

Cumberland Valley Volunteer Fireman's Association
120th Convention Meeting by Zoom
August 14, 2021

The meeting was opened at 9:00 am by President Allen Baldwin.

The invocation was given by Chaplain Charlie Barnhart.

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

Roll Call of Officers: President Allen Baldwin, 1st VP Joe Kroboth, 2nd VP Candice McDonald, Treasurer Jerry Daniels, Secretary Debbie Watson, Chaplain Charlie Barnhart, Bob Romig, Greg Yost, George Dove, Steve Austin, Bob Cumberland, Tony Correia, Donna Welsh were present.

The agenda is online.

A special thanks was given to Bob Romig for the Convention book.

President Baldwin report/remarks- He thanked everyone for the support for the last two years. He said we certainly had to adapt and overcome but we kept moving forward. It has been an honor and privilege to serve as President.

1st VP Joe Kroboth report-He thanked Stonehouse Media for their help with the interviews that were done by Allen Baldwin while President, He was able to discuss programs and research that CVVFA is involved in.

2nd VP Candice McDonald report- The Keynote Speaker Dr. Dennis O'Neil. If we are not moving toward the future and continually adapting to change then you will become extinct. Did it ever cross your mind that Sears & Roebuck would go out of business or that Kodak would almost be out of business? You must have succession planning to attract younger members to go with you. You must decide how you will deal with the change.

Memorial by Chaplain Charlie Barnhart-There is a report on pages 15-16 from 2019. He will have a brief service today and then a more in-depth service when we meet in September in Pa.

Communications-None per Secretary Debbie Watson

The Officers, Directors and Committee Chair reports are in the Convention book for your reading pleasure.

Joe Kroboth sends condolences to the Fredericksburg Fire Department on the LODD of Captain Joshua Laird.

Bob Romig mentioned he only had 10 Fire Department ads and he needs more for next year. Please get the word out.

Jim Watson reports that the dues cards are being sent out as he receives the dues. Thank you for allowing us to represent the CVVFA at FRI and FDIC.

President Baldwin thanked the Watson's, the Heefner's, Shelby and Doug DeHaven for their representation of CVVFA at the various shows.

Dr. Bill Jenaway gave an update on the struck by reporting project. He reviewed the data collection process final draft. He introduced the electronic reporting process that takes 5 minutes to complete. The next phase will be analyzing data from the reports. It has ease of access, ease of data entry, ease of data entry and was of extracting the data to complete. They are starting the field testing soon and will have a demonstration at the meeting in Pa on 9/24.
Guests:

Paul McCrea from MSFA remarked on their activities and training opportunities. The state Convention will be held in Ocean City, MD from 6/18-23 of 2022. This is their 130th Anniversary.

Past President/Executive Director Larry Gwaltney of VSFA remarked about their 135th Anniversary which will be celebrated during their Convention from 9/22-25, 2021. They have training opportunities available for the Fire Company and Auxiliary personnel at Convention.

Randy James of WVFFA remarked that they will have their Convention from 8/19-221 at the Stonewall Jackson Resort. He is currently the President of the WVFCFA. He introduced John Ashcraft who is the representative to CVVFA from the WVFCFA.

Jay Jones of DVFA remarked that he is proud to be a firefighter. We have 3 big bills going through the legislature-Cancer Presumption, Recruitment & Retention Task Force recommendations (Americorp Program, Higher Tax rebates, Tuition reimbursement, surf tags) and Move Over Law fines increased. The Conference will be 9/14-17 at the Chase Center because Dover Downs was sold. Our Grant in Aid funds are up 3% this year. We are fighting them allowing a Judge to not levy the extra fine per red light tickets paid that goes to the fire service. We have stopped the bill twice so far. We have \$5 million in the revolving loan at low interest available. The Motorola radio program has been increased to \$10 million so it is fully funded now. We received \$12 million with programs this year.

Bob from FASNY reported that next year is their 150th Anniversary. The Convention will be 8/7-13. It will be in Tarrytown, over the Tappan Zee now known as the Mario Cuomo Bridge. at a nice resort. The convention was nice this year. Steve Heefner said it was a successful convention. The boat cruise was nice. The 911 Memorial is a very fitting and solemn tribute. He will have more of a report in September. He collected dues and will send in.

Bob from NVFC reported that Heather Schaefer passed away ad it has been hard on them. Dave is battling Stage 4 pancreatic cancer. He highlighted legislative items. There is a VFA grant for rural services through USFA. (HR 4372). Fire Police Fairness Act which simplifies the PSOB process. Volunteer/First Responder Act, HR 4377 which is a program to increase federal funds to help with loans and affordable housing. There will be a fall Conference in Jackson Hole, WY.

Bob Cumberland reported his legislative report didn't get into the Convention book.

