

Cumberland Valley Volunteer Fireman's Association
2020 Fall Booster Meeting by Zoom
October 24, 2020

The day was opened by President Allen Baldwin at 8:30 am.

2nd Vice President Candice McDonald started with an ice breaker for all attendees. It was fun looking at all the old pictures and guessing who they were.

Jack Sullivan then did a presentation which was a training update on Emergency Responder Safety. The presentation was informative, and they are extremely busy with education and networking.

The meeting was called to order at 9:14 am.

The invocation was given by Chaplain Charlie Barnhart

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Past President Cumberland and recited by all in attendance.

Roll call was taken by Secretary Watson via the list of attendees and will be attached to the minutes.

President Baldwin made opening remarks.

Awards:

The Joe Bukowski award will be presented at the Spring Booster meeting.

The Gary "Happy Jack" Easton award was awarded to Evan Still of Newport, Pa. Jim Watson read the letter that was submitted and will be attached to the minutes. He suggested that a group of the CVVFA Officers go to his fire company meeting to present the award. Jim will follow up with a potential date.

Honorary Membership: Steve Austin reported that they were able to get a Medical Director which is needed for CAPCE Accreditation for NREMT and Medics. He is and ER physician, Dr. Michael Dailey from Albany Medical College. A motion was made by Steve Austin and seconded by Joe Kroboth to present Dr. Dailey with Honorary Membership. Motion carried.

Communications: None

Reports:

President Baldwin-Submitted electronically.

1st Vice President Kroboth-Submitted electronically.

2nd Vice President McDonald-Submitted electronically.

Immediate Past President Yost-No report.

Treasurer Daniels-Submitted electronically.

Financial Secretary Watson- He reported that he will be sending a list of deletions to Pa.

Fireman very soon and the roles will be up to date.

Secretary Watson-Requested all reports be sent to her so that she has them all for the records.

Treasurer Emeritus Dove- No report.

Home Office Manager Cox-Greencastle still wants to host a meeting so maybe the Spring.

Publicity Manager Romig-No report.

Chaplain Barnhart-Reported later in meeting

Assistant Chaplain Wharry-No report but it was reported he recently had a pacemaker installed and is doing well. A card will be sent per Secretary Watson.

Attorney Cohen-No report.

Board of Directors:

Steve Austin-Submitted electronically but did mention that Past President Carol Hawbaker has died. Dr. Harry Carter is still facing challenges. Secretary Watson will send cards to both. We have updated our official address for legal matters.

Bob Cumberland-Submitted electronically but thanked Donna Welsh and Doug DeHaven for helping to move the Highway Safety supplies. He has recently had requests from No. Carolina and So. Carolina for information/supplies.

The meeting was turned over to 1st VP Kroboth as President Baldwin has a family commitment.

Bill Mortimer-No report per an email to Secretary Watson.

Dave Lewis- He updated us on some issues in his area. He was honored with the James Seavey Health and Leadership Award and was congratulated by all in attendance.

Tony Correia-He has been representing Responder Safety at meetings. He was elected 1st Vice President to the NJ State Chiefs Association. He is doing webinars and will get us on it. Hoby Howell-Submitted electronically.

Donna Welsh-No report except that she helped move the Responder Safety stock with Bob and Doug.

Committees:

Budget-Sent in printed form and Gene Worthington has had no further request for additional funds.

Archives-Steve Austin reported he had received a piece of memorabilia and will scan to the website.

Auditing-No report.

Booth & Show Support-Bob Cumberland reported they are moving the booth equipment, so it is easier to access. They are putting in shelves and organizing it.

Business & Operations Plan-No report.

Community Risk-Doug DeHaven and his daughter Shelby have been working on this and many congratulations to them for all their work.

Constitution & By-Laws-Dave Lewis reported the 2nd reading of the By-Law change is today and we will vote on it under new business.

Convention-Steve Heefner reports that the 2020 convention was cancelled but he has secured McConnelsburg for 2021, Williamsport for 2022, a tentative for 2023 and 2024 and Newport for 2025.

ERSI-Steve Austin stated that Jack Sullivan had given a great report. The website is up to date.

Fallen Fire & Emergency Provider Benefits-Joe Kroboth reports that there was a tremendous response from the Convention, and it is fully funded from the generous donations. He hopes we never need it. If you have not sent in your donation you can send it to Jerry Daniels.

Family & Member Activities-Possibly having a holiday social event per Joe Kroboth.

Fire Person of the Year-No report per Walter Robertson.

Grants-Steve Austin reports we await finalization of tracking request extended. We are working on two 2 yr. programs. They need help because they have plenty of work. Bob Cumberland reports that he got a MD grant for highway safety. He has contacted a traffic coordinator through Todd Leiss named Tracey Fox. He encouraged her to join us. We may be able to get a PA highway safety grant. Doing Poconos/DE Water Gap outreach.

Joe Bukowski Award-Previously reported it will be awarded at the Spring Booster meeting.

