



**Old Fire Farts of York County
Annual Meeting
April 16, 2023**

Shiloh Fire Company, 2190 Carlisle Avenue, West Manchester Township, PA

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 12 members present for the meeting.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

There was a motion that the minutes of the January 2023 meeting not be read by the Acting Secretary. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Officer's Reports

Treasurer

Bob Straw reported that the Old Fire Farts won first place at the York St. Patrick's Parade. The group was awarded \$70.00. The parade entrance fee was \$25.00. Weis Markets donated candy. Bob purchased children-size, green fire hats to hand out.

Bob Straw reported that the 2 vendor spaces at the Allentown Spring Melt have been paid for at a cost of \$150.00.

Bob Straw requested approval to register for the June 3, 2023 muster at Pleasant Valley CFC, Westminster, MD. The registration fee is \$20.00. Motion to approve by Jeff Stauffer, seconded by Mike Beck.

Bob Straw reported that the Harrisburg Pump Primers will be held on Saturday, July 8, 2023.

The summer SPAAMFAA conference will be held in Providence, RI from July 11, 2023 through July 15, 2023.

Bob Straw proposed that a picnic be held on July 9, 2023 at Cousler Park with the quarterly meeting held after the picnic. Time of event from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Invite members to bring their fire apparatus for a "touch a fire truck" event. Hamburgers and hot dogs to be provided and members to bring a covered dish to share. Harold Reinhold will bring a hot dog roller and slushy machine. The cost to reserve the pavilion at Cousler Park is ~~\$300~~ \$50.00. Motion to approve by Roy Gentzler, seconded by Jeff Stauffer.

Secretary

Patti Webb reported that a "Community Day" has been set up with the manager of Hoss's Steak & Seahouse on Market Street. The date is May 8, 2023. Cards have been distributed and Bob Straw posted a picture of the card on Facebook. The card must be presented for our group to receive credit



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and be paid a percentage of the check. The percentages are 20% of check amounts totaling up to \$300, 25% of check amounts totaling over \$300.

Vice President

Neil Gunnett not in attendance.

President

Greg Halpin reported that there are 9 members that have not renewed their memberships. Greg will send email reminders.

Members-At-Large

Roy Gentzler in attendance. No report.

Committee Reports

Financial: Bob Straw reported that the repairs to the monument at the fire museum is at a stand-still. Bob posed a question to the group – “What has happened to the money donated?”

Scholarship: John Senft reported no scholarship applications have been received to date.

Communications: Bob Straw reported that there needs to be more of a push on social media for the group.

Preservations/Historical Reference: No report.

Bob Straw shared that the Grantley Mack B is back in York County. Terry Fix is working on it.

Org. Safety Officer: Jeff Stauffer reported “progress”. Jeff reported that a procedure needs to be in place for the safe backing of apparatus at the York Fire Muster. All apparatus will need a spotter.



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Flea Market: Jeff Stauffer reported mixed results. Jeff stated that one of the biggest lose in foot traffic is due to the PA Fireman doing away with the free event advertisement column. Jeff delivered flea market flyers to 5 local antique shops, the Hanover fire museum and York fire museum. Jeff also reported that the flea market was held too late in the year. He will look at February/March for next year. The Shiloh food and staff were excellent. Jeff reported that the fixed admission may have been an issue and proposed that next year the attendees be asked for a donation. Jeff also proposed having a 50/50 next year and doing more Facebook advertising.

York Fire Muster: Rick Witten asked if there are flyers for the September 16, 2023 York Fire Muster. Bob Straw reported that the flyers are prepared but need to be printed. Bob will have flyers printed at Staples. Bob will also continue to advertise the muster on Facebook.

Jeff Stauffer reported that he will schedule a meeting with Fawn Grove to work out the details of the muster. The flea market space fee is \$20.00. Patti Webb reported that the Kiltie Band of York has agreed to perform at the muster and will be sponsored by Tartan Insurance & Investments LLC. Apparatus registration fee is \$20.00 for two apparatus and \$10.00 for any additional apparatus. Fawn Grove Fire Company will provide food stand.

Bathroom expense for 2022 was over \$600.00. John Senft recommends reducing the number of portajohns and getting quotes from different vendors.

By-Laws: No report.

Benevolent: Bob Straw discussed honoring Kraig Herman.

Nominating Committee:

The following is the new slate of officers which will take effect on July 1, 2023:

President: Neil Gunnet

Vice President: Dick Staub

Treasurer: Bob Straw

Secretary: Greg Halpin

Directors-at-Large: Greg Moul, Harold Reinhold

Motion to accept the slate of officers made by Jeff Stauffer, seconded by Mike Beck.

2024 Convention: Bob Straw reported that AHS has booked every hotel in York. Bob has reached out to Explore York without success in finding a host hotel. Our group will need a hotel with a banquet



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room with the capacity of 200, a speakers' room for Wednesday and Thursday night and hospitality room. Bob has arranged for a rental van for Rick and Harold.

Bob reported that AHS will receive the registration money. The registration fee is \$20 at the fairgrounds gate or \$15 pre-admission arm band.

Wednesday, June 5, 2023 event will be visiting the Strasburg Railroad and the Pennsylvania Railroad Museum. Patti Webb has been in contact with the Strasburg Railroad and will provide the information to Bob.

Old Business

York New Salem Bingo: Bob Straw reported on the ticket sales for the York New Salem Bingo on April 29, 2023. He has sold one ticket and Bingo George has sold 4 tickets. There is another bingo scheduled for the group on May 21, 2023.

Dover Township Bingo: Next scheduled bingo with Robin is August 27, 2023. Donations are needed.

New Business

None.

SPAAMFAA Chapter Update

Jeff Stauffer, SPAAMFAA Regional Trustee, reported the president resigned and the by-laws do not provide for automatic succession.

Greg Halpin reported the articles and pictures in The Silver Trumpet and Engine! Engine! on Kraig Herman and the York Fire Muster. Both publications used the information from our newsletter.

Open Floor Discussion

None.

Next Quarterly Meetings

Next meeting scheduled for Sunday, July 8, 2023 at 2:00 pm at Cousler Park in Pavilion B.

On a motion by Jeff Stauffer and a second by Charles Riley, meeting was adjourned.



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Respectfully Recorded,

Patti Webb

Acting Secretary