

Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association

Booster Meeting October 20, 2013

New Franklin VFC Chambersburg, 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 a buffet style turkey dinner. WOW, what a meal!

The meeting was called back to order at 12:50 to resume the business of the Association. The pledge to the flag was lead by PP Charlie Myers. Jim asked Chief Ralph Yager to come forward and give the welcome on behalf of the host company. Chief Yager welcomed everyone here today which was followed by applause. Jim presented the complimentary \$100 check for our host company.

Introduction of Guests

Miss MSFA Fire Prevention Danielle Crane

MSFA 2nd VP Johnny Roth

MD Fire Chiefs President Rick Blair

President Watson asked for installing officer PP Steve Austin to give the oath to VP Bill Keller who was absent at convention ceremony. Bill was declared duly installed and given a round of acknowledgment by the group.

Roll call by Recording Secretary Gene Worthington with 83 Officers, delegates/representatives and guests in attendance

TITLE	NAME	OCT
President	James Watson	1
1st Vice President	Walter Robertson	1
2nd Vice President	Hoby Howell	1
3rd Vice President	Bill Keller	1
4th Vice President	Rich Brunner	1
Treasurer	George Dove	1
Financial Secretary	Stephen McBee	1
Recording Secretary	Gene Worthington	1
Home Office Manager	Stephen Heefner	1
Publicity Manager	Curtis Alleman	
Chaplain	Charles Barnhart	
Assistant Chaplain	James Wharry	1
Attorney	Howard Cohen	
Pennsylvania Delegate	Charlie Myers	1
Director, Pennsylvania (2015)	Donna Welsh	1
Director, Pennsylvania (2014)	Mike Whitzel	1
Director, Maryland (2015)	Dave Lewis	1
Director, Maryland (2014)	Robert Cumberland	1
Director, West Virginia (2015)	VACANT	
Director, West Virginia (2014)	Mike Sullivan	
Director, Delaware (2015)	Harry Balthis	1
Director, Delaware (2014)	Steve Austin	1
Director, Virginia (2015)	Steve Switzer	1
Director, Virginia (2014)	Allen Brennan	
Director, New York	Dave Jacobowitz	1
Past President	Steven Haines	1
	Totals	20
Past Presidents		12
Maryland Fire Depts		12
Delaware Fire Depts		5
Virginia Fire Depts		7

West Virginia Fire Depts	1
Pennsylvania Fire Depts	25
Others	1
Grand Totals	83

Reading of Communications

Secretary Worthington read a letter from Curtis Alleman whereby he desires to resign his office effective September 23, 2013. In the letter he recommended his replacement of Bob Timko who has held the position in the previous years. Bob has done a great job in this position in previous years. Curtis desires to remain involved, however due to personal reasons must resign now. This will be an action item later in the agenda.

The Secretary asked for help in locating Richard Baker from Centennial for his 50 year certificate leftover from convention. It was suggested that the company may be located near Hanover.

President Watson asked for a motion to approve the convention minutes, moved by VP Robertson, seconded by VP Howell, no further discussion, verbal vote taken, motion passed. Jim also stated some other business will be brought up under new business. He then reviewed some of the unfinished business that would be discussed later.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

President’s Report – James Watson

I’d like to thank the Officers and members of the New Franklin FD in Chambersburg, PA for hosting this booster meeting. WOW, the year is off to a fast start, attended the FASNY convention in Albany, NY August 20-23 and had the booth set up for three days and signed up people for the Association and Responder Safety, DVFA conference in Dover, DE September 11-14 and had the booth set up for three days and signed up folks also, and PA firemen’s convention in West Chester, PA September 26. Since the last meeting, I’ve attended my company meetings, Board of Directors meetings, County firefighters meetings and County Fire Chiefs meetings and the State Fire Chiefs meetings. I attended a firefighter’s viewing and funeral for a 50-year member of my department and family member. I have given out a few applications to new prospective members and have encouraged other organizations to join ours.

First Vice President’s Report – Walter Robertson

Since convention I have attended all of my fire companies fund raising activities, and meetings. I have also taught a few EVOC classes, and attended all of my county meetings as well as county committee meetings. Also I want to thank the New Franklin Fire Company for hosting this booster meeting.

