

Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association
Spring Booster Meeting via Zoom
May 15, 2021

President Baldwin welcomed everyone to the meeting at 0830 hrs.

He introduced Chief Billy Shelton, Dick DeVore, and Wayne Powell to the group. They gave a presentation on the **National Fire** Heritage Center. The address to them for donations or any information is P.O. Drawer 76, Emmitsburg, MD 21727. The Chief Archivist is Dick DeVore and his phone is 301-876-3454 and his email is archivist@fireheritageusa.org.

The meeting was opened at 0916 hrs. by President Baldwin.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Past President Bob Cumberland.

Officers Reports:

President Baldwin: In written form.

1st Vice President Joe Kroboth: In written form.

2nd Vice President Dr. Candice McDonald: In written form.

Past President Greg Yost: No report.

Treasurer Daniels: In written form. He gave some updates. The membership is good. The pins are being sold through the Office. The Memorial fund commitments have all been received.

Financial Secretary Jim Watson: The dues are arriving timely. We have 800+ members. He is working on the departments and will be sending out letters to them. Many of the companies are using the Responder Safety information. He has some issues **about electronic dues payments** that he will speak to Steve Austin about later. Jack Sullivan asked about PayPal for the dues. It is costing \$.79 per transaction and \$15 per year. Candice McDonald said we can add as a link on our website. Secretary Deb Watson: No Communications received.

Treasurer Emeritus Dove: No report. He is currently in the hospital.

Office Manager Mike Cox: No report.

Publicity Chairman Bob Romig: In written form. He mentioned that the 1st ad he received was from Dr. Harry Carter. He would like to have an ad from each person, either personal or business. He reviewed the prices and said the ads are due 6/30. The form was sent to all Officers to help gather ads from their contacts. Steve Austin said he will post on the website. Candice stated we should hit all media sites. Bob Timko has a publicity guy he can use to help.

Chaplains: No reports.

Steve Austin: All reports in written form. He reminded everyone to use Amazon Smile when they buy through them as we get a donation from each purchase.

Bob Cumberland: In written form. He is working closely with the MD Highway with grant monies. He gave a shout out to Todd Leiss for the great program in Manheim on 4/27. The content was the Move Over Law. He thanked Doug and Shelby DeHaven for all their help at Jim Kimball's organizing the materials there and they developed an SOG for the booth/materials.

Shelby De Haven helped with the technical work and developed an inventory list.

Doug DeHaven said the Chambersburg Harley Davidson event re: Move Over Law went well. Hopefully, we will get back at the Welcome Centers soon. We have some allies in NC and SC that are distributing materials in the welcome centers. We have sent them RAC cards and coloring books.

Yestersday, Bob, Jack, Candice, and Doug met with Joe Fetterman and MDD.org to partner with them.

President Baldwin said he works with Va. DOT to get stuff set up before Memorial Day and other holidays.

Bill Mortimer: No report.

Dave Lewis: No report.

Tony Correia: His email is acorr1954@gmail.com.. Move Over NJ is putting the information in finally. There is research being done regarding what affects people with distracted drivers- influences like kids. Professional development road map provides guidance and ideas. NJ Fire Chiefs President Bill Smith sends regards.

Candice McDonald said they are looking at changing the behaviors on ???cares. She is partnering with Joel to get the curriculum out to people to change these behaviors.

Tony Correia said more focus is being put on the public/civilians. Jack Sullivan said to add to the Community Risk Reduction Committee. There is a study by the National Safety Council that was paid for by CVVFA. A link <https://www.enddd.org>.

Hoby Howell: No report.

Donna Welsh: In written form.

Committees:

Budget- Gene Worthington thanked Jerry Daniels for his monthly reports. He said financially we are in good shape. The budget process starts next month again. Please send needs to him soon. Archives/History-No report.

Auditor-No report.

Booth-No report.

Business Operations-No report.

Fire Safety-Doug DeHaven stated his report is in written form. He worked with Bob Cumberland to clean up all the information. The Kiosk at the Mall is going well. Shelby had guests use the website in March/April. The Manheim show was great. Shelby is working on adding resources to the website. Experts write a blog post to the website. Mental Health will be May. There will be a link on the website to a form to request handouts from us for your event. Please be sure to like the Facebook page and website. They will be meeting with Candice and Steve Austin to enhance the social media plan. Our success is when we prevent an issue with safety. We can get those stories online for others to learn from.

By Laws- No report.

Convention- Steve Heefner reported there have been regular calls with Steve Austin, Joe Kroboth, Hoby Howell, Wayne Baker and Donna Welsh discussing going forward with plans. Jim Watson asked for open dates for meetings so he can ask around for potential places.

Responder Safety-Steve Austin stated there is a lot going on. They continue to look for funding for projects. USFA **has asked us about doing further work with them**. They have not heard about the Fire Grant. They are working with the MD State Highway Authority. National Traffic Incident Safety Awareness week is coming up. Research grant application is in **with** Embry Riddle **University**. They are making great head way due to the group of committed people that are on the forefront of all that is happening. They still need help and engagement from more persons. Please get people involved because we are proud of the work, we are doing saving lives. Jack Sullivan is involved with a program for autonomous vehicles on Monday-Tuesday next week. In Fire Engineering June edition there is an article. We will be back on the road as soon as things open. We are going to FDIC, FRI, FH Expo and Interschutz. We have a Podcast out now. We are having an impact nationwide. Bob Cumberland mentioned the MidAtlantic Safety Council will be having their meeting virtually on 9/28.

