



**Old Fire Farts of York County
Annual Meeting
January 30, 2022
Alert Fire Company No. 1, Emigsville, PA**

Call to Order

President Greg Halpin called the meeting to order which was followed by the Pledge to the Flag and a Moment of Silence. There were 18 members present for the meeting, along with 3 wives as guests.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

The October 2021 Meeting was not held due to lack of a quorum. The July Meeting Minutes were posted on the Webpage and Facebook page so a motion was made to accept them as printed by Jeff Stauffer and second by Dave Evans and the motion was approved.

Proposed Slate of Officers

The following slate of officer nominations were presented by President Greg Halpin. John Senft reported from the Nomination Committee that Roy Gentzler has agreed to serve a two-year term as Member-At-Large on the Board.

- President – Greg Halpin (1 yr. left on term)
- Vice-President /Pres. Elect. – Neil Gunnet (1yr. left on term)
- Secretary – Kraig Herman (1 yr. left on term)
- Treasurer – Bob Straw (1.5 yrs. Left on term)
- Member-At-Large – **Roy Gentzler** (2 yr. term)
- Member-At-Large – Dave Maletz (1 yr. on term)

Pres. Greg Halpin asked if there were any nominations from the floor for the Member-At-Large 2 yr. term. There were no nominations from the floor, so Robb Green made a motion to close the nominations for the election and Jeff Stauffer seconded the motion and the motion passed.

With no positions being contested Jeff Stauffer made a motion to have the Secretary cast a ballot to elect the officers listed above, Eddie Schwartz second the motion, and the motion passed.

Officer's Reports

President

President Greg Halpin discussed the lack of interest by our membership to the point that we had to cancel our October Meeting due to a lack of a quorum. He was pleased with the attendance at the Christmas Party and with the attendance at today's Annual Meeting. We need to continue the participation at our meetings and events.

President Elect

Neil Gunnet, no report.



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Treasurer

Bob Straw gave the treasurer's report. As of the end of Dec. 2021 the organization had \$26,231.75 in our Peoples Bank Checking Account. Bob also gave a 6-month, (July- Dec.) summary and indicated that we operated in a deficit in July,

minus \$225.92, Aug, minus \$4,102.00 and Dec., minus \$8.79 for a total of \$4,336.71. We made money in Sept., plus \$645.16, Oct., plus \$335.55, Nov., plus \$105.00 for a total profit of \$ 1,085.71. We spent \$3,251.00 more than we took in over this 6-month period.

This started a discussion on the three scholarship we gave out in 2021 at a cost of \$3,550. We only took in during the 6-month period for the scholarships \$1,382.00. The discussion on the scholarships was tabled to the Scholarship Committee to come back with some solutions to this problem by the next meeting.

The sale of last year's muster shirts was discussed and we have made enough shirts to show a small profit with 3 tubs of shirts to sell which are all profit sales. The reason we have 3 tubs left is because flea markets and musters in 2021 were cancelled due to Covid. Those sales opportunities were lost.

As every year, dues have been coming in slow. So far only \$250.00 in 2022 dues has been deposited.

Ron Emenheiser Jr. made a motion to accept the report and Jeff Stauffer second the motion and the motion was approved.

Secretary

Membership dues are due now. Life Members 32, Active Members 46, Organization Members 1 with 30 members also being SPAAMFAA Members. New Membership cards are being designed. Life members will receive a certificate that will be emailed to them. Bob Straw stated that he has Life Membership Cards, Active Membership Cards, and Certificates available online and ready to be printed. He had some with him tonight. Kraig needs to get with Bob on what he has or any changes he wants to see.

There was a motion to make Patti and Charlie Webb Honorary Members. John Senft checked the By-Laws and we do not have such a membership available. Neil Gunnet made a motion to waive the Webb's membership fees annually and make them Life Members. This motion was second by Jeff Stauffer and the motion passed.

The request to purchase Google Meets at \$7.99/month was discussed and the membership decided to table it for further discussion on a motion by Eddie Schwartz and second by Charlie Webb.