Ken LaSalla of IAFC thanked us for our support. He updated us on legislative issues. Lithium batteries need funding for research, HR 364. NHTSA Safe Streets program. President Biden's policies-3.5 trillion bill to revive and improve fire station construction help, HR 3728. You can drop a link in a chat box.

Maykayla Campbell of CFSI reported that she took over from Sean Carroll. She highlighted legislation. On website-sprinklers, CO alarms. Appropriations for grants-AFG and Safer. The house is ahead of the Senate. NIOSH-Cancer trend data. USFA-Increased budget.

Sean Carroll of NFFF gave updates.

Jerry from PFESI spoke and updated us on support efforts, advocacy/professional development and strength through engagement. They are looking at sustaining/improving the fire service. SR 6-Recruitment and Retention commission.

Old Business:

The past minutes were posted for approval.

New Business:

Jim Wharry the Assistant Chaplain has announced he will retire. Thank you so much for your service to the CVVFA. We will need to fill his position.

The Auditors report by G. Holtry.

Gene Worthington said the Budget is in good shape. He thanked the Treasurer for his monthly reports. The report is published in the book. A motion to accept the budget was made by Walter Robertson and seconded by George Bove. Motion carried.

Tony Correia reported NJ will have a virtual State Chiefs meeting on 9/12. There is a seminar on Friday 9/10. Invites will be sent out to attend. ISFSI professional development matrix is working on a groundbreaking mentoring program, and it should be done by the end of the year.

Presentation of Resolutions-Jerry Daniels and Gene Worthington announced they will be presented in person at the meeting in Limerick.

Presentation of the Happy Jack and Joe Bukowski Awards will also be done in person at the meeting at Limerick.

President Baldwin remarked that we needed to change gears, but we came out stronger and are moving forward.

Nomination/Election of Officers: All of these had letters of intent received and accepted.

President-Joe Kroboth

1st Vice President-Candice McDonald

2nd Vice President-Doug DeHaven

Directors-Steve Austin, Walter Robertson, Allen Baldwin, Hoby Howell

Treasurer-Jerry Daniels

A motion was made by George Dove and seconded by the Western Enterprise guy to have the Secretary cast the ballot for the above Officers. Motion carried.

The Secretary casted the ballots for the above Officers.

Open positions with nominations from the floor-

Recording Secretary-Debbie Watson (motion-Bob Romig, 2nd-Jerry Daniels, carried)

Financial Secretary-Jim Watson (motion-Steve Austin, 2nd-Bob Romig, carried)

Home Office Manager-Bob Cumberland (Motion-Doug DeHaven, 2nd-Allen Baldwin, carried)

Past President Steve Austin declared all Officers installed into their respective Offices.

Joe Kroboth, incoming President made the following comments- He is honored and humbled to be given this privilege. He will present a plaque to Allen Baldwin in Limerick. He is to be thanked for moving our organization forward despite the pandemic. Joe encourages support and participation with his three initiatives-written strategic plan, evaluate current and past marketing efforts and develop a new marketing strategy and create definition and engagement through the committees with listing the expectations for the committee with rules and responsibilities, which will hopefully expand participation. He wants to have a check-in meeting every month on the second Sunday at 8 pm for about an hr. He will email invites to everyone. Please let him know if you plan to remain on or want to serve on any committees. Once again thank you for your support of the organization, Officers and Directors. He reappointed Chaplain Barnhart.

Good of the Association:

Bob Cumberland thanked Bob Romig for his hard work on the Convention book. He also announced that Westminster will be celebrating their 200-year Anniversary and are soliciting ads. They will hold a Muster on 10/7/23.

A good job was done by everybody!

Responder Safety Learner Network- Rod Ammon said it is great training and in the last 90 days there have been 36,000 users with 27,900 hours of training. Thank you for a great partnership.

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Barnhart.

The next meeting will be in Limerick, Pa with the PA Convention on Friday 9/24 at 9 am.

A motion was made by Allen Baldwin and seconded by Walter Robertson to adjourn the 120th CVVFA Convention meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:01 am.

There were 51 attendees, see attached list.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Watson
Secretary

Attendees-120th CVVFA Convention Meeting on August 14, 2021

Allen Baldwin
Joe Kroboth
Candice McDonald
Doug DeHaven
Greg Yost
Walter Robertson
Steve Austin
Bob Romig
Bob Cumberland
Charlie Barnhart
NSFA Kathleen
Joel McCrea
George Dove
Donna Welsh
Rod Ammon
Frank Hand
Bill Jenaway
Bob Timko
Jack Sullivan
Randy James
Jay Jones
Tony Correia
Jerry Daniels
Larry Gwaltney
John Ashcraft
Bob from FASNY
Ken LaSalla
Maykayla Campbell
Sean Carroll
Jerry of PFESI
Hoby Howell
Steve Heefner