

Cumberland Valley Volunteer Fireman's Association
2020 Convention Zoom Meeting Minutes
August 29, 2020

The meeting was opened by President Allen Baldwin at 8:32 am.

2nd Vice President Dr. Candice McDonald had an ice breaker for all the attendees to enjoy.

President Baldwin announced the October meeting will also be done as a Zoom meeting.

1st Vice President Joe Kroboth spoke regarding the tools for the Zoom meetings.

The Convention meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by President Baldwin.

Chaplain Charles Barnhart, Jr. offered the invocation with prayers offered for Dr. Harry Carter.

Immediate Past President Greg Yost led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. A video of flags from across the country was played.

Roll call was done by Secretary Debbie Watson with all Officers present except for Assistant Chaplain Jim Wharry, Attorney Howard Cohen, Delegate to Pennsylvania Charles Myers, PP. A list of attendees will be attached to the minutes.

Firefighter of the Year: Steve Austin, Billy Goldfeder and George Dove were asked to do this presentation. Billy Goldfeder read the CV for the winner and it was given to Dr. Harry Carter. Dr. Carter was able to be on the meeting to accept the Award and say a few words.

Secretary Watson had no communications. All reports will be attached to the minutes.

Old Business:

A motion was made by Jim Watson and seconded by Dave Lewis to approve the minutes from the last meeting in October 2019 and the 2019 Convention minutes. Motion carried.

By-Law changes-Dave Lewis reviewed the proposed changes. They are posted on the website. A motion was made by Jim Watson and seconded by Greg Yost to accept the 1st reading of these changes. Discussion ensued. The motion carried.

New Business:

A resolution was read that allows the current Officers to remain in office for the ensuing year as they were unable to represent our Association as they would normally have due to Covid-19.

The appointed Officers would remain as would the Committee chairs if they are willing. A

motion was made by Walter Robertson and seconded by Jim Watson to accept the resolution.

The motion carried.

Scholarships: Hoby Howell announced the following winners-

J.R. Haines Memorial-Sadara T. Funches (VA) for \$1000

Kenneth E. Butts-Emma Rose Elson (ME) for \$500

There was discussion regarding the scholarship amounts and we will need to research this as well as clean up the scholarship process/application to streamline this for the future. There was another scholarship, but it was from the Franklin Fulton Association that gave its assets to us.

President Baldwin asked for the following to work on this and report back at the October meeting; Hoby Howell, Steve Austin, Mike Cox, and Jerry Daniels.
The winners will be posted on the website.

President Baldwin remarked that the Chief Gary “Happy Jack” Easton and Joe Bukowski awards will be given at the October meeting.

Auditors Report: None

Budget: The 2021 budget was worked on by Gene Worthington and Jerry Daniels. Jerry reported we are in a good place financially mostly due to the Responder Safety network. We have a balanced budget this year and we did not have to transfer funds. A motion was made by Bill Mortimer and seconded by Bob Cumberland to accept the budget. The motion carried.

1st Vice President Joe Kroboth mentioned that we still need to fully fund the Fallen Fire & Emergency Services fund as it was to be \$2500 and we only have \$1750 in the fund currently. In response to his plea the following donated these amounts: Steve & Shirley Austin \$1000, Allen Baldwin \$5 per participant on the Zoom meeting today, Stonehouse Media \$250 per Rod Ammon, Walter Robertson \$150, Donna Welsh \$100, Tom Savage \$250, Jim & Deb Watson \$50, Billy Shelton \$100, Bill Mortimer \$25, Lloyd LaLonde \$50, Rich Perillo \$100, Bob Romig \$50, James Oehmke \$25, and we will surely receive more donations once this information is published.

President Baldwin requested we consider joining the National Fire Heritage Foundation at a cost of \$200. They work tirelessly to preserve the history of our fire service. Wayne Powell and Billy Shelton spoke to us regarding their efforts to maintain the memorabilia. A motion was made by Tony Correia and seconded by Mike Cox to support joining this worthy group. The motion carried.

Steve Austin reported that the CVVFA has signed up for Amazon Smile. This enables us as a charitable organization to receive ½ of 1% from any purchase to be donated to our organization. Be sure to type in Amazon Smile and then choose your organization when you are making any purchases. It is [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/Smile).

Jim Watson, Financial Secretary reported we initially had 1067 on our membership rolls. He has been able to remove some for non-payment of dues. We currently have 82 EMS/Fire/Rescue organizations as members. We are still getting some new members online. He is receiving dues and has all the records updated.

Good of the Order:

Home Office Manager Mike Cox reports that he has lapel pins available for \$10.

Numerous attendees (Tom Savage, Dave Lewis, Greg Yost, Hoby Howell) remarked that this was an excellent way to have the meeting. It was productive and informative.

Bob Romig announced he will need help getting more ads for the book for next year's Convention. Please help him make this a successful endeavor.

The Benediction was offered by Chaplain Charlie Barnhart.

President Baldwin announced the fall meeting will be Saturday October 24th at 8:30 am by Zoom as of now.

