



Old Fire Farts of York County Quarterly Meeting October 23, 2022

Hoss's Steak & Sea House Restaurant, 3604 E. Market Street, York PA 17402

Call to Order

President Greg Halpin called the meeting to order which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence. There were 20 members present for the meeting.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

The August 2022 Quarterly Meeting minutes were read by President Greg Halpin. On a motion by Jeff Stauffer and seconded by Greg Moul, minutes were approved.

Officer's Reports

President

President Greg Halpin reported on the York County History Center Oyster Festival held at the Agricultural and Industrial Museum. The Old Fire Farts informational table was manned by Greg Halpin, Paul Hoover and Dick Staub. Greg purchased a banner for the informational table which drew a great deal of attention. The attendance of the festival was estimated at 1,700 people, the estimated profit was \$25,000 for the history center. Greg felt the organization received a great deal of exposure by attending this event.

Vice President

Vice President Neil Gunnet reported that Station 23 will not be able to accommodate the original Christmas Party date of Saturday, December 10th. It was agreed and accepted by the members present to hold the Christmas Party at Station 23 on Sunday, December 11th from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Neil confirmed with Chief Joe Stevens of Station 23 that this date and time is available for the Christmas Party.

Neil proposed a York Fire Muster award in Kraig Herman's honor titled Best Appearing American LaFrance Award. American LaFrance was Kraig's favorite apparatus. Bob Straw will obtain pricing and estimated that a wooden plaque type award would cost approximately \$34.00.

Neil is looking for storage space for fire apparatus with at least one bay door and electric service. Greg Moul suggested contacting "The Vault" to see if this space would be available for fire apparatus storage.

Treasurer

Bob Straw gave the treasurer's report for the months ending July 2022 through September 2022.

Bob presented a Year-to-Date Profit/Loss Statement showing that the organization is at a loss so far for 2022.

A donation check in amount of \$1,000 was received from Glatfelter Insurance however no donation check was received from Collins Wagner Insurance.

Bob reported that shirt sales to date have covered the cost of the shirts. Any shirt sales made going forward will be for a profit.



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Bob has Old Fire Farts challenge coins to sell. The initial order was for 300 coins at a cost of \$1,693. Bob estimates the organization will make a profit of \$1,307 if all 300 coins are sold. The cost to purchase a challenge coin is \$10.00.

Bob stressed the importance of further fundraising, possibly one fundraising activity per quarter. He proposed members of the organization participate in bingo at Dover Twp. Community Building. Neil Gunnet suggested that our members help with the Saturday bingo held at York New Salem Fire Company. Bob proposed that the organization participate in a Super Bowl Sunday bingo event. After much discussion, it was agreed that the organization would provide manpower to the York New Salem Fire Company Saturday bingo possibly in November or December of 2022. Neil will arrange further dates for the organization with the possibility of York New Salem holding a Super Bowl Sunday bingo.

Secretary

No report.

Members-At-Large

Roy Gentzler not in attendance.

Dave Maletz not in attendance.

Committee Reports

Financial: Bob Straw proposed the organization take advantage of the current higher Certificates of Deposit (CD) interest rates. Members 1st Federal Credit Union has a 1-year CD with an interest rate of 3.87% with a minimum deposit of \$1,000. Jeff Stauffer suggested that the organization buy a CD for \$10,000. Lester Eser suggested laddering the CDs. After discussion by the members present, it was agreed that the organization would purchase a \$5,000 CD in November 2022 and a \$5,000 CD in December 2022. A motion was made by Paul Hoover and seconded by Neil Gunnet.

MOTION: Bob Straw, Treasurer of the Old Fire Farts, will purchase two Certificates of Deposit from Members 1st Federal Credit Union each in the amount of \$5,000 for a total of \$10,000. The first \$5,000 Certificate of Deposit will be purchased in November 2022. The second \$5,000 Certificate of Deposit will be purchased in December 2022. Approved unanimously.

Scholarship: John Senft not in attendance.

