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CVVFA January 11, 2004 Board Meeting

Halfway, Maryland

January 11, 2004

President Dean Simpson called the meeting to order at 12 noon. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silent prayer. We were welcomed to Halfway by Steve Heefner.

Recording Secretary Louise Dell took roll call. Eight Officers and eight members of the Board of Directors were present, along with several other individuals.

Recording Secretary Dell read e-mails from the following individuals who could not be at the meeting: Third Vice President Marshall Yonker, Past President C. J. Bens, Advertising Manager Robert Romig (who sent a written report) and Assistant Chaplain James Wharry. The usual correspondence from the "Pennsylvania Fireman" asking for an update on our President, Recording Secretary and Home Office Manager names, was received and answered.

MOTION BY ROBERT CUMBERLAND, SECOND BY GUY FLORY, TO ACCEPT THE READING OF CORRESPONDENCE. MOTION CARRIED.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

President Wm. Dean Simpson - I would like to thank everyone for coming today to our Director's meeting. This will be a new start for this Association. Today we are going to work together to formulate an operating budget, which is overdue for the Association. We cannot overlook this anymore. We have talked about this for some time and now is the time to make it happen. I will be the first to stop and look before we make changes but we don't have a choice. This Association has come a long way over the last 100 years and we will preserve the future by doing this. So, with an open mind, let's work together and move forward.

Since October's Booster meeting I have attended my company and officers meetings, along with County meetings.

I have a small problem but nothing we can't resolve. The President's Council will not be able to meet at Mill Creek on March 27 as my company has a function in our hall that afternoon. I will have a new location within a week or two. I have asked my neighboring



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fire company to let us use their hall to host this meeting.

Along with moving forward, I would like every Officer to place an ad, along with their fire company, to support our Convention Book. Bob Romig has done a great, no super, job in putting together a Convention Book that can only get better every year. Bob needs our help to make this happen.

Also, moving forward, please look at our website. This is getting better every month. I was very impressed and passed the word on to our Webmaster Steve Austin. Thank you again, Steve.

I hope everyone had a safe holiday and will have a safe trip back home today. I have one more thing to say-GO EAGLES!!!!!!!. Sorry, C.J. It is my turn this year.

First Vice President J. Allen Brennan - Since attending our Convention in August, I have participated in the following:

August 14-16 - Attended all of the functions of the VSFA Convention held in Roanoke, VA.

September 25-27 - Attended all of the functions of the NVFC Fall Meeting held in Little Rock AK.

October 19 - Attended the CVVFA Booster meeting held in Greencastle, PA.

November 7-8 - Attended the Zone Meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary to the VSFA held in Christiansburg, VA.

November 8 - Attended the Executive Committee meeting of the VSFA held in Christiansburg, VA.

I have attended all of my fire company's meetings.

Second Vice President Hugh M. Harris - I haven't done much as I have been in and out of the hospital since the last Booster meeting. I did manage to stay out in November and December. I will be attending my company banquet soon. I have no major surgery planned for the immediate future.

Does anybody here know of a used fire truck for \$80,000 or \$90,000? I know of a company that needs a good used fire truck and must use their funds by February. Several members told him of companies in Carroll County that he could contact.

Third Vice President Marshall N. Yonker - Excused. No report.

Fourth Vice President Steven A. Flickinger - The Pennsylvania Company he had hoped would host the 2007 Convention has declined to do so.

Treasurer George J. Dove - Gave the following financial report.

Death Benefit Account # 4100840: \$1,639.67
General Account #4100832: \$12,663.96
Bonds: \$6,000.00
CD # 155274: \$66,930.94
Total: \$87,234.57

Financial Secretary Stephen C. McBee - 60 companies have paid their dues (some for

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- >> [Firemen's Association State of NY](#)
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5 years), 37 have not paid their dues and have received a second notice. Dues cards will be mailed this week. Individuals will receive their dues notices in the near future.

Steve Austin - I believe a few phone calls will get the unpaid companies to pay their dues. The question was raised as to whether Taneytown Fire Company is going to drop out of the CVVFA. Bob Cumberland said that he had offered to meet with Taneytown to explain what the CVVFA offers but so far has not been called. Steve said that he would also be willing to meet with them if desired.

Steve feels that we need to have a big membership drive to bring in some new members-companies and individuals.