A motion was made by Jon Townley and seconded by Walter Robertson to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:44 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Watson
Secretary

**CVVFA Convention Zoom Meeting Attendees
August 20, 2020**

President Allen Baldwin
1st Vice President Joe Kroboth, III
2nd Vice President Dr. Candice McDonald
Treasurer Jerry Daniels, PP
Treasurer Emeritus George Dove, PP
Financial Secretary Jim Watson, PP
Recording Secretary Debbie Watson
Home Office Manager Mike Cox
Publicity Manager Bob Romig
Chaplain Charles Barnhart
Director Donna Welsh
Director Bill Mortimer
Director Tony Correia
Director Dave Lewis
Director Steve Austin, PP
Director Bob Cumberland, PP
Director Hoby Howell, PP
Past President Greg Yost
Billy Goldfeder
Rod Ammon
Richard Bower

Tim Weir
Dr. Harry Carter
Walter Robertson
Joan Cumberland
John J. Cudo
Dorothy Welsh
Diane Howell
Rick Blair
Roslyn Levine
Terry Jester
Billy Shelton
Todd Leiss
Jeff Flippo
Jack Sullivan
Tom Savage
James Oehmke
Lloyd LaLonde
Rich Perillo
Wayne Powell
Jon Townley
Elmer Steele

August 13, 2020

Mr. President, Officers, Members and Guests

Here is my treasurers report as of July 31, 2020

Income:	\$ 35,866.45
Expenses:	\$ 8,985.89
Net Income:	\$ 26,880.56
Balances as of 7/31/2020	
Certificate of Deposit	\$77,754.74
Certificate of Deposit	\$10,000.00
Operating Checking Account	\$51,389.81

Memorial Foundation Benefit \$ 1,780.97

Total Assets \$140,925.52

Current Book Balances as of 8/13/20

Certificate of Deposit: \$77,754.74

Certificate of Deposit: \$10,000.00

Operating Checking Account \$52,749.52

Memorial Foundation Benefit \$ 1,780.97

Total Assets \$142,285.23

Our current Certificates of Deposit are to mature on 12/26/20 and 12/30/20. This will provide additional interest income. The intent is to roll over the current CD's and perhaps add additional funds. Items needing to be completed are Scholarship awards as well as Officers stipends.

The 2019 tax return was filed on July 15, 2020. This years end at 8/31/20 books will be provided to our accounting firm for audit, review, and tax preparation as soon as everything is complete.

I'd like to thank everyone that may have attended today's virtual Convention. I also would like to thank President Allen Baldwin for his administrative help during this pandemic. Hope everyone enjoyed themselves and continue to take proper safety measures in order to keep everyone healthy.

Jerry L. Daniels

Treasurer

Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association

**CUMBERLAND VALLEY
VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL BUDGET**

51000	Stipends	1300	1300			
51100	Home Office Manager	2000	500	500	500	500
51200	Financial Secretary	500	500	350	300	375
51300	Treasurer	500	250	1000	1000	
51400	Recording Secretary	200	200	300	300	300
51500	Chaplain	100	100	100	100	100
51600	Assistant Chaplain	100	100	100	100	100
51700	President's lodging	300	300	300	300	300
52100	Booster meetings	200	400	200	200	200
52200	Presidents Council meetings	200	400	200	200	200
53100	Convention book	2500	2000	2000	2000	2000
53110	Publicity manager	200	200	200	200	200
53200	Host company donation	800	1000	1000	1000	1000
53300	Parade trophies	750	750	750		
53400	Parade money awarded	1370	1370	1350		
53500	E Wade Thomas	100	100	100	100	100
	Joe Bukowski award			100	100	100
53600	Scholarships	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000
53700	Trailer signage update	300	0	0		
53800	Memorial	500	500	400	400	
54100	Death Benefits	1500	500	400	400	500
55100	Insurance	800	875	875	875	875
56100	CVVFA web site	570	570	490	500	850
56200	Reputational web site	570	570	500	500	500
56300	Fire prevention web site	570	570	490	500	350
57100	CFSI dues/expenses	3975	3975	700	700	300
57200	CFSI Board member	2000	2000	3500	3500	3800
57300	Official Functions/Dues/Reg.	800	400	400	400	500
58100	Reputation Management	9000	1500	1000	1000	500
59100	Miscellaneous					
	Total	34705	23930	20305	18175	16650

The following is my report as the President for the Annual Convention Meeting August 29, 2020 Meeting. The months since October 2019 meeting have been very busy and challenging from personnel, professional and organizational standpoint. My focus has been working with our officers to ensure the wellbeing of our members, their families and this great organization as we continue to face the challenges of COVID -19. I have also been involved with or engaged with the following personnel, professional and CVVFA organizational activities which all are intertwined. My activities and involvement are as follows:

Attended the December Congressional Fire Service Institute Meeting

Continued working with the Virginia State Police and Virginia Department of Transportation on various Responder Safety Related Issues along the I-81 and I-95 corridors.

Appointed to the Executive Board of the Virginia Fire Chiefs Association

Actively serving as the Region 2 Vice President for the Virginia Fire Chief's Association.

Serving on the Virginia Fire Chief's Association Legislative Committee

Actively participating with Stafford County Fire and Rescue Department career and volunteer academies.