Second Vice President’s Report – Hoby Howell

We would like to thank the New Franklin FC for your hospitality in having our booster meeting here today at your facility. We appreciate your dedication to your community and our Association. Since the last booster meeting, I’ve attended my regularly scheduled fire company meetings, drills Fallston VFC, MSFA. Attended Harford/Cecil meetings, missed our last couple due to work. I would also like to take this time to thank President Watson and the Delaware group from CVVFA for the hospitality shown to my wife and me at your convention at Dover. The memorial that your fire academy orchestrated for your deceased men and women was superb, for the over 120 deceased individuals, thanks again.

Third Vice President’s Report – Bill Keller

Welcome and thank you to the New Franklin FC of Chambersburg, PA for hosting the meeting today. I attended the 112th annual convention in Shippensburg. Since the convention I have taught Hazmat awareness, EMT recert, confined space rescue, MCI awareness and operations and instructor update classes. I hope everyone enjoys the upcoming holidays and get to spend some time with families. Be safe and see you all in January at the Board meeting.

Fourth Vice President’s Report – Rich Brunner

Good afternoon President Watson, CVVFA Officers, members and guests and welcome to the CVVFA October booster meeting. Special thanks to New Franklin FC 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. Since our last meeting, I have attended all of our company meetings, training and functions. I also attended training at the Harrisburg Area Community College, Fire Safety program on background checks for new members. This was a very valuable training and essential to helping to protect the integrity and reputation of our volunteer organizations. I have also been involved very extensively with our truck committee and have learned a lot regarding the FEMA requirements and more importantly IRS requirements. 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	800.00
General account	23,802.28
Savings	90,681.07

Financial Secretary's Report – Stephen C. McBee

Steve is asking help for finding addresses, anyone who can help see Steve today.

Recording Secretary's Report – Gene Worthington

Thanks to New Franklin for hosting our booster meeting today. The minutes from convention have been transcribed and sent out for review, no comments were received. Once approved here this weekend, I will start the proceedings book and have it ready for the Board meeting. Unfortunately, my local printer who allowed me the usage of his equipment has retired, therefore we will need to make some adjustments. 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

Welcome to the village of New Franklin and the New Franklin FC. Thanks Chief Yager for hosting today. Once again thanks to Charlie, Vivian Myers, Gerald Holtry and all the committee members for an excellent convention in Shippensburg. Since our convention, I've been busy making arrangements for the coming year's events. I processed and mailed over 800 postcards to all members who are not on our email list. I attended the DVFA annual conference and the annual fish fry of the Citizens FC #1 of Newport. I distributed all correspondence mail to the proper chairs and attended my committee meetings. Please see me for bookings of future booster and convention meeting dates starting with 2015. Hope everyone has a safe travel home. Any questions or concerns, please see me after the meeting.

Publicity Manager's Report – Curtis Alleman has resigned, letter read earlier.

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. Vivian Myers will be going back into Hershey Hospital on Thursday. Roby Robertson is still undergoing some medical issues. Thank you to the New Franklin FC of Chambersburg for hosting this meeting. Please contact me if you need a sympathy card or thinking of you card sent for one of our members.

Attorney – Howard S. Cohen – absent

Delegate to Pennsylvania – Charlie Myers

Thanks to all the out of state guests for attending the PA convention, the PFSI dinner will be November 23 at the Penn Harris Radisson.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORTS

Pennsylvania -Donna Welsh (2015)

Mr. President, members and guests, it is good to see everyone. I would like to thank New Franklin for hosting the meeting. Since convention, I have attended my company meetings and some of the fundraisers. I attended the FEMA AFG training in Harrisburg and spent a couple hours at the ERSI booth on I81 in Greencastle. I was re-elected to serve as Chairman of the Fulton County Local Emergency Planning committee and attended the local EMS trainings. I have introduced the folks to the ERSI safety network and I hope they use it in the future.

Mike Whitzel (2014)

Good afternoon Officers, members and guests, thank you New Franklin FC for hosting the meeting and your hospitality. I attended my fire company, Officers, Firefighters relief meetings. I helped and supported the company at our fundraisers. I give fire reports to five 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 the monthly school safety meeting, attended County firefighter meetings. I was in attendance at PA Firemen's legislative federation conference call meeting. I attended the NFFF memorial service. I was a family escort for Steve Fritz from Wisconsin. I have been in touch with my state reps and our congressman on various different types of emergency service issues and concerns. My fire company took delivery of our 2014 KME rescue pumper on October 10, a lot of trips and meetings before the delivery. Four of the townships and boroughs pay for this apparatus. There is a lot more to do training and mounting tools and equipment. I'm promoting CVVFA by letting emergency service responders know that we have free highway safety training for them. I'm looking forward to working on the committees this year. Thank you for letting me serve as PA Director.

