

## **A. C. V. E. S. A. Inaugural Convention Meeting**

August 11, 2001

York Springs, PA

President Morton called the convention meeting to order.

President Morton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chaplain Sneeringer gave the prayer.

Motion was made by John Lawver, Co.1 and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ike Felix, Co.13 to alter the meeting agenda.

Al Schull, President Co. 9 gave the address of welcome.

Mike Sneeringer, Vice President of the association, gave the response of the association.

The following were appointed as Sergeants of Arms Tom Norman Co. 4, Steve Sipe Co. 13, Dan Poist Co. 13, and Dale Reichert Co. 12.

At the time of roll call 25 companies were in attendance with 124 delegates. The following companies were present Abbottstown 2, Arendtsville 4, Aspers 1, Barlow 1, Bendersville 3, Biglerville 2, Bonneauville 7, Brushtown 10, Buchanan Valley 2, Cashtown 4, Centennial 7, Conewago 7, East Berlin 7, Fairfield 5, Fountaindale 1, Gettysburg 10, Hampton 10, Heidlersburg 4, Irishtown 4, Kingsdale 1, Lake Meade 4, Littlestown 6, McSherrystown 4, New Oxford 8 and York Springs 10. The following were not present Greenmount, Midway, and Mt. Joy.

### **SPECIAL GUEST**

U. S. Representative Todd Platts attended the convention he stated that he was happy to be here and that he would help whenever he could.

Rep. Stephen Maitland thanked us for his invitation to the convention. He is currently working on ways to help fund the new training facility.

Commissioner Tom Weaver stated how hard we work and that he appreciated our dedication.

Commissioner Tom Collins stated they are working on ways to help recruit new members into the volunteer service and ways to aid us financially.

Commissioner Harry Stokes thanked us for his invitation and we need to help the commissioners inform the local governments that the training facility is a needed project. They are behind the facility and will help where they can.

Charles Myers President of the PA State Fireman Association thanked us for the invitation and to have a good convention. The state convention will be in Summerset Sept.26 – 29.

Sandy Waybrant Director of the South Central Firemen's Association thanked us for her invitation to the convention.

## **2000 to 2001 QUEENS**

Martha Shriver introduced the Queens for this year.

2<sup>nd</sup> runner up Elizabeth Moore representing the New Oxford Fire Company

1<sup>st</sup> runner up Kasey Reindollar representing the East Berlin Fire Company

The 2001 Queen is Mandee Staub representing the Brushtown Fire Company

## **GUEST SPEAKER**

Ed Mann the State Fire Commissioner gave a talk on accountability. He stated that no system would work if we were not responsible for ourselves. We need to stay to our assignment and not freelance into another area when no one knows where we are.

He also spoke on the grant money it is a good program when it is available, but there have been some adverse effects from it. The local municipalities would not donate money to the Fire companies that received this money believing that they do not need it.

On a motion by Wayne Reid, Co.18 and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Martha Shriver, Co.7 the July monthly minutes will be accepted as printed.

Dave Martin read the bills that are to be paid. On a motion by Larry Feeser Co. 14 and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Randy Wolf Co. 10 the bills are to be paid.

Dave Martin gave the treasurers report. On a motion by Johnathan Hanson Co. 1 and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry Moser Co. 20 the treasurer's report was accepted as read.

We received letters from Governor Thomas Ridge, Lt. Governor Mark Schweiker, Steven Nichol, and Senator Terry Punt, that due other obligations they cannot attend the convention. We received a thank you card and memory card from the family of Buck Eisenhart.

## **NOMINATIONS FOR ASSOCIATION OFFICERS**

Steve Sipe Co. 13 gave the following nominees running for office.

President	Mike Sneeringer Co. 20
Vice President	Dale Reichert Co. 12
Treasurer	Dave Martin Co. 3
Membership secretary	Barb North Co. 20
Secretary	Pam Reichert Co. 12
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President Les Morton gave an update with the concerns regarding the Aspers Fire Company. The two main items are the solicitation and the box cards. We have met with the companies involved and feel that we can work these problems out. We need to schedule more meeting in the future but progress can be achieved.

## **PRESIDENTS AWARDS**

The recipients of last years Presidents Awards presented this year awards. Mike Sneeringer Co. 20 presented Dave Martin Co. 3 with the first award. Adams County Commissioner Tom Collins presented Dave with a proclamation of special recognition from the Commissioners.

Dale Reichert Co.12 presented Don Shemon Co. 10 with the second award. Adams County Commissioner Tom Weaver presented Dan with a proclamation of special recognition from the Commissioners.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. CHIEFS**

Ken Kime Co. 1 gave the following report. There will be a quarterly meeting at Co. 6 on Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm working with the State Fire Academy working on the Incident Command System.

### **B. EMS**

Denise Strevig Co. 20 gave the following report. The babysitter cards are done and available to anyone who needs them.

### **C. FIREFIGHTERS**

Steve Sipe Co. 13 gave the following report. There will be a survey sent out to help with setting up guidelines on solicitation.

### **D. FIRE MARSHALS REPORT**

Glen Herring thanked everyone for his or her help on the fire scene. This has been a difficult year with all the set fires and thanked the officers for their support to the fire marshals office.

### **E. DEPUTY FIRE MARSHALS REPORT:**

Jerry Poland no report.

