

Cumberland Valley Volunteer Fireman's Association
Spring Booster Meeting
held at Greencastle, PA
May 15, 2022

The meeting was opened at 9 am by President Joe Kroboth.

The meeting was held in person and via Zoom. The attendees will be noted after the minutes.

Borough of Greencastle Mayor Ben Thomas gave the invocation.

The pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Thomas welcomed us and made remarks.

PP Steve Austin gave Mayor Thomas a copy of the National Law Enforcement book.

Greencastle Hose Company President Cheryl Mowen (Daughter-in-Law of member Ray Mowen) welcomed us and made remarks.

President Kroboth gave a small token of appreciation to the President Mowen.

Roll call of Officers was done by Secretary Watson and will be recorded in the minutes.

President Kroboth made opening remarks. He mentioned that many of the reports are on the back table and have been submitted electronically. He really appreciates all the persons who volunteer for the CVVFA and offered his thanks for their dedication. He mentioned the three training programs that were held yesterday and reviewed the highlights of their presentations. He spoke regarding the tour of the Chambersburg Fire Museum last night. We were able to get two new members from that event.

The minutes from the Fall Booster meeting have been sent out electronically, posted on the website and there are copies on the back table. A motion was made by George Dove and seconded by Walter Robertson to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Officers Reports:

President Kroboth-Submitted electronically, copy provided.

1st Vice President McDonald-Submitted electronically, copy provided.

2nd Vice President DeHaven- Submitted electronically, copy provided.

Treasurer Daniels-Submitted electronically, read by Secretary Watson.

Recording Secretary Debbie Watson-no report but requested all attendees sign in and that all reports be forwarded to her.

Financial Secretary Jim Watson-He reported there will be a new format for the dues notice cards. First Choice will be doing our mailings. He has received dues from 625 members. He wants to develop a new way to collect dues. President Kroboth said we may need to update the credit card payment method on the website. Steve Austin said the dues notice will come up for approval. There was discussion regarding the changes at the PA. Fireman.

Home Office Manager Bob Cumberland-He is home and doing well. He thanked everyone for their cards, calls, etc. He is concerned with the room reservations. He had reserved 20 rooms

and only 8 were used. Paperwork needs to be scanned and sent to him. He thanked Shelby and Doug DeHaven for all their help with the merchandise. He stated he needs a computer for his work.

Publicity Manager Bob Romig-No report.

Chaplain Chares Barnhart-No report.

Board of Director's Reports:

Director Steve Austin-Submitted electronically, copy provided.

Director Allen Baldwin-No report.

Director Anthony Correia-No report.

Director Hoby Howell-Reported on the events he attended.

Director William Mortimer-No report.

Director Walter Robertson- No report.

Director Donna Welsh-Submitted electronically, copy provided.

Committee Reports:

Membership-Jim Watson had no report.

Recruitment & Retention-Anthony Correia was not present but has a brochure to be brought up under New Business.

Publicity-Bob Romig is not present.

Budget & Finance-Gene Worthington had a couple requests and they are to increase the stipend for the meeting places from the current \$100 and the Community Risk Reduction group needs to be a line item.

Audit-Gerald Holtry said the books need to be audited soon and he would like a new Chairman for the committee.

Constitution & By-Laws-David Lewis was not present and no report given.

Scholarship-Hoby Howell has not received any applications in 2 years. He wondered if Mike Cox or Bob Cumberland may have gotten them in the Home Office. Some corrections need to be made to the application. Steve Austin said the address was corrected. We need to encourage our eligible members to apply. They were due 3/1. A motion was made by Bob Cumberland and seconded by Hoby Howell to extend the deadline to 6/15 but only for this year. Motion carried.

Convention Committee-Steve Heefner announced the upcoming years and places:

2022-Williamsport, MD (hotel Holiday Inn Express at Clear Spring, MD)

2023-open but possibly in Va.

2024-Halfway, MD

2025-Newport, Pa

2026-open

There were handouts for the 2022 --121st Convention. It will be 8/3-6. Chief Shane Roy will be the keynote speaker. We got word that he will not be able to attend but the President of the American Fire Sprinkler Association will be the keynote speaker now. The National Fire Academy Superintendent will be the Banquet Speaker.

On Thursday there will be the picnic dinner and a roundtable discussion titled "Legacies and Legends". Friday meetings and Banquet. Then on Saturday there will be a parade and an Antique apparatus show afterwards. The Memorial Service will be held at the Lutheran Church. The hotel will be \$90 for a King and \$110 for a double Queen room. There will be a Hospitality room cosponsored by the Chicken Headers (they are in attendance today). It has an indoor pool. Steve Heefner had spoken to Tony Correia and Candice McDonald regarding contacting some places for meetings and Convention when at the CFSI dinner. Chief Ball mentioned President Kroboth's theme of "Together we alter the future". It would be wonderful if we could eliminate LODD, D Driver problems, and increase the volunteer numbers. He is looking forward to the Convention. He said they last hosted in 1948.