Maryland - Dave Lewis (2015)

Let me begin by thanking the membership for electing me as one of the two MD Directors during the convention. I was honored to be asked to run for this position and even more honored to have been elected. I congratulate Wayne Baker for his past service to CVVFA in this position and am certain that he will continue to support the activities in other capacities. I also pledge my full support to the CVVFA and promise to assist in fulfilling our organization's mission and objectives to the best of my ability. I would like to thank the Franklin FC for hosting today's meeting and showing us their hospitality. I always enjoyed visiting new fire stations when I rose through the chairs of MSFA and my new role with the CVVFA provides new opportunities to visit additional fire stations from around the five-state region. Since our convention, 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. In addition to being one of the MD Directors to CVVFA, I also serve as one of two MD Directors to the NVFC. This provides me with additional access to information and programs to assist our member companies as well as influence national initiatives that impact the volunteer fire and emergency services. A copy of my travel itinerary is attached to this report that outlines some of the activities that I have been involved with since our convention. Part of the highlights of the last several months include visits to the state conventions of New York, Delaware and Pennsylvania. I thank each of these states for their hospitality and allowing myself and other representatives of the MSFA to attend their conventions. I return the invitation by inviting everyone to attend our convention next June 15-20, 2014 in Ocean City, MD. Plans are already underway for our convention especially considering the major construction activity that will be occurring at the convention center starting this month and extended through the next year. For the past 10 years, I have been very involved with the AFG program. Since our last meeting, I have presented several workshops across MD to allow our departments to get ready for the upcoming grant application period. I also had the opportunity to travel to Georgia to serve as a peer panel reviewer for the SAFER grant program. I would strongly encourage departments to take advantage of the three grant programs under AFG and offer my assistance to any departments who may need help in completing an application. I had the pleasure of attending both the candlelight service and the annual memorial service held by the NFFF. Due to the closure of the government, the services had to be relocated to off-site facilities. However, with support from MD Congressman Steny Hoyer, USFA Administrator Mitchell, and FEMA Director Craig Fugate, the NFFF was permitted to bring the families to the memorial. We thank those leaders for making this possible for the families who have lost a loved one in the line of duty. In closing, it is a pleasure service as a MD 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.

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 want to congratulate President Watson and the other officers on being elected to your position within the CVVFA and will help you in any way I can to promote the Association and ResponderSafety Institute along with Firefighter Behavior. I want to thank the New Franklin Fire Department for hosting today's Booster meeting and fine meal that they provided. We were invited to the I-81 visitor center for Fire Prevention week again this year and I

want to thank Bob Timko and the other association members that handled this event. I received e-mail message Joe Jordon of Emergency Training Associates in Taneytown, Maryland in reference to the fee that the credit card charge them for the transaction for new membership or renewal of memberships. They are getting charged 30 cents per card transaction plus 2.5% of the total which is 13 cents. They are collecting 20 cents from the association and getting charged 43 cents which means they are losing 23 cents each time they get a membership application. I am requesting that we allow ETA to collect 45 cents from the association for each transaction. For the months of June, July, September we have received **\$169.00** all for membership renewals or new applications and this is where we are making the most money from the store, not on the sale of the association merchandise. I have been reappointed to the Board of Visitors to the National Fire Academy for another 3 years representing the association by Administrator Craig Fugate. That means my term will last until September 30th, 2016. The board was to have met this past Thursday, Friday, and Saturday but could not because of the Government shut down.

West Virginia - Vacant

Mike Sullivan (2014) - absent

Virginia - Steve Switzer (2015)

My wife and I recently purchased a new home in Hot Springs, VA in June and the summer has been spent on doing some remodeling, cutting trees and installing an outdoor wood furnace. The intended move date was by August 20th before school started in Bath County due to getting a full time bus driving job. That date was accomplished with the most important items moved and continuing to move more over the next few weeks. I am currently a member with the McDowell Fire Dept. in McDowell, VA and awaiting an application for the Hot Springs Fire Dept.

Allen Brennan - (2014)

A message was received from Allen stating he would be in attendance at his 55th high school reunion this weekend, hopes to see everyone at the Board meeting.

Delaware - Harry Balthis (2015)

Thanks to New Franklin for hosting the booster meeting, since convention I have attended the DVFA conference and PA convention.

