



NORTHERN CHESTER COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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C/O RIDGE FIRE COMPANY
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Minutes for the March 11, 2020 Meetings

PCH Foundation Meeting

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by Vice President Julius Marosfalvi at the Ridge Fire Co at 1908Hrs.
- The pledge to the flag was recited and a moment of silence was observed.

Attendance:

- An attendance sheet was circulated with 16 members from 10 Departments and 4 guests

Guest Speaker:

- Senator Katie Muth: Working on FF Health. Working on increasing loan amounts available. If you need a letter of support for a grant please let the Senator's office know.
- Rep. Dannielle Otten: Infrastructure decisions, pipeline, more volatile products coming through. The Chester County has the most miles of pipeline in SEPA. Working to get 911 operators classified as First Responders instead of administrator so they can get access to assistances and benefits. Working for more mental health and Workman's Comp assistance. Would like to get improved access to infrastructure information for first responders without an NDA. Need better communication from the pipeline operators
- Rep. Tim Hennessey: Thank you for the service of the volunteers. Slosberg Bill on assisting with Mental Health. Looking to First Responders on if they have any suggestions on Recruitment and Retention.
- Looking at funding for roads, PennDOT vacancy and low wages and high cost of living. Municipalities that use State Police and paying their share to help with PSP funding to help with Road Tax money to go to road repairs.
- Coronavirus – Need to prep. Get your requests in now through your EMC to submit to the County.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- A motion was made by Jeff Kimes (73) and seconded by Jay Pollinger (61) to approve the minutes as circulated and forego reading them, all in favor.

New Business:

- PCHF – New CEO is now in play. Transition work has been smooth and uneventful. Glen was able to attend the Grantee Forum. Lynn is excited that we are now a 501c3. Lynn will help with the grant application process and their system. Only 3 fire companies have applied for their Fire Prevention Mini Grant for this fiscal year.
- PCHF also offers free trainings for mental health first aid and knowing when to intervene. They also offer the Help book that provides resources for assistance and support with the crisis. Link on the website and PCHF can supply the books.
- Glen is working on a Protecting Your Own training for an evening potentially in April depending on the outcome of Coronavirus. There is a Train the trainer program for “After the Smoke Clears” on having designated contacts for responders to go when they are having trouble.

Old Business:

- Jay gave a report on the regional training and asked Lynn how it should be applied for the training grant. Training Mini Grant form available on the PCHF website.
- Physicals – Need Directors and Operators Insurance is needed. Lynn said its cheap and get it. PHF has a new trailer that Limerick used and it was much improved. Glen recommends using them on a regional scale for the grant and to fill more time slots as you get a cheaper rate per physicals. Grant Deadline is June 5th at 5pm. Will get survey out to get more buy in.

Safety Truck & Trailer:

- Advertisements are up for renewal. Knox box is going on shortly. We got the new key cylinder to the Standby key.

Correspondence:

- None

Good of the Company:

- Glen brought up about getting the word out about census survey to help with getting the funded needed that is available to your community
- Reminder of the mini grants for training, education, and AEDs.
- Being no further business a motion for adjournment was made by Jay Pollinger (61) and seconded by Jeff Kimes (73), all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 2031hrs

Northern Chester County Fire Chiefs Association Meeting

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by Vice President Julius Marosfalvi at the Ridge Fire Co. at 2031Hrs.

Roll Call of Officers:

- All present with the exception of Ed Walters.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- A motion was made by Josh Spangler (73) and seconded by Jeff Kimes (73) to approve the November minutes as circulated and forego reading them, all in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

- January's Beginning Balance: \$12,287.55 as of 12/25/2019
- Deposits of \$0.00 and \$1.58 Interest
- Credits of \$160.00 for Meeting Food
- January's Ending Balance: \$12,129.13 as of 1/25/2020
- February's Starting Balance of \$12,129.13 as of 1/25/2020
- Deposits of \$0.00 and \$1.62 Interest
- Credits of \$0.00
- Ending Balance of \$12,130.75 as of 2/25/2020.
- The Treasurer's report will stand approved as read.

Correspondence: 2020 Dues Checks are coming in

CCFCA Advisory Board Report:

- February and March's AB Notes were distributed.
- Verified Responder is still in the works as they resolve some issues before rolling it out.
- Staffed and Duty Apparatus Policies will need to be drafted. Ops Committee Looking into it.
- North needs some additional representation on the Ops and Recruitment and Retention Committees
 - Josh Spangler will be the backup rep to Chuck Fields for the Ops Committee
 - Amanda Keesey will be the North's Rep to Recruitment and Retention

DES Report: B.J. Meadowcroft

- Sent Report in as he was not able to attend due to new COVID-19 restrictions
- DES is currently at Level II of COVID-19 Staffing Contingency Plan

- Progress still being made with Locution fire paging project. Technical Group is making adjustments to audio output prior to sharing samples with Fire Chiefs.
- Thursday, 3/12 0100 - 0500 Harris Radio Technicians completing additional updates to the Chester County Radio System. All public safety providers will be switched to regional 8CHES channels during this time period.
- HazMat Team doing 3 Team Response/1 Duty Officer Response. 3 Notifications in February.
- Locution is in progress. Need to get the Windows 10 PCs updated first.

FM Report: B.J. Meadowcroft

- 17 Investigations and 14 Notifications in February

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- None

Good of the Company:

- MontCo Report:
 - Limerick – Pole Building almost done. Ladder, Squad and Field 51 will still be coming out of the Linfield Station.
- The next meeting is to be at the Ridge Fire Co. on May 13th.

Close:

- Being no further business to conduct a motion was made by Josh (73) and seconded by Jay Pollinger (61) for adjournment at 2100Hrs, all in favor. The next meeting will be at the Ridge Fire Co on May 13th, 2020.

March 11th, 2020,

Jonathan Brackbill

NCCFCA Secretary