



**Old Fire Farts of York County
Quarterly Meeting
January 15, 2023**

Hoss's Steak & Sea House Restaurant, 3604 E. Market Street, York PA 17402

Call to Order

President Greg Halpin called the meeting to order which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence. There were 27 members present for the meeting.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

The October 2022 Quarterly Meeting minutes were read by Acting Secretary Patti Webb. Neil Gunnet commented that the reference to Saturday in the York New Salem Bingo information be changed to Sunday. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Officer's Reports

Treasurer

Bob Straw gave the treasurer's report for 2022. Bob presented a Year-to-Date Profit/Loss Statement showing that the organization is at a loss of **-\$1,681.25** for 2022.

A Certificate of Deposit in the amount of \$10,000 has been purchased from Members 1st Federal Credit Union for the purpose of ear-marking funds for the 2024 Convention. Samantha, Manager at the Members 1st Federal Credit Union Manchester branch, visited and provided piggy banks and t-shirts for the organization to raffle off. All members of the organization are now qualified to become members of Members 1st Federal Credit Union.

Bob reiterated the need for fundraisers. Bob reminded the organization that the ticket sales for the Uniden scanner will benefit the Old Fire Farts Scholarship Fund. The drawing for the scanner to be held at the end of the meeting.

Discussion that the organization did not donate York Fire Muster funds to the fire museums in York County in 2022.

Scholarship funds of \$3,500 were awarded however only \$2,000 was donated from local foundations. Discussion on decreasing or increasing the current scholarship amount of \$1,000. York Hospital will be approached as a possible donor to the scholarship fund.

Secretary

No report.

Vice President

Vice President Neil Gunnet provided further details on the York New Salem bingo and proposed providing manpower for four (4) Sunday bingos for the remainder of 2023. Discussion on the proposed dates, expectations of the members who volunteer to help, estimated revenue to the organization and possible date conflicts with the Dover Township bingos. York New Salem handles the kitchen and the



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money. The volunteers from the organization will handle calling out winning numbers, tear-off ticket sales (walking the floor), emptying garbage cans and hauling garbage bags to the dumpster. The doors open at 12:00 pm for a start time of 1:00 pm. Volunteers should arrive around 11:30 am. The agreed upon dates are March 19, 2023, June 25, 2023, September 17, 2023 and December 3, 2023. Approved unanimously.

President

No report.

Members-At-Large

Roy Gentzler not in attendance.

Dave Maletz not in attendance.

Committee Reports

Financial: Bob Straw reported that a Certificate of Deposit in the amount of \$10,000 has been purchased from Members 1st Federal Credit Union for the purpose of ear-marking funds for the 2024 Convention. Samantha, Manager at the Members 1st Federal Credit Union Manchester branch, visited and provided piggy banks and t-shirts for the organization to raffle off.

Scholarship: John Senft reported that three (3) scholarships were awarded at \$1,000 per scholarship.

Communications: Bob Sawyer agreed to become a member of the Communications Committee.

Preservations/Historical Reference: Not in attendance.

Org. Safety Officer: Jeff Stauffer reported "progress"

York Fire Muster: Jeff Stauffer proposed that the 2023 York Fire Muster remain at Fawn Grove due to an understanding with Fawn Grove that the organization would hold the Muster at Fawn Grove in 2023. Discussion on the change of venue for the 2023 Muster, changing the day of the week from a Sunday to a Saturday, shortening the time frame of the event, food truck availability and food stand staff availability. The organization agreed upon Saturday, September 23, 2023 with a start time of 10:00 am. Bob Sawyer and Dick Staub agreed to serve on the York Fire Muster Committee. Patti Webb will contact The Kiltie Band of York to perform at the York Fire Muster.

The 2023 York Fire Muster will be dedicated to honor the memory of Kraig Herman. Bob Straw will have this information included in the graphics for the Muster shirts and advertisements. Approved unanimously.

By-Laws: No report

Benevolent: Bob Straw reported progress on the plaque for Dick Lehr. Greg Halpin has presented a resolution of respect from the organization to Kraig Herman's family.

Nominating Committee: The following are the people willing to serve in the designated positions:



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President: Neil Gunnet

Vice President: Dick Staub

Secretary: Greg Halpin

Treasurer: Open for nominations

Directors-At-Large: Greg Moul and Harold Reinhold

2024 Convention: Bob Straw reported the following for the joint conference to be held at the York Fairgrounds for SPAAMFAA, the Professional Car Society and the American Truck Historical Society. There will be an estimate of 150 fire apparatuses, 75 cars and 1,500 tractor trailers displayed at this joint conference.

