



Old Fire Farts of York County

Quarterly Meeting

July 9, 2023

Alert Fire Company, 3118 North George Street, Emigsville, PA

Call to Order

Vice President Richard Staub called the meeting to order at 2:39 p.m. with approximately 50 members and guests present for the picnic prior to the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and a Moment of Silence was held.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 2023 meeting were read by the Secretary. The minutes were approved with one correction: cost of the pavilion at Cousler Park was \$50.00, not \$300.00.

Officers Reports

Treasurer

Bob Straw read the Treasurer's report.

Patti Webb reported that we did not meet the \$300 threshold for receiving a donation from Hoss's for our Community Day on May 8th.

Bob Straw reported on the bingo at York New Salem. We did not have enough ticket sales to hold the bingo, so both dates were cancelled. Our bingo at Dover Township is still on for August 27, 2023. Sponsors are still needed, and we will need volunteers to help at the bingo. Doors open at 12:30 p.m.

Bob Straw reported that at the Pennsylvania Pump Primers in Harrisburg yesterday we sold out of straw fire hats, making \$900.00, with total sales of \$1,650.00.

Secretary

Greg Halpin reported that after sending one last email, eight members have left their membership lapse, and will be dropped from the membership rolls.

Vice President

Dick Staub reported he is filling in for President Neil Gunnet, who was unable to attend today.

President

Neil Gunnet was not in attendance.

Directors-At-Large

Greg Moul and Harold Reinhold both in attendance. No report.

Committee Reports

Financial: Bob Straw had no report.



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Communications: Bob Straw reported on the SPAAMFAA / ATHS 2024 convention with hotel rooms. Hotels are being booked up without us having a host hotel for SPAAMFAA members.

Greg Halpin requested anyone with items for the next newsletter to get them to him as soon as possible.

Scholarship: John Senft reported two scholarship applications have been received, both of which have been reviewed and approved by the committee:

- Frank L. Quintin, III – WMTFD – EMT at HACC, \$925.00
- Cadence L. McCandless – Nashville VFD – Nursing at York College, \$2,500.00

Motion by Ed Schwartz, seconded by Mike Beck, to approve the scholarships. Motion passed.

Preservations/Historical Reference: No report.

Flea Market: No report.

Benevolent: Bob Straw reported we will be honoring Kraig Herman at the 2024 muster with a Best Appearing American LaFrance Apparatus award. The American LaFrance pumper that was formerly owned by Kraig is to be attending the muster.

York Fire Muster: No Report.

Org. Safety Officer: Jeff Stauffer not in attendance. No report.

Old Business

2024 Convention: Bob Straw reported that the convention is scheduled for June 4 – 8, 2024 in York. We currently have \$3,000.00 in sponsorship donations. Rick Witten and Harold Reinhold were spectacular handling the hospitality room and other tasks at the 2021 Winter Conference and would like them to handle hospitality once again. One sponsor will handle the hospitality expenses. We will need about three (3) people to handle apparatus at the fairgrounds. Drafting will be from a folding tank. There will be static judging, and an apparatus parade during the event inside the fairgrounds. There will be a welcoming reception at the York County Fire Museum on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., and the dinner will be held at Union Fire and Hose Company in Dover at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday. We will need volunteers at the hotel each day.

Roy Gentzler expressed his concern with not having a host hotel. Bob Straw responded that he thinks we will be able to come up with a solution. He will be having a phone conversation with the ATHS representative tomorrow to frankly discuss the issue. ATHS made promises that they are now renegeing on.

New Business

Christmas Party: A discussion was held about the details of the 2023 Christmas party. Dick Staub appointed a Christmas Party Committee consisting of himself, Charlie Webb, Patti Webb and Bob Straw to work out the details of the Christmas party and report back at the next meeting in October.



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Banners: Greg Halpin suggested purchasing two banners for the organization to use for parades and other functions. He said that two banners each 3' by 6' or 3' by 8' could be purchased for less than \$30.00 each.

Motion by Patti Webb, seconded by Greg Moul, to purchase two custom banners for the organization. Motion passed. Bob Straw took over this project.

Trailer: Bob Straw reported that President Neil Gunnet suggested that we acquire a small, enclosed trailer for hauling equipment and merchandise for shows, as well as a place other than Bob's garage to store our items. Neil also suggested purchasing two customized pop-up tents and three tables. Dick Staub appointed a committee consisting of Bob Straw, Chairman, with Bill Furnia, Rick Witten, and Patti Webb. The committee was instructed to investigate this and other alternatives, and to report back at the next meeting in October.

SPAAMFAA Chapter Update

Jeff Stauffer, SPAAMFAA District 7 Pennsylvania Trustee, not in attendance. No report.

Bob Straw reported again on the resignation of the SPAAMFAA president. Chuck Buschardt, SPAAMFAA District 6 Mid-Western Trustee, elaborated on the process of replacing the president.

Open Floor Discussion

Charlie Webb expressed his thanks to the committee who handled the food for the indoor picnic today.

Next Meeting

Next meeting scheduled for Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 2:00 pm at Hoss's Steak and Sea House, 3604 East Market Street. Lunch to begin at 12:00 noon. Patti Webb will contact Hoss's and will distribute Community Day flyers.

On a motion by Bob Straw, seconded by Alan Houser, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory C. Halpin

Secretary