Harry Alt said that it would be helpful if each State Director could have a list of companies and members in their respective State so that they can contact them.

Recording Secretary Louise E. Dell - Thanks to Steve (and Shirley) Austin, we now have a recorder/transcriber and a laptop computer. At the October meeting, \$1,500 was allotted to purchase a new laptop but since it is not now necessary to purchase a new one, some of the money will be used to put programs on the donated laptop.

Home Office Manager Stephen E. Heefner - As promised, I, along with Guy Flory's help, have finally removed all CVVFA records and property from Guy Flory's garage and taken them to the Fire Museum in Chambersburg, PA.

I have a completed Scholarship Application to be turned over to the Scholarship Committee.

I have the motel rooms reserved for Convention. Also, arrangements have been made for the March meeting. See attachment.

I have been busy working on CVVFA business and I thank you for your continued support.

Advertising Manager Robert C. Romig - Submitted written report as follows:

For my budget, I will need money to purchase stamps, envelopes (printing compliments of FPFC), print of ad book, and associated miscellaneous expenses.

Hopefully, with the help of all of our Officers, we can exceed our income from the ad book of 2003. Please stress with all of the Officers that I would like to have at least one ad from each of them to help with this book. Everyone needs to be a part of the book. I will not be sending out the ad packages until February 1 to give our folks first chance at putting ads on the inside front cover, outside back cover, and inside back cover. If no one has any leads for those spots, then they will be open to anyone.

I have attended most of the County Firemen's and Chief's meetings, the DVFA Executive meeting and all of my company and board of directors meetings.

For the Booster meeting at Five Points, I am looking at the Days Inn near the hospital and Christiana Mall. I will have definite information for the March Booster meeting. Tentative plans are for tours of the Christiana Fire Company and WFC Museums, and maybe the Fire Board, while the ladies can go to Delaware Park or the Mall. See attached information.

Chaplain Charles E. Barnhart, Jr. - Excused - No report.

Assistant Chaplain James J. Wharry - Excused - No report.

Attorney Howard S. Cohen - Excused - No report.

Joe Bukowski reported that some of the bears still have not been sold. He passed out a list of individuals who received bears, how many they have sold and how many they still have in their possession. He has turned in \$6,170 to the Treasurer and there is still \$3,830 outstanding in unsold bears. (Note: President Simpson gave four bears to the Presidents of Pennsylvania and Delaware as gifts.) If anyone has any money to turn in, send it direct to Treasurer George Dove. If anyone has bears to turn in, they should be given to Steve Heefner.

President Simpson stated that we still have an opening for a Board member from West Virginia. Harry Alt and Steve McBee said that they have not had any luck finding a candidate. The position will remain as is for the time being.

Steve Austin gave a brief report on the web page. A new design is being considered, going to try to incorporate photographs, get the store on line, and need more people to participate with news articles.

He reported that ResponderSafety.com is very active. Almost 2,000 tapes have been given out from the grant. Many requests have been received for the tapes-some from outside of the United States.

The next project will be an incident commanders pocket guide that will advertised on the web page to be passed out for free. We are in the process of editing the guide now and it will be available in the near future. The pages will be covered with plastic so that the weather will not ruin the guide.

Robert Cumberland reported on some training that the National Fire Academy will be presenting in April and May. Copies of the announcements are attached to these minutes. Also attached is a copy of the October 29-31 Stage 1 Firefighter Credentialing Meeting Summary.

He also stated that you must learn the IMS System, otherwise you will not be eligible for any grants. He recommended that if you are not doing some kind of command structure right now, that you start educating your people so that everyone is performing under the same format.

Wayne Baker reported that CVVFA has been registered to participate in the Apple Blossom parade in Winchester, Virginia, on April 30, at 5 p.m.

The CVVFA sign needs to be changed to show the dates, etc., of the 2004 Convention.
MOTION BY STEPHEN HEEFNER, SECOND BY ROBERT CUMBERLAND, TO CHANGE THE SIGN, COST TO BE NO MORE THAN \$200. MOTION CARRIED.

Guy Flory reported that everything has finally been moved from his garage to the Museum. He is in the process of updating CVVFA's history.