Fallen Firefighter Emergency Benefit- Joe Kroboth sent out correspondence to Departments that have had LODD, Chris Taylor (12/20) of WV Air National Guard and Laura Medora (4/21) of Selbyville, De. The balance in the account is \$6031.42. It is fully funded now, and we can pay out a max benefit of \$2500. Thanks to all that contributed.

Family/Member Activities- No report.

Fire Person of the Year-No report.

Grants-In written form.

Joe Bukowski Award-Possibly will be awarded in September at the PA Convention.

Law & Legislative- Bob Cumberland is following. He hopes that everyone was able to benefit from the Cares Act monies.

Media- Steve Austin reported we are in good shape. He is working with Jerry and Jim with PA Fireman.

Merchandise-No report.

Nominations-No report.

Parliamentarian- No report.

Public Relations-No report.

Publicity-Bob Romig asked if we have a printer yet? Steve Austin will speak with Chip and let us know. Jim Watson said he spoke with Stephanie at PA Fireman and she said they can help us with this project.

Recruitment & Retention- Tony sent out a message to everyone asking them to brainstorm some ideas and get back to him. He received no responses. He would like to have a Zoom meeting in September to brainstorm for ideas and then update the program. We need to recruit younger people and connect with them to see what they are doing. He will schedule a meeting asap. They are interested in hoses, halogens and Hurst tools.

Reputation Management- Candice said webinars are being done. The next is NVFC on Wednesday at 2 pm.

Tony said we need to develop a relationship with government entities. **PFESI has** a program **which is part of the** SR 60 project.

Resolution- No report. If anyone has a need then forward to Jerry Daniels and Gene Worthington.

Scholarships- No report.

Topics for meetings-No report. Training week- Work with Franklin County Training Center for the Greencastle meeting.

Youth Leadership- Jim Watson is ready to go with the helmet presentation to be done at the Newport, PA Fire Company. They meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday. Please send in persons that are eligible to receive this award. The information is on the website.

Larry **Gwaltney** Executive **Director** VSFA reports it is a pleasure to join us. It is critical to engage with younger members. They have met and will have a live Convention in September. It will be a joint meeting with the First Responders Association from 9/22-25 in Va. Beach. The registration will be available soon. There is an online auction for the VSFA to raise funds for LODD on 6/10-13.

Old Business:

A motion was made by Jim Watson and seconded by Bob Romig to approve the fall meeting minutes in printed form. Motion carried.

Jim Watson requested we investigate a flashier letterhead. Candice, Steve Austin, and Shelby will work on it.

Jim Watson gave the report for Delaware- We plan to have our Conference from 9/14-17, but we are looking for a venue as Dover Downs was sold to Bally's. The Chief's meeting will be on Thursday at Cheswold, Steve Austin reports they picked the Chase Center recently.

New Business:

There is a lot of work going on in the background. FDIC changed their date, and we will need to change our Convention date. A motion was made by Bob Cumberland and seconded by Dr. Harry Carter to change our Convention date to 8/14 at 0900 hrs. It will be virtual by Zoom. They will record the meeting since Secretary Watson cannot make it. Motion carried.

The Fall Booster meeting will be held in conjunction with the PA Convention. It is 9/23-25 in Limerick, PA. Our meeting will be 9/24 at 0900 hrs. at the host hotel. The Chicken Headers will meet with the CVVFA starting next year. This is a great opportunity for us. Make your reservation online soon.

President Baldwin stated we will meet in 2022 as follows: Spring Booster 5/14-15 at Greencastle, PA. **Convention at Williamsport MD 8/3-6** and Fall Booster 10/15-16 in Fredericksburg/Stafford County, VA. Doug DeHaven requested a list of members and companies with their emails. Jim Watson will mail this to Steve Austin to post in an area that is password protected.

Tony Correia shared two links with everyone. Support National EMS Week.

<http://www.aceo.org/administration/ems-resources/emswEEK/>

<https://www.usfa.fema.gov/ems/ems-week.html>

Bob Cumberland reported that MSFA is a virtual Convention this year. A motion was made by Bob Cumberland and seconded by Dr. Harry Carter to donate \$500 to the National Heritage Center. Motion carried. Send the proper information to Jerry Daniels.

Candice echoed the thoughts of all online today that it was wonderful to see Dr. Harry Carter join us.

The meeting was closed at 1057 hrs. by President Baldwin.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Watson

Recording Secretary

CVVFA Spring Booster Meeting May 2021 Attendees:

Allen Baldwin, President

Joe Kroboth, 1st Vice President

Dr. Candice McDonald, 2nd Vice President

Jerry Daniels, Treasurer PP

Jim Watson, Financial Secretary PP

Deb Watson, Recording Secretary

Steve Austin Director PP

Jack Sullivan

Tony Correia Director

Bob Timko

Bob Cumberland Director PP

Joan Cumberland

Dr. Harry Carter

Charles Barr

Doug DeHaven

Shelby DeHaven

Gene Worthington PP

Greg Yost PP

Bob Romig

Steve Heefner PP

Donna Welsh Director

John Cudo

Carl Fischer

Paul Sterling

Mike Whitzel

Christopher Straub

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Dick DeVore

Wayne Powell