Steve Austin (2014)

It is good to see some our younger members out today, let's continue to get those folks engaged and involved in our Association.

New York - Dave Jacobowitz

First thanks to New Franklin FC for hosting today. Charlie, I want to thank you for your work during convention. Thanks to Steve allowing me to march in the parade, what a great day that was. I want to thank CVVFA for their resolution thanking me for my participation. Thanks to those attending FASNY convention, we set up the ERSI booth and think we had a pretty good turnout. It was great for people from outside the state to come. Quickly, we have 6 legislative bills passed, one of them the novelty lighter bill. It was signed by the Governor and hopefully they will stop selling in about 50 days. We also had a LOSAP bill that was vetoed by the Governor which we will be re-introducing. We invite the fire service to come to Albany once a year for a weekend this year Nov 2 and 3. We want the sectionals to bring their thoughts to the meeting and then we decide which we are going to support. Some are very unique due to their local nature. I was unable to attend the national memorial weekend. We added 9 new names to our state memorial, very emotional ceremony. Again, thank you for your hospitality.

Past President - Steven Haines

I would like to say thanks to New Franklin for hosting today's booster meeting and congratulations to you and the other Officers for this coming year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Ray Mowen stated that Guy has moved into an assisted living facility and also Richard Jones has entered into a home. As for the archives, just yesterday I received some badges. Ray provided a list below to complete the collection.

HOCO FIRE MUSEUM

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THE HOCO FIRE MUSEUM OF THE RESCUE HOSE COMPANY, GREENCASTLE, PA, HAS A DISPLAY OF CUMBERLAND VALLEY VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION CONVENTION BADGES. THE FOLLOWING YEAR'S BADGES ARE NEEDED FOR DISPLAY:

1901	1911*	1943+	
1902	1913*	1944+	HFM HAS OVER 130 BADGES
1903	1914*	1945+	IN its COLLECTIONS
1904*	1917	1955	
1905*	1920	1971	
1906	1921	1986	
1907*	1923	1989*	
1908	1925*	2004X	
1910	1942+		

* PARTIAL BADGE
(?)

+ NO BADGE ISSUED

X NO BADGE ISSUED

CUMBERLAND VALLEY VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION CONVENTION BOOKS ARE NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING YEARS: ALL BOOKS PRIOR TO 1938 (EXCEPT 1924, 1932, 1935), 1940, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945 AND 1956.

THE MUSEUM WILL ACCEPT DONATIONS AND/OR LOANS. REASONABLE PAYMENT WILL BE OFFERED IF A PERSON WANTS TO SELL. IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO PART WITH THE BADGE, WOULD YOU PLEASE SEND ME A PHOTO OF THE BADGE FOR OUR ARCHIVES.

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Auditing Committee – Steven Haines no report
Budget & Finance Committee – George J. Dove
All finances are OK

Business & Operations Plan – Greg Yost

We are going to reschedule a meeting and go from there.

Constitution & By-Laws Committee – Robert P. Cumberland

I received an e-mail from President Watson concerning the spring meeting to coincide with the Presidents Council meeting. The Council sets their own dates and if you look under Article 7 of our by-laws, gives the President the latitude to set the meeting date accordingly with the approval of the Directors, therefore I don't think we need any further action. The other item was being able to conduct business electronically between the Officers, in that same Article gives the President that capability. In talking with the Attorney, maybe we should give some more clarification. Today, I was given a concern about life membership, we will review this. We have not made any changes since they were rewritten in 2007.

Convention Committee – Steve Flickinger

Thanks again to Shippensburg, great convention, especially the parade route. All of the prizes have been taken care of, judges awards plates redone and has been paid. Sponsorships list needs some updating, will report at the January meeting. This coming year, hopefully the same folks will sponsor again. We met earlier today with Chambersburg convention committee, Dick Hershey will give the report, here again they are a step ahead of us. We are tentatively looking at the Holiday Inn Express. Steve Heefner commented on a concern, only want to block 20 rooms that far in advance. They want a guarantee for additional rooms, which leads to the problem who is going to pay for those. Our average is about 40 rooms each year for convention. A question was asked about their cancellation policy, want a cutoff date to reserve July 1, which also is a problem. Dick Hershey brought greetings, commented about the meeting locations and additional logistics. Most activities will be at Fayetteville. We plan to meet again with Steve and Steve and Bob Timko. We will have more as the year progresses.

