

Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association
 Booster Meeting March 16, 2008
 Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center

President Flickinger called the group together for lunch. Ray Mowen gave the blessing for the meal. The training center caterer provided lunch. Steve called the meeting back to order at 13:00 hours. He asked Ray for the invocation. Ray started by asking for those needing to be on the prayer list. He then offered prayer followed by the pledge to the flag. Ernie Rojahn gave the welcome on behalf of Lancaster County. He spoke about the passing of Johnny Johnson, PP from the state of Pennsylvania. Ernie gave a history of the facility, which started in 1967 and an overview on the training provided. Steve presented the complimentary check to our host in appreciation for holding the meeting. Steve also thanked Ernie and the county association for sponsoring the new applicants into the CVVFA from the training class held on Saturday.

Introduction of Guests – Mike Cox from Lampeter Fire Company

Secretary Worthington took roll call with 84 being recorded in attendance.

TITLE	NAME	OCT	BOARD	MARCH	MAY	BOARD	CONV
President	Steven Flickinger	1	1	1			
1st Vice President	Jerry Daniels	1	1	1			
2nd Vice President	Walter Robertson	1		1			
3rd Vice President	Greg Yost	1	1	1			
4th Vice President	Michael Sullivan	1	1				
Treasurer	George Dove	1	1	1			
Financial Secretary	Stephen McBee	1	1				
Recording Secretary	Gene Worthington	1		1			
Home Office Manager	Stephen Heefner	1	1	1			
Publicity Manager	Robert Timko		1				
Chaplain	Charles Barnhart						
Assistant Chaplain	James Wharry						
Attorney	Howard Cohen		1				
Pennsylvania Delegate	Charlie Myers	1	1	1			
Director, Pennsylvania	Gerald Holtry	1	1	1			
Director, Pennsylvania	Steven Haines	1	1	1			
Director, Maryland	Robert Cumberland	1	1				
Director, Maryland	Wayne Baker	1	1				
Director, West Virginia	Rodney Kelley	1	1				
Director, West Virginia	Harry Alt	1	1	1			
Director, Delaware	Steve Austin	1	1	1			
Director, Delaware	Robert Hahn						
Director, Virginia	Lee Holler	1	1				
Director, Virginia	Allen Brennan	1	1				
Past President	Marshall Younker						
	Totals	19	19	12	0	0	0
Past Presidents		12	0	7	0	0	0
Maryland Fire Depts		11	0	6	0	0	0
Delaware Fire Depts		5	0	4	0	0	0

Virginia Fire Depts	15	0	5	0	0	0
West Virginia Fire Depts	17	0	1	0	0	0
Pennsylvania Fire Depts	28	0	25	0	0	0
Grand Totals	107	19	60	0	0	0

Communications – The Secretary read a thank you letter from Janet Bricker stating, thank you for sending the money from the CVVFA after Norm died. I appreciate you taking care of that for us.

Motion to accept the minutes with any corrections of the October booster meeting by Charlie Myers, seconded by Walter Robertson, no further discussion, voice vote taken, motion passed.

Motion to accept the minutes from the Board of Directors meeting in January by Bob Trace, seconded by Steven Haines, no further discussion, voice vote taken, motion passed.

Officers reports –

President Flickinger read from his written report. Good afternoon, fellow Officers, members and guests. Welcome to the Lancaster Firemen’s Training Center for our March booster meeting. Since our last booster meeting, I have attended my own company’s meetings and trainings, my county’s meetings, which I am pleased to announce we are now outfitted with highway safety vests. I have also attended our annual Board of Directors meeting in Halfway, MD. I attended banquets in Halfway, Hancock, where I had the opportunity to install their Officers for the current year, also attended banquets in Liverpool, PA. and New Bloomfield, PA. Thanks to Ernie Rojahn for his efforts to bring today’s meeting and yesterday’s training to this wonderful facility. Hope to see everybody at our future meetings and trainings.