Serving on the NFA Executive Fire Officer Symposium planning committee.

Continue to serve as a peer evaluator for the Center for Public Safety Excellence Chief Fire Officer, Chief EMS Officer and Chief Training Officer Designations.

Participating with NOVA Senior Operations Chief Committee.

Serving on the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Survivor Family Support and Transportation Command Staff at the NFFF Memorial Weekend.

Worked with home office manager and Rescue Hose Company, Chambersburg Fire Museum and Franklin County Training Center on Spring Meeting Weekend activities.

Represented the Association and Virginia Fire Chiefs at various Commonwealth Legislative updates.

Continue to work on succession planning and stabilization of the organization for the future.

Various conference calls with committees and members on organization activities.

When I took office last year I addressed the organization that command had been established and we were moving forward, we are still moving in that direction and our command presence is even stronger than last year. Our focus has shifted and we have gone from an Offensive Operation to a Defensive Operation focusing on the wellbeing of our members and the organization during these difficult times.

My thanks to the members of the organization who keep us moving forward and track.

Sincerely,

President Chief Allen W. Baldwin

**119th Annual Convention Reports
Director Steve Austin**

Mr. President: The following is a brief summary of my activities in my various roles in the Association.

Director Report: Due to the sale of the building where the CVVFA maintains its corporate address, after authorized by the President, we have officially notified the Commonwealth of PA that we have relocated our address to 315 S. 14th Street, Harrisburg PA 17104. This is the physical address of the Allison Hook & Ladder Co. No. 2. The building owner Jason Lloyd has graciously allowed us the move our address there. We do not receive much mail at our corporate address. If we do it will be promptly forwarded to us. We are required to have a physical address in Pennsylvania and this change meets that compliance requirement.

I have also renewed our PA Sales Tax Exemption for the next 5 years.

An Amazon Smile Account has been set up for the benefit of our association. One half of one percent of most Amazon purchases are paid to the CVVFA. New or existing Amazon customers may log into Amazon Smile and make purchases at the same cost. If you are an Amazon Prime customer, there will be no change in your benefits and your prime membership will be reflected when you log in. Full information will be provided at CVVFA.org. The program is not limited to our members. If your family or friends wish to participate, we will get the benefit.

Emergency Responder Safety Institute: First and foremost, we are praying for the complete recovery of Dr. Harry Carter our Editor in Chief from his recent surgery. In interim, Jack Sullivan is filling that position. Succession planning underway, Joe Kroboth appointed Assistant Project Manager, Todd Leiss appointed Assistant Director of Training. 5 new modules produced in the past year, new map and video of the fallen included on the webpage thanks to Todd Leiss. CAPCE Accreditation has been applied for so National Registry EMT's and Paramedics may receive CEU's from our Learning Network. CVVFA was invited to join the TIM Executive Leadership Group at Federal Highway, we are active on the MUTCD Chapter 6-I Committee, NFPA 1091 and several other TIM related committees. Our entire travel schedule other than the FL Fire Chiefs in January was cancelled. We participate as best as possible at virtual meetings. A new update contract was negotiated with Stonehouse Media by Jack Sullivan, Joe Kroboth and myself based on the vote of the Association last year regarding ownership of the content of the websites. In the event that the Stonehouse Media is unwilling or unable to continue to host and produce our content, and/or we are not able to do so, the ownership will transfer to Oklahoma State University.

Grants and Contracts:

FEMA FP&S 2017-Closed

FEMA FP&S 2018- Open with an extension granted to August 2021

FEMA FP&S 2019- Application submitted, awaiting decision on award

USFA 2019- Period of performance extended to March 2021 due to inability to complete task-virus

University of Alabama Transportation Institute- In process

MD State Highway Authority 2020- In process, Thanks to Bob Cumberland for heading this up

MD State Highway Authority 2021-Application submitted waiting for MD Fiscal 2021 to begin

ATT First NET-Received \$1000 donation deposited in CVVFA General Fund

IFSTA- Received \$1500 Ad donation to offset CFSI dues expense

Federal Highway Administration- Notified of sole source contract of about \$75,000 for Struck-By data base development. Statement of Work not yet received.

\$30,000 was transferred to the CVVFA General Account this year, money earned by these projects \$10,000 is projected to be transferred next year and has been included in the budget.

CPA Financial Review and IRS 990 filings will be paid through the ERSI Account

Advertising and fulfillment center costs will be paid to PA Fireman which will cover subscription cost

As usual any payment for labor for the work of the project manager is not claimed and is reinvested in the Responder Safety Program

Media and Communications: We can expect a redesign at any time of CVVFA.org. I have previewed the Beta Site and it looks good. Our page has not been refreshed for several years. I am again requesting someone to assist with posting on this page. Thanks to Doug and Shelby Dehaven for their work on I Fire Prevention. We still need assistance on Firefighter Behavior. There has been extra effort to market our products and the CVVFA in PA Fireman Magazine. We have had excellent coverage of our events. We need more articles, pictures and stories to submit for future issues. Thanks to all that have helped thus far.

Topics: Due to the cancellation of all of our meetings this year there was no activity for the Topics Committee.