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CVVFA May 15, 2005 Booster Meeting

Fredericksburg, Virginia

May 15, 2005

President J. Allen Brennan called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. The Invocation was given remembering those who have passed and those who need our prayers by Ray Mowen followed by the Pledge to the Flag. There were no guests to be introduced. President Brennan thanked all for their attendance and gave a brief history of the station. Lunch today will be provided by the Virginia State Firefighters Association, thanks. Thanks also to his wife for preparing the lunch.

Roll call was taken by **VP Gene Worthington**. Gene read from list provided by Louise reference the roll call.

OFFICERS

President J. Allen Brennan (VA) - present
First Vice President Gene Worthington (MD) - present
Second Vice President Marshall N. Younker (WV) - present
Third Vice President Steven A. Flickinger (PA) - present
Fourth Vice President Marvin C. Sharp (DE) - absent
Financial Secretary Stephen C. McBee - present
Recording Secretary Louise E. Dell - excused
Treasurer George J. Dove - present
Home Office Manager Stephen E. Heefner - present
Advertising Manager Robert C. Romig - present
Chaplain Charles E. Barnhart - excused
Assistant Chaplain James J. Wharry - excused
Attorney Howard S. Cohen - excused

Gene read messages sent from Louise and Howard.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Gerald L. Holtry (PA) - absent
Richard P. Jones (PA) - excused
James W. Kniceley (VA) - absent
Larry W. Smallwood (VA) - absent
Robert C. Cumberland (MD) - excused



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Wayne A. Baker (MD) - present
Stephen P. Austin (DE) - present
John L. Mitchell (DE) - absent
John R. Ashcraft (WV) - absent
Harry C. Alt (WV) - absent
Wm. Dean Simpson - PP - absent

PAST PRESIDENTS IN ATTENDANCE

George Dove (1965)
Wayne Baker (1982, 1990)
Steve Austin (1993)
Ray Mowen (1997)
Joe Bukowski (1998)
Steve Heefner (2000)
Steve McBee (2001)

Roll call of the general membership was taken. Those members representing one or more companies were asked to respond to only one company with the number of delegates and guests present, and to respond "here" or "present" to the other companies they represent. There were 22 members and 17 guests for a total of 39 persons in attendance, representing 19 companies.

Reading of Communications - A letter was read reference a change of address for John Beatty of WVA. New address 296 North St. Rt. 2 Box 59-W New Martinsville, WV 25155, phone number 304-455-3038. Allen requested all to sign the cards at the front table.

OFFICERS REPORTS

President J. Allen Brennan - President Brennan presented a written report. He made comments from the report. Allen attended the following events.

March 20 - Presided at the CVVFA booster meeting in Keyser
March 24 - Attended the Spotsylvania Board of Supervisors meeting supporting the county volunteer fire and EMS personnel
April 2 - Attended VSFA executive committee meeting in Hampton
April 7 - Attended CFSI dinner in Washington DC
April 8,9 - Attended zone meeting of auxiliary to VSFA in Christiansburg
April 26 - 30 - Attended NVFC meeting in Reno
May 14 - Attended responder safety class in Fredericksburg
I put out flyers in Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania county about the responder safety class

First Vice President Gene Worthington - VP Worthington passed out his written report. Gene also handed out survey forms for those desiring to be appointed to committees next year. He started with good morning, always a pleasure to be with the group. He stated that he has represented CVVFA at 23 events, a listing was part of the report. Gene asked all to remember those ill and absent from our meeting. He reported on some of the activities, attended the state ladies auxiliary of MSFA. Gene attended the MSFA executive committee meeting held in Flintstone, brought greetings from CVVFA and welcomed all to the convention. Responder safety will be doing a seminar in Ocean City and also have a booth set up for display. Please advise the Officers of committee meetings for our attendance if possible. Gene spoke on a special event of attending the Fallen Heroes Day at Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens where they honored six of our fallen. Gene met with Congressman Hoyer in discussion of fire service issues. The Maryland Fire Rescue Memorial Foundation has scheduled a ground breaking ceremony on September 11, 2005 at 2pm, all are welcome to attend. Progress continues to be made on the business and operations plan.

Here are a list of helpful links!

>> [Congressional Fire Services Institute](#)
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>> [Maryland State Firemens Assoc.](#)
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>> [Virginia State Firefighters Assoc.](#)
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Second Vice President Marshall N. Younker - Marshall presented the following written report. Since the last booster meeting, which I missed due to a last work change, I have attended the following events. I attended all my home company meetings, and most of my in county meetings. I also attended a county meeting in Frederick County, VA as well as the annual Apple Blossom Festival in Winchester, VA. My work schedule has finally seemed to be back to normal and am looking forward to getting back on track attending meetings on a regular basis.