First Vice President Daniels presented his written report and commented from it. Mr. President, fellow Officers, members and guests, my thanks to the Lancaster County Fire & Rescue Association for hosting yesterday’s highway training class as well as today’s booster meeting. I appreciate the fact that they paid the dues for all the participants yesterday. Since our booster meeting in Berkley Springs, I have attended all my company’s board of directors and regular business meetings. I have attended Fire Police meetings in New Castle and Kent Counties. I attended the Delaware State Fire Police Executive meeting and quarterly State Fire Police Association meeting. I also attended other meetings and special events. In January, I participated in the train the trainer pilot course in Orlando. This event went well and from the experience the NUG training program will only get better. Looking forward to coming events as the weather gets nicer. Once again I’d like to thank the Lancaster County Fire & Rescue Association for their hospitality and sponsoring this training weekend and today’s meeting. I wish everyone a safe trip home and I look forward to seeing you again soon.

Second Vice President Robertson submitted a written report and spoke from it. Mr. President, Officers, members and guests, I would like to thank Lancaster County for hosting the class yesterday and meeting today. Since our last booster meeting, I have attended all of my company, county and state meetings, also I want to thank those who sent emails and cards when my mother passed away in January.

Third Vice President Yost presented his written report and stated hello to everyone and thanks for attending today. Also would like to thank the Lancaster County Fire Association for hosting the meeting. Since the Board meeting in January, I have been busy with my fire company and CVVFA activities, I attended all my company meetings and county association meetings. I also was appointed to our county budget committee and am assisting in preparing next year’s budget request to the county commissioners. I recently had the privilege to attend a seminar put on by Bill G. It was one of the best I have ever attended. I urge any of you who gets the opportunity to listen to him.

Fourth Vice President Sullivan was absent, however he submitted a written report. I have been busy lately, I recently accepted a promotion at my job and was not able to attend the booster meeting

because of my anniversary. But in case you want to put it in there the only thing I have been able to do is attend all of my company meetings and functions and also working with the convention committee.

Treasurer Dove presented his written report. Account balances are as follows:

CVVFA #4100840 death	739.67
General Account	10362.13
CVVFA HH bonds	6000.00
CVVFA #236	76767.56

I spoke with the Bank of Clarke County as had been requested from the past meeting about debit cards, will report later on that. We have 40 new applications for membership, which is being paid for by the Lancaster County Firemen's Association, which brings in another \$200. We had an excellent Train the Trainer with 53 plus a few walk-ins. Thanks go out to Ernie and his staff from the Association for the past two days. George reported on the Apple Blossom parade on May 2nd, known to be the World's largest firefighters parade. As of now we have 18 bands, 2 bag pipe bands, 40 antique trucks, 73 fire companies and does not include the queens. The Honorary Fire Marshal will be Larry Gatland and Jerry Rice whose daughter is the queen.

Financial Secretary McBee was absent, however he submitted a written report. The secretary read the following: I would like to say I'm sorry I am unable to attend the booster meeting, but even as you read this report, I am lying by the pool in beautiful Marathon, FL. And working on my sunburn. Individual dues are still trickling in for 2007. I have attached a list of members that have not yet paid and would ask for direction on deleting them from the rolls. I plan to send out dues notices by June 1 for this year. I will also be mailing the dues notices to member companies on or about June 1. I obtained quotes from Provident and VFIS for the Accident policy, per the request at the BOD meeting. There are several options included, but the minimum premium for the least coverage would be almost \$1,000 per year. This is based upon a maximum of 12 events per year and a total of 40 volunteers. In order to hold down the cost, this only contemplates CVVFA events where the Responder Safety Booth is used and does not include the convention or attendees at the CVVFA convention. In order to provide coverage for attendees at the convention, the premium would be based upon our total membership of over 1,000 individuals. The only other possible option for coverage would be a worker's compensation policy. This would be more cost prohibitive than the Accident Policy. It would also require multiple policies as some states are monopolistic in nature and require coverage by purchased in that state. Although there is some risk with the use of volunteers at the booth, I believe the better option would be to use proper risk management practices to lessen the likelihood of an accident. Also request volunteers to notify their home companies that they are volunteering for the CVVFA & Responder Safety on behalf of their fire department, rescue squad, or agency and request that this time be included in the volunteer hours for worker's compensation or department Accident policy.

Recording Secretary Worthington reported on his activities by attending all the local, county and state meetings required. The secretary's office has completed all business of the association as requested. I did have an opportunity to testify on several bills in Annapolis with written testimony. Thanks to Ernie and the Lancaster County folks for the hospitality.