Dates: June 4, 2024 through June 8, 2024

Possible Hotel Headquarters: 4-Points by Sheraton, 1650 Toronita Street, York PA 17402

Schedule of Events:

Tuesday, June 4, 2024:

*Registration at hotel from 8:00 am to 4:00

*Apparatus moved to the York Fairgrounds. Registration tent will be located behind the firehouse.

*Board of Directors meeting will be held at the fairgrounds

*Hospitality room at the headquarters hotel will be open from 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm. Harold Reinhold and Rick Witten will staff the hospitality room.

*Bus trip to the York Fire Museum for a Pennsylvania Dutch-style dinner and opening ceremonies. Patti Webb will request that The Kiltie Band of York perform at the opening ceremonies.

Wednesday, June 5, 2024:

* Bus trip to Strasburg Railroad, Pennsylvania Train Museum, Amish Farm and lunch at a buffet restaurant. Transportation provided by Bailey Motorcoach.

*Hospitality room at the headquarters hotel will be open from 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm. Harold Reinhold and Rick Witten will staff the hospitality room.

Thursday, June 6, 2024:

* Bus trip to Mahanoy City Warehouse and Museum and Shenandoah Museum. Polish cuisine free of charge. Transportation provided by Bailey Motorcoach.

*Ice cream social from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm held in the horticultural hall at the York Fairgrounds.

*Evening seminars: 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm (Greg Halpin will be speaker)

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Friday, June 7, 2024:

- *Walk the show during the day and meetings in the evening at the headquarters hotel.
- *Chapter representatives meeting at hotel from 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm.
- *General meeting at hotel from 9:00 pm to 10:00 pm.
- *Evening seminars: 6:30-7:30 (Neil Gunnet will set up speaker)
- *Hospitality room at the headquarters hotel will be open from 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm. Harold Reinhold and Rick Witten will staff the hospitality room.

Saturday, June 8, 2024:

- *Muster – 10:00 am to 11:00 am clean apparatus; 11:00 am to 12:00 pm parade; 1:00 pm awards.
- *Evening banquet at a firehall
- *Hospitality room at the headquarters hotel will be open from 10:00 pm to 12:00 pm. Harold Reinhold and Rick Witten will staff the hospitality room.

Old Business

Discussion on Christmas party and the lack of meat.

The organization will provide volunteers for the Dover Township Bingo to be held on August 27, 2023. Volunteers to arrive at 12:00 pm, doors open at 12:30 pm.

Discussion on the additional \$5.00 per year requested from Life Members to defray the cost of the 24-Hour Accidental Death & Dismemberment Insurance policy for the members through Provident Insurance.

Discussion on holding a spring flea market. Jeff Stauffer and Greg Moul will be the Flea Market Committee. They will have a budget of \$150 to spend on the reservation of a venue for the flea market.

New Business

Greg Halpin presented information on the Family Day Event at the York County History Center on January 28, 2023 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. The theme is "Superheroes". The organization has been invited to have an informational table at this event. No interest by the members present.

SPAAMFAA Chapter Update

Jeff Stauffer, SPAAMFAA Regional Trustee, reported "progress". The summer meeting will be held in Rhode Island and the winter meeting will be held in Phoenix, AZ.



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Open Floor Discussion

Ron Emenheiser reported that the Yorkana Volunteer Fire Company has fire apparatus storage space available at their former station building. There is only room for one small truck/apparatus. Anyone interested can contact Ron for further details at telephone number (717) 873-2085.

Summer family picnic will be held on July 9, 2023 at Cousler Park in the upper end pavilion. Bob Straw will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs, rolls and condiments. Harold Reinhold will bring his Slushie machine and a hot dog roller. Members to bring a side dish and dessert to share.

Next Quarterly Meetings

Next meeting scheduled for Sunday, April 16, 2023 at Hoss's Steak & Sea House, 3604 E. Market Street, York PA 17402. Lunch at 1:00 pm, Meeting at 2:00 pm. Patti Webb will work with the manager of Hoss's to sign up the organization for the "Community Night" which will give the organization a percentage of each meal check.

On a motion by Jeff Stauffer and a second by Greg Moul, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Recorded,

Patti Webb

Acting Secretary