

CVVFA Fall Booster Meeting
October 16, 2022
At Stafford County Fire Headquarters

The morning gathering was opened with a Welcome from Chief Allen Baldwin at 9 am. He reviewed the Stafford County Fire and Rescue Information. He did a presentation on "Lessons learned from the I-95 shutdown from a snowstorm.

At 9:39 am President Candice McDonald opened the meeting.

She showed pictures of our members doing the great work that our Association does all over the states.

The invocation was offered by Past President Steve Austin.

A tribute was offered for member Kenneth Snively. He is 105 years old and has been a member for 82 years joining in 1940. He is a member of Dauphin County Hose Company of Middletown, Pa. He is a WW II vet. He served in defense logistics. He moved to Dayton, OH and recently died. His obituary was read. The \$100 check was sent as he was a beneficial member. A page in the minutes will be dedicated to him.

We are unsure who the oldest member is but it may be a gentleman from Waynesboro per Steve Heefner.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by 1st Vice President Dave Lewis.

Allen Baldwin shared a welcome from our host and shared pictures from the stair climb.

President McDonald offered opening comments. She wants us to focus on our mission and moving forward. She quoted Ben Franklin who said, "What good shall I do? And What good did I do today?"

She gave the top banana award to Director Donna Welsh for her dedicated work with CVVFA.

Roll Call of Officers by Secretary Watson: The following were present-President McDonald, 1st Vice President Lewis, 2nd Vice President DeHaven, Secretary Watson, Financial Secretary Watson, Home Office Manager Cumberland, Directors Austin, Baldwin, Howell, and Welsh. It was mentioned that Walter Robertson was not with us as he had recently had surgery.

The pictures that were being shared were explained where they were taken which then let us know what we have been participating in. There are many opportunities to get our name and information out there.

We received a donation from Nevada for decals.

Communications: None

Guests: Steve Ennis of Virginia Firefighters Association made remarks welcoming us to the Fredericksburg, Virginia area. He said they work tirelessly to prepare for emergencies and major events. He will pass on important information to Allen Baldwin to share with us.

A motion was made by Doug DeHaven and seconded by Jim Watson to table the approval of the past minutes until they are sent with the attachments included. Motion carried.

Officer Reports:

President McDonald shared that she had made the Keynote speech at the WV State Conference. She made a virtual presentation to an EMS group. She will attend the Eastern Coalition in May 2023. She had a virtual meeting last month. She partnered with the NVFC. She had a great conversation with Chief Patrick of the USFA. She met with some Fire Marshal Officers of Ohio to push training to us.

1st Vice President Lewis sent his report in written form. He did mention that the NFFF Memorial Service is moving to May for 2023.

A picture of Josh Pfeiffer of Anne Arundel County Firefighter and a volunteer firefighter. Steve Austin reported he is an emerging leader.

Brady Robinett a 2 hatter from Lubbock is doing extensive work/research on studying roadway helmets. They were taken to the NFFF Summit, and we now have a grant to study roadway helmets.

2nd Vice President DeHaven reports “move the message” is the new push to get our information out there. He remains busy traveling to Massachusetts, and Virginia. He spoke with the State Fire Marshal office in Massachusetts and has a contact now to get information out in the New England area. Shelby is developing a map to show where we have been. He is working with the Towing & Recovery industry to get our message to them. He is making good headway. He will attend a Tow Show in Baltimore. Shelby went to Harleysville, Pa. He is glad for the new audiences and resources.

Financial Secretary Watson reports that he has been crunching the numbers and here they are: 647 dues paying members, there are still 104 members that will receive the death benefits, 199 Life Members, 16 Honorary Members, and 71 paid dues for full life. The income should be around \$2240. We continue to receive new members. Do we need to consider raising the dues? Treasurer Daniels: In written form since he is unable to attend.

Secretary Watson: No report.

Home Office Manager Cumberland reports that we are still waiting on a place and date for the Spring Booster meeting. He asked if we should consider a permanent date. He has concerns about reserving the hotel and training sessions. We need better advertising for the members. He said the numbers of persons attending the training has been decreasing so should we eliminate this portion. Jim Watson reported he is waiting for a response from the Smyrna-Clayton area. We need to find a way to attract the younger members of the fire service. There was discussion on a number of these issues. One remark was that we need to market ourselves in the area we are going to be in. Bob is still concerned regarding the lack of communication regarding where we will be holding the meetings. He has a lot of information on paper and was wondering if we need to put it in the Cloud for safe keeping. He would need a computer to

accomplish this task. Rod Ammons said he will work with Bob to get the items scanned so our history can be saved. A suggestion was to have the training committee brainstorm ideas for better attendance. Allen Baldwin is the Chairman of this committee.

Publicity Manager: No report. Steve Austin reports he is doing well health wise.

Chaplain: No report.

Asst. Chaplain: We need someone to take over this role as Jim Wharry is unable to continue. He passed his cards on to us.

Attorney: No report.

Directors:

Steve Austin reports that the resolution passed. He picked up old records of which some are historical, and some are of a sensitive nature. They need to be preserved, digitized, and shredded. He will turn the records over to the Secretary. Some budget items-the CFSI tickets are \$4250 from \$3750 of which is we pay the dues by 3/1 we will get a \$250 discount. Tim Edwards of the Fire Service News will send their publications to our members. He needs the information for the mailing.