Home Office Manager presented a written report. Officers, members and guests, welcome to Lancaster County Training Center and today's booster meeting. Thanks to Ernie and Barbara Funk for assisting with the meeting and events. Since the BOD meeting, I have been busy communicating with FASNY, New Bloomfield VFC and the Best Western in Berkley Springs arranging lodging and other activities. I received scholarship applications and have forwarded them to the committee chair and the MVA stickers for the CVVFA trailer. I'm working with Bob Cumberland moving forward with our Internet sales. As always, I welcome any companies who would like to host a future meeting or convention.

Publicity Manager Timko was absent due to a business trip in Kansas. Bob Trace reported they are actively seeking ads for the convention book. Patron ads for \$2 are for sale.

Attorney Cohen was absent, however sent a report which reads: I continue daily struck-by research activity in support of ERSI and am unaware of any active legal concerns and hope things stay that way.

Pennsylvania Delegate Charlie Myers reported on a quarterly meeting to be held and that he would be in attendance.

Directors reports –

Pennsylvania Director Haines presented a written report and thanked the host company for holding the meeting. Since the Board meeting, I have attended my own company and county meetings. Also, I have been working on my resolutions and getting ads for this year's convention book. Looking forward to seeing everyone in New Bloomfield for May's booster meeting. Take care and have a safe trip home.

Pennsylvania Director Holtry presented his written report. The secretary read the following: Mr. President, Officers and Ladies and Gentlemen, welcome to Pennsylvania and Lancaster County. A thank you to the Lancaster County Firemen's Association and Ernest Rojahn and his group for hosting this weekend's activities. This is a beautiful complex and a dream of many other counties and organizations. Cumberland County is starting this center and communication center this spring on the county home property at Carlisle across the street from the prison. Gerald listed his activities. He was re-elected one of the Lieutenant's in the Shippensburg Fire Police and Trustee of the Cumberland County Fire Chiefs.

Maryland Director Wayne Baker's report was given by Steve Heefner stating he is very busy with his work building the elementary school. He apologizes for not making the meeting and assures everyone to see them at convention.

West Virginia Director Alt had no report.

Delaware Director Austin reported that he had spoken with Bob Cumberland earlier on the phone. He has several motions to bring up under the proper order of business.

Committees –

Archives – no report

Auditing – no report

Budget & Finance – no report

Business & Ops Plan – no report

Constitution & ByLaws – no report

Convention – Chairman Bob Trace said he has spoken with Berkeley Springs and thought they would be at the meeting today, unfortunately they were not. I will follow up with a call.

Steve Heefner reported on the motel listing and he has two rooms reserved for guest speakers, wants to know if that is OK. The room nightly cost will be \$69. All the rooms are being held for CVVFA folks, however you need to reserve on your own early. The phone number is 304-258-9400 and toll free number is 866-945-9400. President Steve announced that the Board of Directors meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday evening. The audit committee will meet earlier.

Credentials – no report

Emergency Responder Safety Institute – Chairman Steve Austin spoke about the upcoming events needing help with the display. Hopefully, Bob Cumberland will be back with us and coordinate the roster. We will be at Harrisburg and the Fire Expo in Baltimore. Passes will be given to the booth participants. Steve spoke about the new booths obtained, the photograph was gotten from Florida. Our thanks for the support received from FEMA and the DOJ has allowed us to obtain these items. He continued by reporting on our compliance with the federal rule on vests. Steve showed an A/V show and spoke about the slides. He further spoke on the NUG training "Managing Emergency Incidents on the Roadway." Steve spoke about the training class held on Saturday, specifically the table-top exercises. He then spoke about the new DVD program on highway training. He then listed all the training sessions for the upcoming months all over the country. Steve reminded all to view the web page for constant updates. He continued to speak on Phase II of our grant requests, which would be to develop standards. The student evaluations from Saturday's class were excellent. Steve then presented an A/V program on the

update to the safety vests from Ron Moore. Vests can be either in orange or lime green as the background color. We recommend that you have a vest policy, simple statement “If your feet are on the street, your vest is on your chest.”

Secretary Worthington presented Steve a training packet received from the MD State Highway on a flagger program for his use.

Fire Corps – Steve Austin reported that this grant program has been completed.

Fire Person of the Year – no report

Fire Prevention – Chairman Yost presented a written report and spoke from it. We are working on two topics, first being the CVVFA sponsored training. The second topic is a fire prevention display at convention. Greg has been appointed to the MSFA Fire Prevention Committee and hopes to get some resources from them. There was some discussion about having vendors at convention. The President advised to work with Berkeley Spring and the convention committee in coordinating this.

