

THE SMOKE EATER

Old Fire Farts of York County, PA

Special Meeting Held 05/21/2015

A Special Meeting was held May 21, 2015 at 7 PM at the Reliance Fire Co. No. 1, West York to discuss changes to Article II, Membership in our Bylaws. There were 10 members in attendance. The meeting was called to order by President Straw at 7 PM. All members in attendance introduced themselves since there were some new members present for the first time. President Straw had copies of the changes printed and handed out. He read the changes and called for a motion and second to put a motion on the floor for discussion and a vote. Richard Lehr made the motion and Alan Reed seconded the motion that we change the bylaws as read. Discussion was call for and there was none. The President called for the vote and the changes passed unanimously. A copy of the New Bylaws will be posted as soon as they are available. Basically we have changed our title of our Social Members to Social Associates. We now offer a Life Membership for a onetime fee of \$200.00 with the same rights as an Active Member. New Applications for Life Membership will be posted and new Life Membership cards are available. The meeting was adjourned by a motion from Alan Reed and Jeff Stauffer.

A discussion period followed the meeting that included a presentation by our new member Ed Scholly, Event Coordinator at the Carlisle Fair Grounds. Ed has offered the Old Fire Farts free space at the Carlisle Truck Nationals at the Fair Grounds on Aug. 7-9. I will be coordinating with Ed to place 3 or 4 rigs in our space which will be inside. Whoopie Pies and Sugar Cake orders were handed out and are due back by June 11th with delivery June 18th.

Bylaw Change to Section 3. The Social Members will be changed to Social Associates, voted on and approved 05/21/15

Section 3. Social Associates. All members who join our Face Book page are considered Social Associates. These members may attend all functions of the organization but have no voting rights, cannot hold office in the organization, serve on committees, or chair events. They will be charged to attend special events. These Associates can become an Active Member by paying their annual fee of \$25.00 to the organization or by joining as a Life Member for a fee of \$200.00.

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Special points of interest:

1. A change in membership status has taken place. Life Membership now available.
2. Contacts have been made with several community leaders to discuss our Scholarship Program.
3. We still need two people to serve on our PR/Com. Committee.
4. Need help on the 2015 York Fire Muster and Picnic Committees.

2015 York Fire Muster Taking Shape

On October 11th the 2nd York Fire Muster will take place. We plan to hold it at Cousler Park again this year. *We just got our first apparatus registration, Grantley's old 1958 Mack B is coming.*



Our featured apparatus for 2015 will be the **Ahrens-Fox**. Efforts are underway to get as many Ahrens-Fox to the Muster as possible. We hope to have 10 Foxes with Special prizes offered for the three types of Foxes built.

All makes of apparatus will also compete for trophies and there will be a Pumping Contest for anyone who wants to pump with prizes for 1st and 2nd place

The **Fire Flea Market** will be held again and at a location closer to the apparatus staging. *We already have four vendors registered.*

The **Food Court** this year will be filled with Food Trucks and they will be located closer to the stage area in 2015. *We currently have four coming.*

The **Kids Korner and Fire Safety Education** demonstrations will be back with more fun and games.

The **Registration Form** can be downloaded from of Face Book page now. Flyers for the event are available.

We need to form our Muster Committee, if you are interested in serving contact President Bob.

Fundraising Committee has been formed

The Old Fire Farts of York County, PA is a fun group to belong to. It doesn't matter if you are an Active or Social member you still need to get involved in our fundraising. We were able to bring a Fire Muster back to York County after a 50 year absence. We gave funds to both Fire Museums in York County. We helped to make the Christmas a little brighter for three first responder families in 2014. All of this took funding and we made it through our first year with help from individuals and businesses within the community.

In order to continue this effort and to expand on it, we organized as an official non-profit corporation and can now sponsor our Fire Muster on our own and don't have to beg for support from others to make it happen. Everyone weather Active or Social needs to participate in the events listed to the left.

We formed a Fundraising Committee with Paul Hoover as Chairman. He got prices for shirts for our members and should have them priced and for sale soon. I have taken on the raising of funds for the Scholarship Fund. We are awaiting several corporate contributions which will help make the scholarships possible. Our Fire Muster costs last year was over \$4,000 to hold our event. In 2015 it will be up to us to support our fundraisers to make it happen. Supporting our August and Sept. fundraisers will make a difference.

What we do depends on you and your involvement

*June – Sugar Cakes & Whoopie Pies

*July – Scholarship Campaign Fund

*August – Crab Feed

*Sept. - Sandwich Sale

* Oct. - Sugar Cakes & Whoopie Pies

*Nov. - Wreaths & Poinsettias Sales

Station of the Month

We select **Station #1 Reliance Fire Co. of West York Borough** for their preservation of their fire history and their assistance in helping the Old Fire Farts out when needed.



Special Meeting Held --continued

Added Section 4. *New Life Members, voted on and approved 05/21/15.*

Section 4. Life Members. Any member who would like to become a Life Member can do so by filling out a Membership Application and paying a onetime fee of \$200.00. If you are currently an Active Member, you must fill out a new Membership Application and pay the \$200.00 fee and you will be issued a New Life Membership Card. Life members can vote, serve on the Board of Directors, serve on committees, and chair events. They may attend certain special events at no charge.

Next meeting will be on Sunday July 12th at 10 AM at Rudy Park, Blue Bird Pavilion followed by our Family Picnic. We are looking for help with the picnic; cooking, games, and prizes.

Collaboration Has Begun

Your Officers have met with the **York Heritage Trust** concerning the York Fire Museum and its equipment. Three members attended the meeting of the York Heritage Trust on June 2nd at York College to discuss its future endeavors. We have worked with Schuylkill Historical Fire Society and the Trust on taking the old Ladder Truck that is in the Pittman Building. Letters have been exchanged between the two groups.

I have worked with the York Revolution on our non-profit working the Playground at the Ball Park. The paperwork has been completed. We need 6 volunteers for 3 ½ hrs. a night and we can earn several hundred dollars by the end of baseball season.