Steve Austin asked if there was any way he could get copies of minutes of the early years of the CVVFA. Guy reported that he had some as far back as the early 1940's. Hugh Harris reported that he has some from the 1930's. Steve Austin will get together with Guy and Hugh to get copies.

Robert Cumberland stated that we should probably find some way of storing the information electronically since paper disintegrates after time.

John Mitchell reported that he had brought some Delaware Fire Newspapers with him if anyone would like to have one. He said that if anyone wants to submit material for an article, etc., it should be forwarded to Advertising Manager Robert Romig.

Larry Smallwood displayed new signs that he had made to be used on his jeep, including a CVVFA sign.

Harry Alt reminded everyone that Scholarship applications are due by March 1, 2004. The application form needs to be updated to show correct address where the application should be mailed.

Steve Heefner reported that the March Booster meeting will be held in Enola, Pennsylvania. Directions and other pertinent information are attached.

The May 16 Booster meeting will be held at the 5 Points Fire Department in Richardson Park, Delaware. We will eat at noon and the meeting will start at 1:30 p.m. More information as to directions, etc., will be available at the March meeting and will be in the next Newsletter.

There are some Booster meeting dates open for the month of October in future years. The other meeting month dates are full.

Stephen McBee stated that the laptop computer turned over to him is pretty much useless. He requested permission to dispose of it. Louise Dell stated that hers is in the same shape and has now been replaced. After discussion, **MOTION BY STEVE AUSTIN, SECOND BY ROBERT CUMBERLAND, TO ALLOW STEPHEN McBEE AND LOUISE DELL TO DISPOSE OF THEIR LAP TOP COMPUTERS. MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS

An in-depth discussion was held on a budget for FY 2005. The tentative budget for FY 2005 is attached to these minutes and will be discussed at the March Booster meeting.

MOTION BY GUY FLORY, SECOND BY HARRY ALT, TO ADJOURN. MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise E. Dell, Recording Secretary

ATTACHMENTS

March Booster Meeting
Enola, Pennsylvania
March 21, 2004

The motel you will be staying at is called the Fairfield Inn, 1018 Briarsdale Road, Harrisburg, PA, phone number 717-412-4326. Ask for the rates for the Cumberland Valley Firefighters Association when making your reservations.. The rate has been set at \$89.00 plus tax. Rates are good until the first week in February 2004.

Directions to the motel are as follows: Take Interstate 81 North to Harrisburg. Stay on I 81 until you come to the I 81 and I 83 split. Take the I 83-split South for about 2 miles. Take exit 48, Union Deposit, to the right. At the light turn right. At the next light, which is Briarsdale, turn left and go about a block to the motel on the right.

The agenda has been set up for a visit to Chief James Derstine's place for refreshments and fellowship. You will also be going to the Fire Museum in Harrisburg. There will be no charge here but a donation might be required, possibly \$3.00. There are many shopping centers in the area for those who want to shop.

The meeting will be in Enola, PA, at the Citizens Fire Company, 230 N Enola Drive.

Directions are as follows: Take Interstate 83 North again until you come to the split with I 81. Take I 81 South until you come to the Enola exit just across the Susquehanna River Bridge. Take 11 and 15 South to Enola. You will pass a strip mall, McDonalds, Eat and Park, etc. Go to the top of the hill. You will see a Sports Bar called Rumors. Turn right at the bar onto Columbia Road. Go West on Columbia until you come to N. Enola Drive. Turn left on N. Enola Drive. The Fire Company is on your left about 2 blocks, across from the graveyard.

Directions to Chief Derstine's

101 Cumberland Road
Enola, Pennsylvania
Phone: 717-732-0418

From Route 81 South: Take 81 South to Routes 11 and 15 South (1st exit off Wade Bridge). Proceed on Routes 11 and 15 South for approximately 1-1/2 miles. Make right turn onto Susquehanna Avenue, (Worley Motors Used Cars) go one block and turn left onto Perry Street. At the top of the hill is the intersection of Perry Street and Cumberland Road. 101 Cumberland Road is the house on the corner of Cumberland Road and Perry Street. Park in the driveway at the side of the house off Perry Street.

NOTE: As a group we are going to go to the Harrisburg Fire Museum at 3 p.m. on Saturday afternoon, March 20, 2004.

At 7 p.m. on Saturday evening, we are invited to Chief Derstine's home. He has a collection of his own.

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