

## Old Fire Farts of York County Pennsylvania Executive Board Meeting

February 21, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 1326 hours by President Greg Halpin.

Those in attendance - Greg Halpin, Robert Straw, Roy Gentzler, David Maletz, Ken Bouhl, and Jeff Stauffer.

President Halpin reported he purchased a gavel and block. He is donating the gavel and block to the organization.

### **SPAMFAA Winter Conference -**

Ninety-four people have registered for the conference. Twenty-six vendors are registered for the Flea Market and fifteen pieces of hand-drawn equipment are registered to be on display in the Ballroom. A suggestion from Jeff Stauffer to have vendors move from the Hotel Ballroom to the Hotel Parking Lot if the weather is suitable. This would be beneficial as the total number of occupants in the ballroom is limited to seventy. Discussion followed regarding how to police people to make sure they pay the admission price to attend the Flea Market if they are shopping the vendors who are displaying their goods in the parking lot.

Terry Fix is working on contacting owners of antique motorized fire apparatus for a static display which will be located in the parking lot.

There will be bus tours on Thursday, March 18th and Friday, March 19th. Discussion regarding tours of businesses and local attractions. Most businesses are not offering tours at this time. Alternative plans have been made. The itineraries for each day were discussed. Due to the COVID restrictions and the number of participants who have registered for the tours, a 55 passenger bus has been reserved for each day. COVID precautions will be observed for all who are being transported by bus. Each tour is completely sold out.

Conference shirts have been ordered. They will be ready for pick up this week. T-Shirts, long sleeve T-Shirts, and Crew Neck Sweatshirts have been ordered. Two hundred and twenty-five shirts have been ordered. There are approximately sixty shirts that have been pre-sold.

SPAMFAA Conference details were discussed. Food items for breakfast, dinner, and the hospitality room were discussed. The registration for the dinner has closed. Due to COVID Restrictions, there will be no additional dinner registrations allowed. Any inquiries about registering for the dinner must be directed to Robert Straw or Greg Halpin. No exceptions. Itineraries for each day of the conference were discussed. Greg Halpin will be presenting firefighting lectures to the participants on Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

**Board of Officers** – Financial procedures discussed. There is currently no procedure to handle the payment of invoices if the Association's Treasurer becomes incapacitated. A plan will be developed to

address this situation. It is not known whose names are on file with the bank to be eligible to sign checks. Jeff Stauffer will investigate with the bank and report back to the association.

Greg Halpin reported he has been reading the Association's By-Laws. He reports there are many conflicts within the By-Laws. He has created a draft of proposed By-Law Changes. Chief Senft is reading over the proposed changes. Greg will have the proposed changes ready to present at the April General Membership Meeting.

Greg Halpin reported that he is going to acquire the original association's documents from Kraig Herman. He will then scan all of the documents so there is a digital backup.

Greg Halpin asked if there was any input on the association's goals. It was decided that we will have a very limited number of events this year due to COVID restrictions. The SPAMFFA Winter Conference, Summer Picnic, Muster, and Christmas Party are the only events to be held.

Greg Halpin reported Kraig Herman has resigned due to health concerns. The association needs a member to accept the position of Secretary. The association also needs someone who would be willing to Chair or Co-Chair this year's Muster in September.

Greg Halpin reported he is expecting members of the organization to step up and become more involved. Robert Straw has handled most of the association's responsibilities over the years. Greg explained it is not fair to him or his family for him to continue to spend the amount of time that he has spent over the past years.

Greg Halpin discussed The Smoke Eater Newsletter. Robert Straw will continue to produce the newsletter.

Greg Halpin reported Membership Categories are confusing and will need to be adjusted. More discussion on this matter will occur at a later date.

Greg Halpin reported a request was made to make meetings available through Zoom or other social media platforms. More discussion on this topic will occur at a later date.

The meeting was adjourned at 1620 hours by President Greg Halpin.  
Respectively submitted,

Roy Gentzler