Grants – Chairman Steve Austin reported on the application being assured to receive \$50K from the Fire Administration. This should carry our program through next year. Our current grants have to have a 0 balance by June 3.

Topics – Chairman Steve Austin reported working on speakers for convention

Web Page – Chairman Steve Austin spoke about the current status of the site. He has spoken with our vendor about some concerns. We would like to change our current platform, however will cost us some money. CVVFA will be changing to FireCompanies.com. for a cost of approximately \$500 annually. Steven further spoke about the logistics of the new site allowing databases and archives into the program. He asked for approval of the site change. We continue to work on the Reputational Management seminar held.

Resolutions – Chairman Bukowski sent a written report, since I will not be attending the March meeting, here is the report. The May meeting is the due date for state directors requesting any resolutions to be presented at this coming annual convention. A list of this year’s 50 year members was included in the minutes posted by the secretary from the Board meeting. Thanks to Financial Secretary McBee for researching the list.

Scholarship – Chairman Harry Alt has received 17 applications this year. The committee met today for hand out and review. Our recommendation will be at the May meeting.

Unfinished business –

Jordan proposal – VP Robertson stated the committee continues to evaluate the proposal and should have a recommendation by next meeting.

Accidental insurance policy – The President spoke further about Steve’s report and gave the quotes for the policy ranging nearly \$1,000. Discussion ensued from several with their opinions. Consensus from the floor to drop the insurance quotes and ask the individuals working the booths to advise their home company on their tasking requesting the workers comp would cover these folks.

Delinquent member list – Steve showed the list of several pages. These are folks that have not paid since 2005. Discussion ensued from several about an opinion. Harry Alt read from the by-laws which gives them membership until this convention.

Motion that we send out one more dues notice and if not paid by convention, they will be dropped from the rolls by Steve Austin, seconded by Walter Robertson, further discussion, voice vote taken, approved.

Discussion continued about the mailing procedure. We recommend mailing be done by first class combining the convention notice and dues notice together. Steve Heefner and Steve McBee will coordinate the mailing.

Assistant Chaplain positions – The President stated he has spoken with the other Officers and feels the matter to be held over until talking with the Chaplain.

New business

Motion that the Association purchase a ticket as we do every year for the President for the CFSI annual dinner by Steve Austin, seconded by Sweetman, no further discussion, voice vote taken, approved. Steve stated that Greg Yost would be attending.

Motion that the Association move our web site to FireCompanies.com with a price of approximately \$500 annually by Steve Austin, seconded by George Dove, no further discussion, voice vote taken, approved.

Steve Heefner stated that he has the life member cards with him. They will be given out at convention with encouragement of the Directors to have them present.

George Dove reported on debit cards for the Association. Three cards will be gotten with a limit of \$1500 for the Treasurer, Secretary and Home Office Manager.

Motion that the Association obtain the debit cards for the Officers mentioned earlier by George Dove, seconded by Steven Haines, no further discussion, voice vote taken, approved.

Good of the Association -

Ernie made some comments reference the National Benefit Conference in reference to a fund raiser by the state of Pennsylvania for oil spillage cleanup.

PP Austin spoke on the upcoming CVVFA Presidents Council on April 19 to be hosted by New York. There is an agenda for the weekend with a reception on Friday night at 6pm. Complimentary breakfast will be served at the hotel, a bus will take us to the Firemen's Home for the meeting leaving at 8am and meeting to start at 9. Lunch will be served at 1pm provided at the home. After the meeting a tour will be held at the museum and home. The bus will return you to the hotel around 6pm.

Steve again reminded all that the May booster meeting will be held at the New Bloomfield VFC in Perry County. Lodging will be at the Days Inn nearby in Harrisburg with a group rate of \$81, contact them directly for reservations. The highway safety class will be held on Saturday, May 3. The President has invited all to a social event at his home on Saturday evening.

Steve Austin asked for help at the end of the meeting for the displays.

Motion for adjournment by Harry Alt, seconded by Robert Trace, no further discussion, voice vote taken, approved.

Ray Mowen gave the benediction, meeting concluded at 14:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Worthington
Recording Secretary