Credentials Committee – Jeff Ringer - absent

Emergency Responder Institute – Steve Austin

We started the day with a good committee meeting and would ask some of those to speak about some specifics. Greg, our CFO, class on Nov 2 and 3 at Williamsport, we are co-sponsoring a training symposium. Dr. Cassaway will be our featured speaker. The \$60 fee will be waived for CVVFA members to include lunch at the middle school. Greg gave a review of the financial accounts, basically four active at this time.

Dave Lewis, continuing education manager, reported that MIEMSS will give 1 credit for each hour of our learning network towards EMT recert. We will reach out to the other states for the same.

Steve Austin continued by commenting on the meeting tomorrow morning with the Washington County Technical HS Fire & EMS Advisory Board, this is a combined project we have with the NFFF. We have identified Washington County as being one of the premier technical high schools when it comes to providing fire education to students. We have asked them if they would be interested in expanding their base by some on-line training. They seem to be supportive at our first meeting. We are also working with them on the seat belt pledge, so this will be a ground breaking opportunity for us. He gave an overview of the grants, where are we, what to expect in the next few weeks and into the future. We will be doing some additional filming Nov 5 in DE. We submitted the PSA on MoveIt to federal highway, awaiting their comments. We have received word from NFA that they are interested in doing some more work with us. Steve gave an update on the federal highway contract, closed the deal in August. We just received an invitation to attend the Fire Chiefs conference in Daytona, FL late January. He asked Candice to speak on the invitation from Ohio. Candice reported on the Fire Corps conference of Ohio for responder safety statewide April 25. We are hoping to have a training class from CVVFA.

Grants – Steve Austin

You heard some and will have more to say later.

Fire Person of the Year Committee – George Dove

Nothing at this time.

Fire Prevention Committee – Erin Drumheller

Erin is in New Jersey this weekend, still looking for some help with the IFireprevention site. Most everyone looked at Danielle trying to make her feel guilty.

Legislative Committee – Bob Cumberland

Bob asked Steve Austin to comment on the health care act insurance. At the CFSI meeting this week, they passed a resolution dealing with two items in the act, first the IRS determined the definition of what a volunteer firefighter is, basically they use a common law definition if you are reporting to someone then you are an employee. Due to the partisan politics with the health care, not too many legislators are ready or eager to stand up. The second part of the resolution dealing with a career firefighter has some serious concerns. If you get health care from your employer and it is a real good plan and part of your benefits, if it is over \$10,270 annually, it is called a Cadillac health plan. What happens is you have to pay 40%, in many cases career firefighters have them. Feel confident that the national organizations are working tirelessly in correcting these measures.

Bob asked all to keep their attention on this, sign up and voice your opinion to your congress folks.

Memorial Committee – Chaplain Charles E. Barnhart, Jr.

Assistant Chaplain stated nothing to report.

Parliamentarian – Howard S. Cohen - absent

Public Relations Committee – Rich Toulson - absent

Publicity – Robert Timko - absent

Recruitment & Retention – Allen Brennan - absent

Resolutions Committee – Jerry Daniels - absent

Scholarship Committee – Harry Balthis

We are looking into additional funds for scholarships, would like to have some corporations to sponsor. Hopefully we will have some ideas to act upon at the Board meeting.

Sgt At Arms – Wayne Baker

Nothing

Sign Trailer – Wayne Baker

My health has kept me from doing much with the trailer, will do soon.

Training Weekend – Greg Yost

This has already been covered earlier.

Topics Committee – Stephen P. Austin

We will get with the convention committee later in the year.

Web Page Committee – Stephen P. Austin

We have already reported.

Youth Leadership – Erin Drumheller - absent

Reputation Management – Tom Savage

Austin reported Tom was unable to attend the meeting, talked to him Thursday. Claudia gave an update on the website and Twitter. We are always looking for some help. Candice gave a report on the NVFC grant to do a reputation video, develop a PSA. Dave added some additional information on the NVFC discussions to provide funding. VP Brunner gave some additional comments about the class he attended at Harrisburg, referenced much reputation issues. Rich spoke about Act 168, an arson background check, was told that every PA volunteer firefighter is required under this Act. No one in the class had ever heard of this even though the Fire Commissioner's office was reporting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Promotional package and agreement with booster meeting partners – Heefner

Progress

Classified ads on the web page – Bruner

Rich has had some conversations with the attorney, basically we should start as a pilot to see if there is interest and to make sure the web site will handle, then evaluate the cost compared to the proceeds.