Third Vice President Steven A. Flickinger - Steve presented his written report and commented from it. Since March 20th in Keyser, I have attended my own company meetings and trainings as well as county meetings. I have been busy in Newport as we have now changed our department and municipal water supply over to National Standard thread. Thanks to Allen for his hospitality last night and thanks to his company for hosting today's meeting. Steve introduced Rich Brunner who is the President of Newport Fire Company. Please make a commitment to help make our annual convention a huge success.

Fourth Vice President Marvin C. Sharp - Excused. No report.

Treasurer George J. Dove - George presented his written report and spoke from it. He attended all functions of home company Rouss. George served as a pall bearer and guard for the late Vernon Clark, Sr. He served as the assistant director of the Shenandoah Apple Blossom Firefighter parade as well as the starter. Thanks to Allen for hosting the meeting. George reported the following balances in the accounts.

Death Benefit - 939.67
General Account - 14,786.03
CD # 155274 - 68,062.72
Savings - 6,000.00

George continued his remarks at stating as we leave here today, may be always remember the firefighters, police personnel and the boys serving overseas to protect us. May everyone go in peace and God bless.

Financial Secretary Stephen C. McBee - Steve presented his written report. Thank you to Allen Brennan and the Fredericksburg FD for hosting the booster meeting. I now have all members known to me loaded back on the computer. Individual dues notices will be going out in the next two weeks. There will be wording on the notice to tell members they will have until 12/31/2005 to pay dues or be dropped from membership. There are about 600 members with dues currently due. Company dues notices will be out the end of June, with encouragement to pay at the convention.

Recording Secretary - Louise E. Dell - No report due to her illness.

Home Office Manager Stephen E. Heefner - Steve presented a written report and spoke from the report. I would like to thank all those who attended the May booster meeting today. It was a long ride for most, but the area is full of history and charm. Special thanks to President Brennan, his family, the Virginia State Firefighters Association and his department for the excellent hospitality shown to all. I attended the FDIC in April and will be in Harrisburg next week and Ocean City in June. Our convention is coming along well. I am looking forward to a great time in McConnellsburg. In enjoyed another successful year as your home office manager and if elected I will continue to serve.

Publicity Manager - Robert C. Romig - Bob presented his written report and talked about some of its content. I would like to thank President Brennan and the Fredericksburg Fire Dept for hosting this meeting. I taught the highway safety class on Saturday in Keyser. I attended the CFSI dinner in DC, attended FDIC in Indianapolis. I attended all my regular company meetings, BOD meetings, county chiefs and firemen's'

association meetings and our quarterly state chiefs meeting. The program book is doing OK, almost as well as expected, have \$2155 funds in so far compared to \$2800 from last year. Bob taught the highway safety class yesterday with 11 in attendance. Just a reminder that I will not be at convention as my daughter will be graduating from Auburn. My report will be in the program book and someone from Delaware will be in attendance at the convention. I will also have a letter from my company supporting me for another year, if the association desires.

Chaplain Charles E. Barnhart - Excused. No report.

Assistant Chaplain James E. Wharry - No report.

Attorney Howard S. Cohen - Excused, an e-mail message was read.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archives/Historical Committee - Donald M. Ringer - Guy M. Flory - Nothing to report. Guy spoke about the health condition of Louise Dell. He requested that a trophy be sponsored by CVVFA in her recognition. Further discussion ensued.

A MOTION was made to redo the 2nd place trophy to judges award in recognition of Louise Dell, seconded, further discussion. The motion was later withdrawn.

A MOTION was made to rename the trophy in honor of Louise Dell, seconded, verbal passed.

Auditing Committee - Gerald L. Holtry - No report

Budget & Finance Committee - George J. Dove - Everything in order

Constitution & By-Laws Committee - Robert P. Cumberland - A written report was read from Bob. The following bylaw changes are recommended by Howard Cohen the association attorney in reference to the Publicity Manager. This will be the first reading and then we can vote on the change at the convention in August.

ARTICLE V, Publicity Manager

Section 1. The Publicity Manager shall have charge of soliciting, collecting for sponsor space sold, compiling, publishing and distributing the CVVFA's annual book of proceedings, which shall be placed in the mail no later than the third week of July to all member companies and sponsors. The Publicity Manager shall be reimbursed for miscellaneous expenses, approved by the Board of Directors just prior to the opening of the convention and presented on the convention floor for their approval. One Director from each state shall be appointed by the President to assist the Publicity Manager. A donation to each Director, in amount that solely cover individual director's expenses actually incurred in assisting the Publicity Manager, may be considered and set by the Board of Directors. He/she shall be bonded or have similar insurance in the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000); premium on bond shall be paid by the CVVFA. Sponsorship contracts shall be signed by the President, Treasurer and Publicity Manager. He/she shall make an annual report as requested by the Board of Directors, just prior to the opening of the convention and presented to the convention for approval for the ensuing year.

