



# LEBANON COUNTY FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

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Lickdale Community Fire Company – 20 June 2015

The business meeting of the 92nd Annual Convention of the Lebanon County Firefighter's Association was called to order at 0900 hours with President Frank Ceresini, III, presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by the singing of the first verse of America. The invocation was offered by Ronald Miller.

President Ceresini appointed Elvin Ditzler and Ronald Schamber as Sergeants At Arms.

The Address of Welcome was provided by Noah Weaver, President of the Lickdale Community Fire Company and the Response offered by Jason Weikel.

A roll call of officers and delegates was followed by the reading of the minutes from the previous meetings which were approved as read.

## Officer's Reports

- President: President Ceresini thanked the membership for a successful year and also expressed his gratitude to Lickdale Community Fire Company for a well organized and successful convention.
- Vice Presidents:
  - 1st VP: Paul Snyder: Paul reported that he continues to seek volunteers for committee assignments.
  - 2nd VP: David Hull: No report
  - 3rd VP: Jason Weikel: No report
- Assistant Recording Secretary: Secretary Helmuth reported correspondence from the Legislative Federation, the Ellwood Noll family, and the Keystone Hook and Ladder of Myerstown requesting to host the 2017 Convention.
- Financial Secretary: Randolph Simmon reported for the year a membership at 110 Beneficial, 28 Non-Beneficial and 299 life members for a total of 456. For the year he reported 19 new memberships and 10 member deaths. His written report was submitted for these minutes.
- Treasurer: Richard Bleistine presented the June monthly reports, submitting the same for these minutes. On a motion by Barry Batz and a seconded by David Hull, the report given by the Treasurer was accepted subject to audit.
- Trustees: Robert Myer reported the safe deposit box contents were audited with a written inventory presented for these minutes.
- Fire Marshal: Fire Marshal Michael Tribioli presented his yearly report, reporting 26 Investigations, no Fatalities, 127 hours and 12 minutes of service by the Fire Marshals.

## Committee Reports

- Executive Chairman: Barry Batz reported on the meeting of the Executive Committee in June. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be June 29 at the Fire School Grounds.
- Fire Education: No report
- Auditing: No report
- Publicity: No report
- Memorial: Ron Miller thanked the Committee, Lickdale Trinity United Methodist Church, and participants for a very meaningful Memorial Service.
- Membership: The Membership Committee presented 6 persons for membership. For Beneficial membership they presented Richard Myers of Lickdale Community Fire Co., Cameron Jennings of Mt. Gretna Fire Co., Eric Reddinger of Mt. Zion Fire Co., William Weikel of Hebron Fire Co., and William Fair, Rural Security Fire Company. For Non Beneficial membership they presented Jeff Campbell of the Perseverance Fire Co. of Jonestown.
- Chiefs: Chairman Paul Snyder reported the Committee did not meet in May and that the next meeting would be June 24.



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- Fire Training, Facilities & Equipment: Charles Killian reported the following items and submitted a written report for these minutes:
  - The Spring Essentials is completed. He also announced a policy for refunds stating that any person who starts a module and does not complete that module will not have their money refunded.
  - There will be no fall Essentials course.
  - There will be a State certified burn in October.
  - He reported that after some additional study, the classroom project needs additional work to the project to remove both overhead doors and replace with a passage door and floor modifications for insulation purposes.

## Special Committee reports

- Smokies: There was poor attendance at the Smokies gathering following the memorial service.
- Foam: The Foam Task Force hold training on April 31 at the fire school grounds.
- Website: No report
- Honor Guard: The Honor Guard marched in Lebanon's Memorial Day Parade. They are actively recruiting new members.
- By-Laws Committee: No report
- Convention Committee: No report

## Delegate's Reports

- Firemen's Association State of Pennsylvania: Steve Shenk congratulated the Lickdale Community Fire Co. for a successful convention and reported that the FASP will meet on July 10 and 11.
- Southeastern Firemen's Association: No report
- Firemen's Legislative Federation: Robert Timko reported that pending a vote on June 27, the Legislative Federation will likely merge with the Pennsylvania Fire & Emergency Services Institute.
- Pennsylvania Fire & Emergency Services Institute: Ernie Rojahn noted that the current incident reporting system has been replaced with a new one.

## Unfinished Business

On a motion by Robert Meyer, seconded by Carl Bachman, the Association awarded the 2018 annual convention to the Ebenezer Fire Co.