Emergency Responder Safety Institute-Steve Austin asked for Doug and Shelby DeHaven to make comments on their program educating the public on D drivers. They attended Vision 20/20 in Tennessee. Shelby reported on events and Doug commented that we are getting our brand out there. Joel Feldman of NDD has school-based programs and is getting help from Rod Ammons and Stonehouse Media to get our information out via Webinars. Collaborations with groups increases the information going to the public. Todd Leiss has some upcoming activities. Really pushing out information on D Drivers and the Move Over Laws. There are handouts available and having information booths at upcoming events. Todd Leiss then spoke about the program next weekend at the Turnpike Headquarters. Jack Sullivan will be presenting. There was Light Up the Night at Hershey Medical Center, which was a slow drive by of fire apparatus for the children. They will do it again in March of 2023.

Steve Austin reviewed the current contracts. He reviewed the grants that currently have and the possible ones for the future. He has contacted a bookkeeping firm in Halfway to help keep track of these. He needs help especially with the spreadsheet paperwork regarding the grants, application, and reporting. The contract with the US Fire Administration regarding the lighting study is complete. We have the study regarding the markings for the back of apparatus and visibility. They have a Trauma Surgeon who is doing a human behavior study. The University of Alabama extended their work with us. The NVFA is still working on scene safety. The MDOT has handouts, and they await approval for funding for 10/1/22.

Rod Ammon works with a National Network of credible people and all of them are involved with the development of resources, videos, and handouts. We are reaching people all over. The Modules have logged 97,000 sessions from 47,000 people. The National TIMS education has logged 61,000 sessions from 50,000 users. It is public information and education for everyone. Reputation Management-In written form. Steve Austin reported the PSA shoot was very successful. Rod said they are doing a series of survivor stories. They mounted a camera on the

side of the truck to show people how it feels when cars/trucks are flying by them. Joe Kroboth did an excellent job telling the story of his father's accident and loss. The Ohio Turnpike is playing the videos.

Steve Austin reported that with Ernie Rojahn's retirement our relationship with Pa. Fireman has changed because the new owners have decided not to give the CVVFA members a free subscription and they are not doing our mailings anymore. They will continue to publish items, but it will be in a little obscure spot. He contacted the new owners, and they had no real response. He will try to talk with them at the Expo. Discussion ensued regarding the changes. We are their largest subscriber and contributor for articles. We received a bill from them for \$4039, which is \$5.77 per subscription. They have sold the printing press and laid off several people. We used grant money to pay this as it is publicity. The recommendation is that we do not see the value in keeping this relationship, but you can still submit articles. A motion was made by Walter Robertson and seconded by George Dove to discontinue our relationship with the Pa. Fireman. Stephanie gave us the number of cards they have of ours and will be shipping them to Doug DeHaven after the Fire Expo. Steve did make a personal call to Tim Edwards of Fire Service News, and they are interested in working with us more closely. They will publish our articles.

Steve Austin reported that the law firm we have used, Wertime Guyer, LLC is changing. They have a large file of paperwork for us to pick up by 6/21. A resolution was proposed to allow the corporate office (Doug DeHaven) to pick up the file. A motion was made by Steve Austin and seconded by Jim Kimble to approve the resolution. Motion carried.

Community Risk Reduction- Doug DeHaven reported they passed around a book geared towards Pre K-2nd grade. He is marketing the Association on all material that is distributed. Three E's-Education, Enforcement, and Engineering. A huge thank you goes to Doug, Rod and all that have been helping. Joe Kroboth mentioned they have been doing a great job of logistics and tracking.

President Council Committee-They will have this at Convention. The invites have been sent out and have had some RSVP's. We need to work on the discussion points.

Nominations-This is a work in progress per Walter Robertson. He has received four letters of intent. He needs them by 6/15.

Fallen Fire & Emergency Benefit Committee-Joe Kroboth reported that there is a balance of \$6052. We can pay out up to \$2500 per request. He has sent four letters of condolence to the following departments: Clayton, DE, Swatara, PA, Wilmington Manor, DE, and Baltimore City, MD. They are still accepting donations to keep this fund solvent.

Booth & Show Support-Doug DeHaven asked for Bob Cumberland to report and he said that MDOT received a grant and there have been two trips to their centers. They have a police car and fire truck for kids to put together and they want to add an ambulance to these handouts.

He also said with Pa. opening up more they have been to King of Prussia and Greencastle. They still need support for the shows, they have one in MD coming soon and one in PA this weekend. A huge thanks to Doug and Shelby DeHaven, Dave Lewis, Jerry Daniels, and all that have helped in any way.

Fire Person of the Year Award Fire -Walter Robertson reports it is a work in progress.

