS

Larry Smallwood brought up the subject of the Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service in October. Nothing is completely finalized as yet and more information will be distributed as soon as it is available. The present plans are that Washington, DC, will be the site of the Memorial Service for Fallen Firefighters this year only, on October 6, at the MCI Center. That may have to be changed as the number of people expected to attend is greater than anticipated.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

Dean Simpson reported that the state-wide campaign on smoke detectors in Delaware where they distributed approximately 4,500 smoke detectors and batteries was a great success. The day they were distributed, a family was saved.

Steve Heefner reminded that the entire year of 2004 has openings for someone to host Booster meetings and Convention. If anyone is interested in hosting one of these meetings, please contact him. McConnellsburg will host the 2005 Convention and Greencastle will host the 2006 Convention. All dates for 2003 are covered.

MOTION BY LARRY SMALLWOOD, SECOND BY ROBERT CUMBERLAND TO ADJOURN. MOTION CARRIED.

The Benediction was given by Assistant Chaplain Ray W. Mowen.

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise E. Dell
Recording Secretary

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