Franklin-Fulton County Association – Mowen/Austin

Hopefully Mr. President you can dissolve this committee today. We met this morning to finish up the gift received from them. As stated previously, we could not conduct any discussions with them until after receipt of the gift, then we can have lots of discussions. Here is our recommendation, we want to divide the gift into two parts, first would establish some more scholarships for about \$6200 which would be used until the funds are exhausted. The second half of the money, we are suggesting we establish an endowment account with the purpose to build the principal to such an amount that the earnings would support a scholarship or such purpose. The account would further memorialize the generous gifts from the former Franklin Fulton Association and preserve its memory. A question was asked about the \$6200, response it could not be spent, remain as endowment. We know there are some other Associations may be interested in doing same. The endowment account would be a great place for individuals or fire companies to provide a memorial gift or honor someone. We expect to do considerable advertising in the future on this endowment. Bob Cumberland made the motion to accept the recommendations of the committee for the funds we received, seconded by Harry Balthis, no discussion, verbal vote taken, motion passed.

We have another recommendation and that is reciprocity for any fire department in Franklin Fulton counties who are not members of CVVFA would be invited to join for two years at no cost for dues. Any existing members from the fire departments would be given a waiver of dues for two years and new members waived for the two years. Ray has agreed to reach out to all of the companies and make them aware of this proposal. Bill Keller made the motion to accept this recommendation, seconded by Hoby Howell, no discussion, verbal vote taken, motion passed. Steve asked the President to dismiss the committee, no there is interest from another Association. The President will rename this committee and charge them appropriately.

PA sales tax exemption – PA Directors

No progress

Long range planning – Watson

We had a couple of dates set up, however they fell through for various reasons.

Presidents Council combining with booster meeting – Bob Cumberland

This was reported on earlier by Bob.

Challenge coins – Hoby Howell

Hoby showed the two proposals and made some comments about each with prices. A general discussion ensued about some specifics. Motion was made that the committee be authorized to proceed with the blue design as proposed with initial purchase of 300 coins to be sold at \$20 by Dave Lewis, seconded by Walter Robertson, discussion, motion amended to sell coins to members for \$10 and non-members for \$20 by Dave Lewis, second OK with amendment, verbal vote taken, motion passed.

Memorial service time – Charlie Barnhart

Not present

By-laws article on voting procedures – Bob Cumberland

Nothing further, question was asked about eligibility to vote, advised that is under consideration.

Articles 8 portion was read in reference to credentials, maybe the by-laws committee should define credentials.

Health care act on volunteers – Jim Watson
This was discussed earlier.

NEW BUSINESS

Bob Cumberland spoke about our agreement with Emergency Training Associates, 95% of our business is dues renewals, in conversations with them, and we have no written agreement on credit card purchases from at the store. They are being charged a fee each time a credit card is used. Motion to allow them to collect 45 cents from each transaction to cover their costs for transactions by Bob Cumberland, seconded by Bill Keller, no discussion, verbal vote taken, motion passed.

The second part of this is for the CVVFA to look at creating our own dues payment system, possibly through PayPal or some other agency. Jim asked Bob and Steve McBee to investigate further and report at the Board meeting with an update.

The President stated that he has spoken with Bob Timko and he is willing to accept the vacant publicity manager officer position. Motion was made to place Bob Timko into the publicity manager office by Bill Keller, seconded by Hoby Howell, no discussion, verbal vote taken, motion passed.

The President asked the body to make motion for a plaque to be presented to Dr. Bass, Executive Director of MIEMSS for all his years service and support given to the CVVFA and be presented at his retirement party. Motion made for same by Bob Cumberland, seconded by Hoby Howell, verbal vote taken, motion passed. President Jim will get the plaque and coordinate the presentation.

President Jim requested a plaque be presented to Aetna in celebration of their 125th anniversary this year. Motion for same by Bill Keller, seconded by Hoby Howell, verbal vote taken, motion passed.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

Grey Yost spoke about the Cumberland Valley day at the ball park, looking at June 28 and July 12. A concern was raised about the price of the tickets. Greg will go ahead with the plans for one of the dates.

President Watson thanked all who give their time and efforts in support of CVVFA. Please forward your invitations to us and we will try to accommodate your requests.

George Dove reported on his computer condition, need to evaluate and look into replacement.

Dave Hoover thanked all for condolences and cards during the recent death of his mother.

Motion made to adjourn at 14:50pm, meeting adjourned.