



Old Fire Farts of York County Quarterly Meeting November 03, 2024

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

Call to Order

President Neil Gunnet called the meeting to order at 1:57 p.m. with 22 members and guests in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and a Moment of Silence was held.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the August 25, 2024 meeting were read by Secretary Greg Halpin. The minutes were approved as read on a motion by Fred Shilke, seconded by Marty Hoover.

Officers' Reports

Treasurer

Vice President Dick Staub read the treasurer's report as submitted by Treasurer Charlie Webb. The report was approved as read on a motion by Bonnie Shilke, seconded by Fred Shilke.

Greg Halpin reported that the premium for the accident death and dismemberment insurance is due.

- **MOTION** by Marty Hoover, seconded by Mike Beck, to pay the insurance premium. Motion passed.

Paul Hoover inquired about an invoice from T&J Trophies from the SPAAMFAA convention that hasn't been paid yet. A discussion followed about the confusion over the multiple invoices. The Treasurer will be instructed to pay the bill.

President Gunnet discussed the grey staff shirts that were ordered for the convention. The minimum order was for 75 shirts. Members paid the cost of the shirts, and the remaining shirts were sold at the convention with a \$5.00 profit on each of those sold, with those shirts selling out at the muster. That bill was still outstanding. We need to look at other shirt vendors for future shirt orders.

If anyone has any outstanding bills from the SPAAMFAA convention, they need to be turned in ASAP.

Committee Reports

Communications: Greg Halpin reported that he sent letters to Bruce Yealy and Terry Fix acknowledging their donations to the organization.

Neil Gunnet reported that we received materials from SPAAMFAA to promote the national organization.

Greg Halpin reported that we received a letter from a SPAAMFAA member looking for some t-shirts. Paul Hoover will contact the gentleman.

Greg Halpin also reported that we received information from the Florida Antique Bucket Brigade on the 2025 SPAAMFAA Winter Conference and information on placing ads in their conference booklet. Jeff Stauffer reported that hotel information is available on the chapter's web site. www.fabbfire.org

- **MOTION** by Marty Hoover, seconded by Bonnie Shilke, to purchase a ¼ page ad in the conference booklet to promote our muster. Motion passed.



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Scholarship: John Senft reported that we awarded three scholarships at the county convention dinner. Two of those scholarships have been paid. We need to make a policy on how those scholarships are paid in the future.

Preservation: No report.

Flea Market: Jeff Stauffer reported that no venue has been selected yet. He suggests just having the flea market in conjunction with the 2025 muster. He reported that the Allentown show is two weeks earlier this year.

Stauffer also reported that the SPAAMFAA Winter Conference is in Florida and encourages any members to attend. It will be a great event. The printing and distribution of the Engine!-Engine! Magazine is running behind schedule. He was not aware of the issue of our organization getting reimbursement from SPAAMFAA.

Christmas Party: Dick Staub reported that the Christmas Party is on December 15th at Alert Fire Hall in Emigsville, beginning at 12 noon. Dick needs to know when we can get in to set up. He will need help with setting up tables and chairs around 11:00 am.

Bonnie Shilke and Rose Mumma will handle the kids' games.

- **MOTION** by Marty Hoover, seconded by Mike Beck, to give a budget of \$100 for gifts and prizes for the games. Motion passed.

After a discussion, it was decided to have an optional gift exchange for the adults. Gifts should be \$20-25 in value.

Dick Staub stated that the organization needs to have better communications.

Greg Halpin asked where the table runner is? After sending an email to the membership, he only got one response that maybe it is in the trailer. Marty Hoover believes it is in the trailer. After a lengthy discussion, it was determined that the lock combination to the trailer was changed, and many of the officers were not aware of that change. Marty Hoover will get the table runner and see that the Secretary gets it.

Trailer: Marty Hoover reported that they will need a budget for repairing the lighting issues with the trailer.

- **MOTION** by Marty Hoover, seconded by Mike Beck, authorizing a \$200 budget for repairs to the trailer. Motion passed.

Benevolent: Greg Halpin reported on the passing of member David Michaels, and the passing of non-member C.R. Lloyd.

Nominations: President Gunnet appointed the following nominating committee: Rick Witten, John Senft, and Chuck Rhodes.

Muster: A suggestion in the report from the Treasurer to hold a muster in 2025 in conjunction with the County Convention. A proposed date of October 4, 2025 at SAFER's Yorkana station. Lisa Gentzler reported that West Manchester Twp. FD is not available on that date due to other commitments. A discussion followed regarding the date and location. A special meeting will be held during the Christmas



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Party. We need to coordinate this discussion with the County Association. Their association has not yet taken any action, and they will be meeting in December.

Old Business

Greg Halpin reported that new membership cards have been ordered. He also reported that we received \$80.50 from Hoss's from the Community Night program from our last meeting.

Naughty Bingo – If we are to have this event, we would need to make sure we have a location to hold it that has bingo equipment. We would need a minimum of 200 attendees and \$500-600 in supplies. We would likely have to partner with a fire company that has a bingo license/small games of chance license. The event would be adults only. A discussion followed on different types of bingo games that could be held, and the reluctance of some members to sponsor a naughty bingo.

Second Saturday at the York County History Center – Greg Halpin reported that Dick Staub and Terry Fix manned our display table at the event. We did not have the table runner to identify our organization.

New Business

Paul Hoover asked why we have accounts at a bank and a credit union. Greg Halpin reported that we opened an account at Members 1st to take advantage of a CD with a great interest rate. Marty Hoover suggested that we move all our accounts to one bank. Greg Halpin pointed out that any such discussion should have the input of the Treasurer and the Financial Committee.

Greg Halpin suggested that we have a committee to handle requests for apparatus for displays and other events. Neil Gunnet suggested that he and Roy Gentzler could handle that after he completes his term as President.

Discussion was held regarding our mail being received at multiple addresses. Deb Straw is still occasionally getting mail for our organization. In some cases, this is necessary, but for official documents, we should have one fixed address. A discussion followed regarding the practicality of having all our mail go to the fire school.

- **MOTION** by John Senft, seconded by Fred Shilke, to purchase a locking file cabinet to place at the fire school to house our records, and to use the fire school's address as our official address. Motion passed with one opposed.

Open Floor Discussion

Greg Halpin reminded the membership that annual dues are coming up for renewal.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory C. Halpin
Secretary