Legislative-Submitted electronically. Bob Cumberland reported we have NVFC support and we need to write our legislators for funding. He has attached a sample letter to his report.

Long Range & Business Planning-No report.

Media & Communications-Steve Austin is working with Stonehouse Media. Candice McDonald is their social media influencer for the videos and information. It is on the CVVFA and Responder Safety brand.

Merchandise-Mike Cox reports he has lapel pins available. His mailing address is 2099 S. View Rd., Lancaster, PA 17602.

Nominations-No report.

Parliamentarian-No report.

Public Relations-No report.

Publicity-No report.

Recruitment/Retention-Tony Correia reported we need to share the information across Media, websites, etc. He needs the contact information of other committee members. We need a brochure for online and to handout that says who we are, what we do and to really engage people on why to join us. Social media and websites best to get the message out.

Reputation Management-Submitted electronically by Candice McDonald and Dave Lewis. Candice is helping groups with diversion & inclusion via webinars. Dave Lewis said the NVFC and MSFA have formally adopted a diversion/inclusion statement. Candice reported that FDIC is putting together a virtual academy.

Resolutions-No report.

Scholarships-Submitted electronically. Two were awarded at Convention. Hoby Howell had submitted suggestions to President Baldwin to update the website to match the scholarships. Hoby is unable to be in attendance because of training at his Fire Company today.

Topics-No report.

Training weekend-Report by Doug DeHaven.

Youth Leadership Award-Jim Watson reported earlier on same.

Organizations-

NVFC-Dave Lewis reported the meetings have been cancelled. The committees are working virtually. Keep training active online. There are numerous opportunities online. They are seeking alternative funds due to all the places they would normally receive funds due to everything being cancelled. The Health & Safety initiatives are continuing. The Lavender Ribbon report is being revised. They are working on Mental Health issues with an addiction focus. They are partnering with the National Suicide Helpline, "Share the Load". Federal Program (88 has been signed by President Trump.

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FEMA/AFG Grant Programs-Submitted electronically.

Chaplain Barnhart made a report to those present.

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Unfinished Business:

A motion was made by Dave Lewis and seconded by Walter Robertson to approve the minutes from the 2020 virtual Convention. Motion carried.

Dave Lewis reported on the revisions and updates for the By-Laws. Dave reminded everyone to submit any changes to him for the Spring Booster meeting.

A motion was made by Walter Robertson and seconded by Bob Cumberland to accept the 2nd reading of the By-Law change. Motion carried.

Jim Watson read the scholarship updates from Hoby Howell to the group.

New Business:

Bob Cumberland reported that there is a new department, Carroll County Fire & EMS which is a combination department, led by Chief McCoy.

Good of the Association:

Steve Heefner spoke with Jerry Daniels and Steve Austin regarding the mailings. He gave Kim Watson the new address for Wayne Baker. He remarked on the upcoming scheduled Conventions as previously listed. He is working on locations for 2023 and 2024.

George Dove recently had a pacer placed and is doing well.

Thomas With remarked that he has had an opportunity to work with Dr. Dailey and he was a great choice as an Honorary Member.

Bob Cumberland announced that Westminster Fire Company will be celebrating their 200th Anniversary in 2023. They have a commemorative ornament for sale on their webpage.

Larry Gwaltney, the VSFA Executive Director thanked us for being able to attend. He was asking for resources for fire extinguishers and was given several options to check on (Lowe's, Home Depot, Ace Hardware). Possibly get Doug DeHaven on it.

Todd Leiss thanked the CVVFA and ERI for continuing to report on struck by incidents, they recently had two. They had a Move Over Legislation Rally which Jack Sullivan, Candice McDonald and Bob Cumberland attended and were able to share data. On 10/21 new legislation was passed which is awaiting the Governor's signature.

Joe Kroboth gave some history of the Move Over Law and that CVVFA took the lead originally. The benediction was offered by Chaplain Barnhart.

We are hoping to have the Spring Booster meeting in person but otherwise it will be by Zoom. We will keep you informed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Walter Robertson and seconded by Dave Lewis. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Watson
Recording Secretary

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President Allen Baldwin

1st Vice President Joe Kroboth, III

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Director Bill Mortimer

Director Tony Correia

Director Dave Lewis

Director Steve Austin, PP

Director Bob Cumberland, PP

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Rod Ammon

Tim Weir

Charles Barr

Doug DeHaven

Gerald Holtry

Richard T. Perillo

Mike McMichael

Michael Brown

Joseph Chornock

Evan Still

Larry Gwaltney

Ken McMahan

Thomas With

Walter Robertson

Colleen Gemmill

Steve Heefner

Bill Betts

Jeff Ringer

Ernie Rojahn
John Cudo
Gene Worthington
Mike Whitzel
Todd Leiss
Kate Tomanelli
Jack Sullivan
Dorothy Welsh
Ken Pienkowski
Tom Savage
Jim Woznicki
Steve McBee
Tim Dayton
Rick Blair