Joe Bukowski Award-Steve Heefner reported it is certainly his honor to work on this and he needs the applications to him by 6/1. The information is on the website or in handouts.

Legislative-Bob Cumberland reports he has been working with NFPC, IAFF, IAFC and Federal Legislators.

Long Range/Business Plan- No report.

Media and Communications (website)-Shelby DeHaven reported not to use Responder Safety.com but to use ERSI on Facebook. Rod Ammon reported on the international statistics. We have 120 countries, including Russia using our website.

Public Relations-No report.

Resolutions-No report.

Training Weekend-Joe Kroboth reported the classes yesterday were great.

Youth Leadership-Jim Watson reports he is waiting on two letters from companies in Delaware but has not received any from other states. Please encourage people to nominate and get him the letters by 6/30. There is a link on the website.

Archives/Historical-A cabinet was put together by Greencastle with memorabilia from CVVFA. It is an amazing collection.

Old Business:

Auditing Process-Do we want to keep it the same, which is internal audits for four years and an external audit every five years? The 990 filing we do with help from an accounting firm. Steve Austin said we monitor our records and don't do a full audit because it is costly. Administrative costs need to be a line item. We need a process in place due to getting grants and place it in the By-Laws.

New Business:

Chambersburg Fire Museum-Joe Kroboth reports that CV Hose Company affiliation and has reengaged with them. The building needs some work and there are some small groups keeping it together. Our artifacts are stored there. We need to consider a donation to them either one time or a yearly set fee. We could also set up a day to go help them clean out, pain, etc. After discussion ensued a motion was made by Bob Cumberland and seconded by Donna Welsh to ask the Budget committee to add a line item for an annual donation of \$500. Joe Kroboth amended the motion to include we negotiate an MOU with the group with stipulations to formalize the relationship. The motion and amendment carried.

The Home Office Manager, Bob Cumberland, asked for a laptop so he could keep all the CVVFA information on it but then he would like to get shown how to store the information on the Cloud. Bob will report on it at the Convention.

Todd Leiss has a vision for a Mega event. He reported we already had 65 emergency responders killed in 2021 and 24 so far for 2022. The Move Over Rally went great. He sees it as a multi-state event (Pa, Md, Va, WV, NJ, De, Oh). It will take a year of planning and we need to approach Police agencies, DOT, Fire Companies, etc. The event can include federal and state agencies to raise awareness. We could have NC, SC and Ga join in. He wants the Associations support to proceed with the plans. He would like to include survivor and family stories regarding the impact it has had on them. Education on D drivers, Move Over Laws, and other safety aspects. Create a national unified message, get sponsors, and promote. A motion was made by Doug DeHaven and seconded by Donna Welsh to support this initiative in the I-81 and I-70 corridor. Motion carried. Bob Cumberland suggested they bring Todd Leiss on board to assist. Pete Kirby of Va State Firefighter Association stated it is a great concept and maybe make it a Summit and get all three E (Education, Engineering, Enforcement) people together. The scope and impact of the event will help to drive the key decisions. Support giving concept to the plan. A new motion was proposed with Doug DeHaven making the motion and Bob Cumberland supporting the Move Over/D driver Summit as a mega event and decide on the roll out areas because it is a national issue not just a regional issue. Motion carried. Deb Watson suggested that it could be a National Day of Highway Safety and it could be Zoomed to multiple locations.

Scholarship Committee-Jerry Daniels told Joe Kroboth that a contribution of \$25,000 was made to this committee by Walter Robertson and Judy Stevenson. A motion was made by Steve Austin and seconded by Hoby Howell to name the Award in honor of them. Motion carried.

Steve Flickinger thanked Deb and Jim Watson for coming to Newport, Pa to present the Youth Leadership Award to his nephew. He announced the Spring 2024 Booster meeting will be held in Newport. They will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary. In 2025 we will have the Convention there and he said all activities will be free and there will be a parade.

Doug DeHaven stated we have discussed the Recruitment & Retention group making a brochure for many years. He and Shelby have designed one and would like to adopt it as the CVVFA R & R brochure. He said we could make them in bunches of 1000 so that if and when we need to change names it can be done with less waste, and it will also be kept fresh/timely. He is looking for feedback and review. A motion was made by Jim Kimble and seconded by Walter Robertson to support the brochure and be able to make changes as needed. Motion carried. Bob Cumberland mentioned that we need a new membership brochure for departments. Joe Kroboth thanked him and will pass it on.

Good of the Association:

Bob Cumberland announced he has chances for the Westminster Fire Co. for \$10 if interested.
Joe Kroboth announced he will see everyone at the 121st Convention from 8/3-8/6 in
Williamsport, MD.

A motion was made by Jim Kimble and seconded by Water Robertson to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:41 pm.
Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Watson
Recording Secretary

Attendees on separate sheet.