Section 2. The Publicity Manager will have copies of the CVVFA's annual book of proceedings for individual members at the registration of delegates at the annual convention.

Convention Committee - Steven A. Flickinger - Steve spoke on meetings held with McConnellsburg group. Everything seems to be falling in place. Steve asked for some clarification about motel rooms. The host hotel will be the Ramada Inn in Breezewood, everyone is responsible for rooms. Special rates have been made \$49 single, \$59 double, \$69 triple, \$74 quad. Phone number is 800-535-4025. All the convention meetings will be held at the firehouse. Registration will start Wednesday evening. The scheduled events are basically same as last conventions. Steve then introduced Dave Hooper for his comments. Dave further talked about the convention, asked about the number of deceased members for the memorial service. They have 100 badges, asked if that would be enough, recommend 150. Dave stated they have memorabilia here today. The CVVFA sign is on site. There will be activities for the ladies. Antique apparatus will be available for rides. Dave asked all to register for the convention.

Guy reported that \$138 was collected for the recognition trophy in honor of Louise Dell.

Credentials Committee - Marshall Bricker - No report.

Fire Person of the Year Committee - No report, George stated he has nominations.

Fire Prevention Committee - Thomas W. Dell - Tom has resigned from the chairmanship, Hugh Harris will assume chairman.

President Brennan spoke of the report, asked if anyone wished to chair the Fire Prevention committee. Steve suggested that each state Director report back in May with a possible replacement.

Legislative Committee - Robert P. Cumberland - Bernard J. Smith - Neither present, Steve Austin reported on report issued by George Washington University Homeland Policy Institute reference a separate EMS administration. National fire service groups are opposed, as this would place our service in competition within ourselves.

Membership Committee - Wm. Dean Simpson - Absent, no report.

Memorial Committee - Chaplain Charles E. Barnhart, Jr. - Absent, no report.

National Emergency Responder Institute - Stephen P. Austin - Steve gave a verbal report on the status of the grant, will be receiving an extension for \$30,000. Our current grant expires 8/31/2005. We have purchased two laptop computers for highway safety training. We will be purchasing a computer for the attorney's office. We have 5,000 DVD's at the NAFF. There have been many requests for the material. Question was asked about instructor costs, response was that we reimburse their expenses. Additional discussion was offered about information posted on the web sites.

Steve reported on additions to the web page. On June 21, the national fire service will be conducting a national stand down to review fatalities. Steve suggested that we provide a check list for fire stations via electronic mail that firefighters can do right now. Steve recognized several for those helping with Responder Safety.

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

Pennsylvania Delegate - Charles E. Myers - Not present

Public Relations Committee - Charles "C.J." Bens - Absent, no report.

Resolutions Committee - Joseph W. Bukowski - Joe spoke from his written report. Letters and requests were sent to state directors requesting CVVFA fire person of the year and resolutions. Only 4 of the 10 directors replied. Copies have been made to

distribute to the selection committee. I received an e-mail from Louise Dell, suggesting George Dove chair the Fire Person of the Year committee due to her health. She also suggested Gene take over the printing for resolutions. I have one resolution request that I will make under proper order of business today.

Scholarship Committee - Harry C. Alt - Harry was absent. Joe commented on behalf of the committee. Per Harry Alt, I've been asked under proper order of business to bring back to the table the selection of an individual to be awarded a scholarship.

Topics Committee - Stephen P. Austin - No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Joe Bukowski presented the scholarship application of Andrew Milliken for awarding.

A MOTION was made to award a scholarship grant to Andrew Milliken, seconded, verbal passed.

A MOTION was made to name Louise Dell as Secretary Emeritus of the CVVFA, seconded. Discussion ensued about presenting her with flowers along with the dedication of the trophy at convention. Verbal vote taken and passed.

A MOTION was made to present engraved jewelry to Louise Dell, seconded, verbal passed.

Question was asked about the decals, Steve gave a response, will take no action at this time. It was also reported that the 3rd VP badge is missing, Heefner to have by convention.

NEW BUSINESS

The budget was again reviewed with comments pertaining to additional ADP equipment. Expenses budgeted are approximately \$18,500 with income at \$24,000.

A MOTION was made to accept the budget as presented, seconded, verbal passed.

A MOTION was made to go on record to oppose any type of EMS administration under the Homeland Security, seconded, verbal passed.

A MOTION was made to support a fire department stand down on June 21 by all member companies, seconded, verbal passed.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

A discussion was raised on personnel holding elected positions not attending the meetings. It was also discussed on means to attract more people to the meetings. Several suggestions were offered and discussed further. No further business was conducted.

A MOTION was made to adjourn, seconded, verbal passed

Benediction was given and the meeting adjourned at 3:15pm. Allen thanked all for attendance and wished all a safe trip home.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Worthington
Acting Recording Secretary

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