Hoby Howell reported he has been attending activities and he feels the training has been good.

Donna Welsh reports she has worked at several booths.

Allen Baldwin's report is in written form. He mentioned that the CFSI dinner will move to the Marriott from the Hilton in 2025.

Committees:

Budget-Gene Worthington said we are in great shape. He acknowledged the requests from Steve Austin as above. He said we are investing some of our funds.

Archives/Historical-No report.

Audit-No report.

Business Operations plan-No report.

Communications-It was mentioned that we need a working calendar on the website. Steve Austin is working on it on CVVFA.org.

Constitution & By-Laws- No report.

Convention (subcommittee)- Steve Heefner reports that 2023 is tentatively being held by Singerly in Elkton, MD. He is making progress. There are 3 possible hotels. Shelby DeHaven is working with Bob Romig on the Convention booklet. There will be strict guidelines. Steve Heefner said we need to ask for Companies to sponsor our events and then give them pages in our book. See New Business for further information.

Joe Bukowski award has had some progress. This is not given every year per the By-Laws.

SRSI-Steve Austin reports that things are good. They are recruiting new/younger members. They are being positive that our future is bright with our programs.

Rod Ammon and Doug DeHaven said the reporting tool for struck by events database is made easy to use and numerous agencies are using it, close to 200 since February. They plan to go to the Federal Highway to share data with the appropriate agencies and hope to go live next year.

Doug DeHaven reports that there is a poster for the table-top displays to share the struck by reporting site. He has cards to hand out. He reports there have been 38 fatalities this year. Steve Austin reported on grants and contracts we have. The FEMA fire grant for safety for \$425,000 for which we have to match \$21,000. He is working with Gary Briese in Colorado. We are working with the Forest service on education for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Rod Ammons is helping.

Fire Prevention give aways are limited because we have a cost cap of \$5000.

Federal Highway, Steve Austin met with Senator Coons and is hoping for some money from DOT. The promotion was shown to staffers.

There is still work to do on grants.

Responder Safety Learning Institute has reached 118 countries, completed 580,000 hours of training, an average of 27 minutes per person and 13,000 visited 27,000 times.

Legislative- Bob Cumberland submitted the report in written form. He encouraged everyone to apply for the construction grants program.

Parliamentarian-No report.

Public Relations-Shelby De Haven thanked everyone for covering the many events. She asks everyone to give them as much notice for when supplies are needed because they count the items out and clean them well as they arrive back to storage.

Reputation Management-No report.

Topics-No report.

Training Weekend-No report.

Youth Leadership-Jim Watson reports that he went to Odessa Fire Company in DE to hand out the award at their meeting to the entire group. Tim Edwards will advertise for us for the future.

Scholarships-Hoby Howell reports we need to update the forms. We can award up to \$1000, We need to add the Harry Alt scholarship on-line. The Butts scholarship is up to \$1000.

President McDonald sent out an interest survey and would like everyone to please complete it. She wants to tie a Director to each Committee as a resource and to report progress. She will get that information out soon.

Bob Cumberland reports he will work with MD Chart-Bob Fogel and TIMS work.

Unfinished Business-None

New Business-

A motion was made by Steve Austin and seconded by Jim Watson to increase the budget for CFSI to \$4000 and allow the check to go to them immediately to get the discount. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Steve Austin and seconded by Jim Watson to enter into an agreement with the Fire Service News at \$5 per member (cost is \$3235) to receive their offer to send their publications to everyone (the appropriate areas). Motion carried. We then can contribute items to them in the form of articles or advertising for membership/submissions for awards. Jim Watson will send the information to Tim Edwards.

Steve Heefner said he has commemorative mugs from our 1973 Convention free for the taking. President McDonald said there is a fundraiser through Hope Wine which we will get 10%. Angie Hughes of Baltimore County is the owner of Hope Wine. Allen Baldwin said we need to develop guidelines for receiving fundraising items such as this with a note saying, "do not drink and drive" if you purchase our wine but thank you for your support. A motion was made by Bob Cumberland and seconded by Steve Austin to go with the plan for the fundraiser. Motion carried.

President McDonald said volunteering for Medfield TV which keeps track of the hours we spend and we can get donations through it. She had a small video and she will send it out to everyone. It is free to non-profits and is an app that is Ohio based. A motion was made by Allen Baldwin and seconded by Jim Watson to roll out this app to our members. Motion carried.

Good of the Association:

Steve Heefner said he knows there are only 15 people here today but there are many others out there sharing our work across the country.

There is a tik-tok made by the Penguins Goalie Tristan Janny supporting Slow Down/Move Over. Our next meeting will be announced when the location and date are known.

A Benediction was offered by Steve Austin.

A motion was made by Jim Watson and seconded by Allen Baldwin to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Watson
Secretary

Cumberland Valley Volunteer Fireman's Association offers a special tribute to member Kenneth Snavelly

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Attendance for Fall Booster meeting October 16, 2022

President Candice McDonald

1st Vice President Dave Lewis

2nd Vice President Doug DeHaven

Financial Secretary Jim Watson

Secretary Debbie Watson

Director Steve Austin

Director Allen Baldwin

Director Hoby Howell

Director Donna Welsh

Bob Cumberland

Gene Worthington

Steve Heefner

Rod Ammons

Dorothy "Dot" Welsh

Shelby DeHaven

Guests:

John Gonzalez

Steve Ennis

Shirley Austin