



**Old Fire Farts of York County
Quarterly Meeting
October 22, 2023**

Hoss's Steak and Sea House, 3604 East Market Street, York, PA

Call to Order

Vice President Richard Staub called the meeting to order at 1:52 p.m. with 16 members and guests in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and a Moment of Silence was held.

Vice President Staub reported that President Gunnet was on a cruise and unable to attend the meeting.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the July 2023 meeting were read by the Secretary. The minutes were approved.

Officers Reports

Treasurer

Bob Straw read an abbreviated Treasurer's report.

Secretary

Greg Halpin reported that the newsletter will be completed and sent out shortly. If anyone has anything for the newsletter, get it to him ASAP.

Vice President

Dick Staub reported he looked at Terry Fix's trailer.

- **MOTION** by Jeff Stauffer, seconded by Bob Riley, to purchase the trailer from Terry Fix, cost not to exceed \$3,000.00. Motion carried.

Terry Fix suggested that the trailer be outfitted internally to be able to work out of the back of the trailer at shows. Patti Webb will get a quote for insurance. We will check with the Fire School to see if the trailer can be stored there.

President

Neil Gunnet was not in attendance.

Directors-At-Large

Harold Reinhold was not in attendance. Greg Moul was in attendance. No report.

Committee Reports

Financial: Bob Straw had no report.

Communications: Bob Straw reported that he talked with Bobby Sawyer about raffling off a Unication pager, the cost would be about \$800.00.

- **MOTION** by Bob Straw, seconded by Jeff Stauffer, to raffle off a Unication pager. Motion carried.



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Scholarship: Bob Straw reported that the scholarships were awarded at the County Convention in August.

Bob also reported that the bingo at Dover Township in August had two volunteers, but we made \$1,050.00 for the scholarship fund. Greg Halpin commented that the lack of volunteers was likely due to the last-minute change in date that wasn't disseminated.

Bob reported that scholarship applications will be due in June of 2024.

Preservations/Historical Reference: Terry Fix, no report.

Flea Market: Jeff Stauffer reported the last flea market essentially broke even, and that we need to consider a different date to avoid conflicts with other fire memorabilia events. He asked if anyone knows of facilities that might be able to be used for free. He will report back at the next meeting.

Benevolent: Bob Straw reported that no members have passed since our last meeting. He also reported that Frank Tremel, SPAAMFAA president, is recovering in a rehab center after having surgery.

Christmas Party: December 10, 2023, at the Alert Fire Company, 3118 North George Street, Emigsville, Pa., from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Party will be catered by D&Z Fries. Meal to consist of turkey, ham, potatoes, etc. Those planning on attending should RSVP to Bob Straw.

Trailer: Covered earlier in the meeting.

York Fire Muster: Jeff Stauffer reported that 23 rigs were in attendance. The event was fairly well received. He received one complaint about the location. Terry Fix pumped his recently restored 1926 American LaFrance pumper; the first time it is known to have pumped in over 50 years. The muster was short staffed, and did not make much of a profit. Some expected donations did not come through, and it cost \$350.00 for two portable toilets and a hand-washing station. The York Revolution donated about \$1,400.00 worth of tickets for 2024 games, and 1-800-Board Up sponsored the trophies.

Org. Safety Officer: Jeff Stauffer reported that there were no incidents at the muster. We will need a team of safety officers for the 2024 muster. A discussion was held about having STAFF shirts for the 2024 SPAAMFAA convention and muster. Bob will make ID tags of a special color, with a special color lanyard to identify our staff for the convention. We also have blue polo shirts with our logo on the front that can be used as staff shirts in stock. Dick Staub said he feels that anyone that is volunteering to help with the convention should be given a shirt.

Old Business

2024 Convention: Bob Straw reported that buses have been reserved for bus trips, and he has bus teams in place for the trips. Our host hotel will be the Four Points by Sheraton York at 1650 Totonita Street, and he has met with the events manager at the hotel. The registration form is through the ATHS. The woman at the ATHS that was the problem has been fired, and Bob is in contact with her former boss and will discuss registration with him. Rick Witten and Harold Reinhold will handle hospitality. Snacks have been ordered from various suppliers. Bob is trying to get the Dover Fire Company to do a Pennsylvania Dutch dinner. He is going to talk with Karl at Central Family Restaurant as Dover does not seem willing to make the dinner. Bob is looking at St. Matthew's Church on West Market Street for the



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welcoming dinner, as it is just down the street from the York County Fire Museum. He is planning on having an auction on Wednesday and Thursday evening of fire memorabilia. There are many details to still be worked out as Bob talks with ATHS representatives. The DIVCO milk truck owners will also be a part of the event. The Saturday evening dinner will be at the Dover (borough) Fire Hall. We will have 12 portable radios available for use during the event.

Dover Township Bingo: We will schedule more bingo games.

Banners: Bob Straw has the new banners for use on apparatus and at events.

New Business

None.

SPAAMFAA Chapter Update

Jeff Stauffer reported that elections are coming up. The Winter SPAAMFAA meeting is February 21-24, 2024 in Memphis, TN. They are trying to reorganize a chapter there.

Open Floor Discussion

Greg Halpin reported that elections will be coming up at the annual meeting in the second quarter of 2024.

Next Meeting

Next meeting to be scheduled by the President and will be announced once he has set the date. Patti Webb said she will be willing to contact Hoss's if we want to have the meeting there again.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory C. Halpin
Secretary