### **F. JOINT FIRE / RESCUE TRAINING COMMITTEE:**

Donald Hubbard Co. 22 supplied a report of the trainings that were held throughout the year and trainings to be held.

### **G. FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE:**

Wayne Reid Co. 18 reported that the memorial program would be held on Sept. 23, 2001 at Oaklawns Memorial Gardens. Apparatus is to be there by 1:30pm the program will start at 2:00pm. The cut off date for members to be recognized at the memorial program was June 31<sup>st</sup>. We would like to see very company have one piece of equipment attend this program.

### **H. BY-LAWS COMMITTEE**

Dale Reichert Co. 12 no report.

### **I. QUEEN COMMITTEE**

Martha Shriver Co. 7 no report.

### **J. BUDGET AND FINANCIAL INVESTMENT COMMITTEE**

No report

### **K. PUBLICITY COMMITTEE**

Jerry Poland Co. 19 reported that there would be e-mail going out.

### **L. FIRE PREVENTION COMMITTEE**

Glen Herring Co. 4 reported that there are fire prevention pamphlets available.

**M. MERGER COMMITTEE**

John Lawver Co. 1 reported that it would be 4 years this October when this committee was appointed. This committee and the County Commissioners have come to an agreement on the appointment of the Fire Marshal and the Deputy Fire Marshal. This memorandum was read and voted on. On a motion by Dan Poist Co. 13 and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Duane Bretzman Co. 7 and by a unanimous vote the memorandum was accepted.

**N. TRAINING FACILITY COMMITTEE**

Dan Poist Co. 13 presented a model and drawings of the training facility. Johnathan Hanson Co. 1 presented the program that was given to the municipalities and township leaders. This program was to give them first hand information as to the importance of a training facility and why financial aid is needed.

**O. FIREFIGHTERS BALL**

Ike Felix Co. 13 reported that the ball this year would be held at Carroll Valley Resorts on Feb. 9 2002.

**P. FIRE REPORTING COMMITTEE**

No report

**Q. HOUSE NUMBERING**

No report

**R. BULK PURCHASING**

No report

On a motion by Tom Norman Co. 4 and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce Strausbaugh Co. 4 the meeting will be adjourned till 1:00 p.m.

President Les Morton called the afternoon session to order.

Chaplain Don Sneeringer led us in prayer.

Ike Felix Co. 13 presented Dan Poist Co. 13 a check for \$1,244.00 raised from the Baseball Tournament to go towards the construction of the new training facility.

**ADVANCE BIDS FOR FUTURE CONVENTIONS**

YEAR	COMPANY	CONFIRMED
2002	15,16,17,18	Kevin Adams
2003		
2004	2 and 3	Rodney Haney
2005		
2006	Irishtown	Larry Feeser
2006	Hampton	Mike Roughbaugh

2007	Centennial	Jo Ann Klunk
2008	Gettysburg	Johnathan Hanson
2009		
2010		
2011	Arendtsville	Harriet Riley
2012	Heidlersburg	Troy Lobeugh
2013	Biglerville	Don Engleburt
2014	Bendersville	Martha Schriver

## **REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVES**

### **A. LAW AND LEGISLATIVE**

Steve Sipe Co. 13 talked on future grant programs.

### **B. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ADAMS COUNTY EMA OFFICE**

Johnathan Hanson gave the following report. Hopefully by Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> the CAD System will go on line. The SOG Committee will soon be finalizing the guidelines. He needs to meet with Dale Reichert and Al Knerr Co. 1 to collect information for the Pen Fires meeting.

### **C. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PA. STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

Sandy Waybrant Co. 1 gave the following report. The convention will be held in Summerset this year.

### **D. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PA. FIRE SERVICES INSTITUTE**

### **E. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CUMBERLAND VALLEY FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

Charlie Myers President of the PA State Fireman's Association gave the following report. Next years convention will be in Berkley Springs W. V.

### **F. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SOUTHEASTERN FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

Richard Snivley Co. 1 gave the following report. There are applications available membership is \$3.00.

### **G. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ADAMS COUNTY FIRE POLICE ASSOCIATION**

Dean Shank Co. 26 gave a report of what the cost to taxpayers would be if the fire police were paid.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The Nominating Committee read the list of Officers to be elected.

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On a motion by Johnathan Hansen Co. 1 and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Randy Wolf Co. 10 the nominations are closed.

On a motion by Ike Felix Co. 13 and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Johnathan Hansen Co. 1 the secretary will cast a ballot for all unopposed offices.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Kevin Adams Co. 17 asked what is the current status of the membership cards? Les Morton replied that we are still working out some unforeseen problems with this project. And we are working on a program for all to use.

As a reminder all death benefit applications are to go to Dave Martin the Treasurer.

Wayne Reid Co. 18 asked if the By-Law committee would look into the \$1000.00 given to the host company for convention. With the increase of insurance cost this just does not go far. Mike Sneeringer will appoint a committee to look into the concerns of hosting the convention. There are guidelines that need to be addressed.

Wayne Reid Co. 18 felt that the first year of the new association went smoothly enough that the meetings could go by monthly.

### **GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION**

The new officers of this association will be sworn in at the September meeting.

### **LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING**

Hosted by the East Berlin Fire Co. to be held at the V.F.W. at 7:00pm.

### **MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Johnathan Hansen Co. 1 and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Randy Wolf Co. 10 the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted By

Pamela Jo Reichert  
Recording Secretary

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