Communications: Bob Straw reported that the Facebook page continues to gain more followers.

Bob reported on the preparations for the 2024 joint conference to be held at the York Fairgrounds for SPAAMFAA, the Professional Car Society and the American Truck Historical Society. Bob recently attended a joint meeting to work out details of the 2024 joint conference.

Wednesday activities:

Afternoon ice cream social to be held in the horticultural hall at the York Fairgrounds. Two ice cream trucks will be provided by Mrs. Softie.

Pennsylvania Dutch Dinner possibly catered by Dover Fire Company.



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Welcome ceremony with color guard and Kiltie Band. Patti Webb will contact the Kiltie Band.

Thursday activity:

Bus trip to Strasburg Railroad, Pennsylvania Train Museum, Amish Farm and lunch at a buffet restaurant. Transportation provided by Bailey Motorcoach.

Friday activity:

Bus trip to Mahanoy City Warehouse and Museum and Shenandoah Museum. Polish cuisine free of charge. Transportation provided by Bailey Motorcoach.

Preservations/Historical Reference: No report

Org. Safety Officer: Jeff Stauffer reported "progress"

York Fire Muster: Neil Gunnet reported that 22 pieces attended the Muster. The weather forecast may have been a factor in the lower attendance numbers. Neil proposed holding the Muster on a Saturday instead of a Sunday.

Discussion followed on moving the Muster to a different venue that is more centrally located in York County and holding the Muster on a Saturday in September. Bob Straw will contact The 4-H Center to check availability on September 23, 2023 or September 30, 2023. Greg Moul will contact Pinchot Park about the possibility of holding the Muster at the park.

By-Laws: No report

Benevolent: Bob Straw reported progress and the plaque for Dick Lehr is still in the works.

Old Business

Bob Straw reported that Kraig Herman's credit card has been turned into the organization and it has been cancelled. Currently Bob Straw is the only person with a credit card for the organization. Discussion on the appropriate people in the organization that should have a credit card. It was agreed that Bob Straw and Greg Halpin should be the only two people with credit cards.

New Business

Patti Webb has agreed to be the Acting Secretary through June 2023.

Neil Gunnet, Greg Moul and Dick Staub have agreed to be the Nominating Committee for the upcoming elections in 2023.

Patti Webb presented a proposal for the Old Fire Farts to purchase a 24-Hour Accidental Death & Dismemberment Insurance policy for the members through Provident Insurance. The goal is to retain current members and attract new members with this added benefit. The premium for the 68 current members is \$509.00 per year with a coverage amount of \$10,000. The cost per member is \$7.48 per year. Discussion on raising the annual dues from \$25.00 to \$30.00 to defray the cost of this policy. Life members will be asked to contribute \$5.00 per year as their share of the cost of this policy. Bob Straw and Patti will work together on drafting an email/letter to send to the members notifying them of the



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increase in the annual dues to \$30.00 and the added benefit for them. A motion was made by Dick Staub and seconded by Harold approving the purchase of this policy by The Old Fire Farts.

MOTION: The Old Fire Farts will purchase the 24-Hour Accidental Death & Dismemberment Insurance Policy from Provident Insurance to be effective January 1, 2023. The annual premium is \$509.00 per year for a coverage amount of \$10,000.00. The annual dues of The Old Fire Farts will increase from \$25.00 to \$30.00. Approved unanimously.

SPAAMFAA Chapter Update

Jeff Stauffer, SPAAMFAA Regional Trustee, reported "progress".

Open Floor Discussion

Neil Gunnet reported that the Hanover Fire Museum will have a train display for the Christmas holiday season.

Next Quarterly Meetings

Next meeting scheduled for Sunday, January 15, 2023 at Hoss's Steak & Sea House, 3604 E. Market Street, York PA 17402. Lunch at 1:00 pm, Meeting at 2:00 pm.

Spring Meeting – April, to be announced – Elections.

On a motion by Greg Moul and a second by Paul Hoover, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Recorded,

Patti Webb

Acting Secretary