Since the Secretary was not present a motion Neil Gunnet and second by Jeff Stauffer was made to accept the actions taken in his absence.

Members-At-Large

Roy Gentzler, No Report



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Committee Reports

Financial (Bob Straw): Bob had No Report

Scholarship Fund (John Senft): Action will be taken on the items sent to the Committee.

PR/Communication (Kraig Herman): Bob straw had a card sent by Bill Blunden Executive Secretary of SPAAMFAA was read concerning the Winter Conference and it will be given to the Secretary.

Preservations/Hist. Ref. (Eddie Swartz): Eddie Schwartz advised that the Committee has been helping several people get parts and advise as needed on restoration projects.

Org. Safety Officers (Kraig Herman / Jeff Stauffer): Jeff had No report

York Fire Muster (Kraig Herman): Jeff Stauffer reported the date as September 25, 2022 in Fawn Grove with Darley being our featured apparatus. A discussion was held as to the low number of members who helped to work at the Muster. It was stated that only 5 or 6 members were there. The the Old Fire Farts Muster Committee may need to be enlarged to cover a lead for each segment of the Muster. Two representative who are members of the Old Fire Farts were present and had some comments.

Bob stated that there were at least 12 Life or Active Members at the Muster. Bob Straw, and his wife, Rich Witten, and Jesse Walters Jr. worked shirt sales, Bill Newbould help at the school. The following had trucks there: The Gentzler, Terry Fix, Bob & Charles Riley, and Dick Staub. Rusty Leftwich was a Judge for us. Kraig and Jeff from the Muster Committee. Paul and Dolly Hoover who handled the Kids Corner Table. There were other members who were there but did not work or participate in any activity.

Ken Buohl stated that he has a history list from all our Muster and stated that since we went to Fawn Grove, we have lost a lot of followers from the first 5 years. He thinks our decline is because of the location. He agreed that we cannot run a good Muster with so few people and maybe we should just turn it over to Fawn Grove to run. Ken thinks we need to find another place like the York County 4H Center. Ken also asked about the 2024 SPAAMAA and AHS at the York Expo Center. The membership is still looking into an agreement with AHS on shared cost and other items of concern. Bob Straw is the lead on this project.

By Laws (John Senft): President Halpin stated that a draft is about ready. He has some changes that are in the process of being proofread with John and him will hopefully have a full report

Old Business

Ken Bouhl gave a report on his effort to have a bus tour to the Reading Fire Museum and other locations in the Reading area. In his research he has found out that a Coach Bus will cost us too much. He has looked at renting one or two 15 passenger vans that we will drive. The cost will be about \$25 /member and the itinerary will include the Fire Museum, lunch at a pub, and a tour of two or three fire stations. The museum fee and lunch will be on your own. Target date will be Saturday, May 14, 2022 from 8 am till 5 pm. Stay tune for more details on our Facebook Page or Website as Ken works things out.

New Business

Bob Straw suggested a Picnic Committee be formed to find a place for our July 10, 2022 Picnic since Eddie will not be home that day and his place isn't available. Ken Buohl, Bob Straw, Neil Gunnet will be



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the Committee and Ken has agreed to find a place. The Committee needs to have a report ready by our April 10th meeting at the Greater Hanover Museum.

SPAAMFAA Chapter Update

Bob Straw asked about our officers having liability and Bonding of Officers who handle money. Bob will check with what coverage the National Membership gives us.

Open Floor Discussion

Using a County Park for our Summer Picnic and Meeting was suggested.

Our Christmas Party with Station #23 was a success and we would like to do it again in 2022.

Bob Straw will have shirt sales spots at Mt. Airy Flea Market on 4/3 and Allentown Spring Melt on 4/24.

Future Meetings will be April 10, 2022 at the Greater Hanover Fire Museum at 1:30 pm

July 10, 2022 TBD

October 16, 2022 TBD

President Greg Halpin called for a motion to adjourn Eddie Schwartz made a motion and Neil Gunnet second the motion which was approved.

Respectfully Recorded,

For Kraig E Herman

Bob Straw