- Steven Shenk presided over the Installation of Officers for the 2015-2016 term. They are:

President	Paul E. Snyder	Lickdale Fire Company
1st Vice President	David Hull	Keystone Hook & Ladder
2nd Vice President	Jason Weikel	Annville/Cleona Fire District
3rd Vice President	Richard Kreitzer	Bunker Hill Fire Co.
4th Vice President	Frank G. Ceresini, III	Chemical Fire Co
Assistant Recording Sec.	Larry Helmuth	Chemical Fire Co
Financial Secretary	Randy Simmon	Neptune Fire Co.
Assistant Financial Secretary	Arthur Wealand	Newmanstown Volunteer Fire Co
Treasurer	Richard Bleistine	Liberty Fire Co.
Asst. Treasurer	Larry Stohler	Schaefferstown Vol. Fire Co
Chaplin	Joel Risser	Perseverance Fire Co., Jonestown
Assistant Chaplain	Ronald Miller	Ebenezer Fire Co.
Fire Marshal	Michael A. Tribioli	Community Fire Co. of Cornwall
Deputy Fire Marshal	Darlene Mindler	Quentin Fire Co.
Assistant Fire Marshal	Charles L. Killian, Jr.	Rescue Fire Co.
Trustee, 5-year term	William Kale	Union Fire Co.



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## New Business

Newly installed president Paul Snyder presented the Past President's pin to Frank Ceresini, III.

President Snyder introduced the Convention speaker, Richard Patrick who serves as Senior Advisor on the First Responder Policy for the Department of Homeland Security. Mr. Patrick spoke to the Convention of volunteerism, the changes in the newer generation of adults and steps to reach those persons as volunteers for the fire service.

On a motion by Barry Batz, seconded by Mike Tribioli, the proposed new members listed by the Membership Committee were made members of the Association.

Barry Batz listed the award sponsors presided over the awards of the Convention. They were:

1. The Citizen's Valor Award was awarded to Peter Kale.
2. Firefighter of the Year Award was presented to Jason Weikel of Cleona Fire Company and to Michael Shaak, Sr. of Keystone Hook and Ladder of Myerstown.
3. The Eugene M. Moore Fire Chief of the Year was presented to Albert Sutcliffe, chief of the Mt. Gretna Community Fire Company.
4. Frank G. Ceresini, Sr. Distinguished Fire Service Award was presented Kenneth Beam of Citizen's Fire Company of Palmyra.
5. Russell Aulenbach Award was presented to William Yeagley of the Chemical Fire Company.
6. Executive Citation was presented to Edward Treat of the Keystone Hook and Ladder Company of Myerstown for his continued effort and support of companies hosting the Convention.
7. Attendance Award for the 2014-2015 year to the Keystone Hook and Ladder Company of Myerstown.

A motion by Charles Killian, seconded by Mike Tribioli to make additional improvements to the Fire School classroom for a total of \$34,000.00 was defeated.

On a motion by Larry Helmuth, seconded by Frank Ceresini, III, the Fire School Committee was requested to present an alternative plan for classroom renovations over a multiple year time frame.

A discussion of a credit card for the use of the Fire School Committee was tabled till next meeting for further study.

On a motion by Reed Kreitzer, seconded by Charles Killian, the Executive Board and Fire School Committee are to develop a Code of Conduct for Fire School Grounds and sponsored classes.

On a motion by Carl Bachman, seconded by Barry Batz, the Keystone Hook and Ladder Company of Myerstown was awarded the 2017 Convention.

On a motion by Ed Treat and seconded by Jason Weikel the following bills shall be paid:

USPS	\$ 82.00	P. O. Box rental
Rudy Fire	\$ 306.02	Boots for the Deputy Fire Marshal
Met-Ed	\$ 69.49	Electric
G & L Trophies	\$ 391.61	Award Trophies
Officer's Gifts	\$ 650.00	
Royer's Flowers	\$ 16.00	Memorial Service

The Lickdale Community Fire Company presented a \$1,000.00 donation to the Association's Hershey Wagener Fund from their Convention proceeds.

## Roll Call of Companies & Past Presidents

There were 78 members with 14 past presidents representing 23 companies in attendance.

## Announcement of Next Meeting Place

The next regular meeting will at the Keystone Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 of Myerstown on July 21, 2015 at 19:30 hours



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## Good of the Association

President Snyder reviewed the Convention activities to follow the business meeting and invited everyone to stay for lunch. The lunch offertory and benediction was offered by Ronald Miller

## Adjournment

On a motion by Frank Ceresini, III, and a seconded by David Hull, the meeting was adjourned until the 21st of July, 2015.

The Association rose with a vote of thanks to the host company, Lickdale Community Fire Company.

Larry Helmuth  
Assistant Recording Secretary