

**Central Western Firemen's Association
Business Meeting
Bradford, Ohio
August 19, 2020**

Meeting was called to order at 1904 by President Chris Hensley.

Roll call was then taken by Secretary Lisa Hummel.

Officers in attendance were: Chris Hensley, Lisa Hummel, Karl Whisman, Kim Baker and Paul Taynor.

Departments in attendance were: Bradford, Tri-Village Rescue and Vandalia.

Others in attendance were: AJ Monnin, Dave Taynor and Tom Hellard.

Meeting minutes were then read by Lisa Hummel. Motion was made by Paul Taynor to accept the minutes as read with a second by Dave Taynor. Motion passed.

John Sands was unable to attend, therefore there was no Treasurer's report at this time.

Old Business

Proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws requesting the *Past Presidents are able to be members of the Charity Fund. This is for those that are not on a roster of their home department due to retirement. They would have to pay the annual fee for the Charity Fund membership as any other member. Their years of membership in the Charity Fund would continue with them if dues are continuing to be paid. This would be effective on the date of retirement. This would only pertain to Past Presidents not on an active roster. Benefits would only be paid for Central Western Firemen's Association functions. This does not include the Cancer Clause.* This would be the third reading. There are not enough members present to vote on this. Tabled until next meeting.

Bowling tournament was cancelled due to the pandemic.

2020 Conference was cancelled due to the pandemic.

Chris Hensley informed those in attendance that we still had not heard from Ben Keiser's son, Bryce, to determine whether to pursue payment of the Charity Fund Cancer benefit. There is also still no determination from Ben's doctor as to whether his death is deemed a result of cancer due to his firefighting career.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee – John Sands: Not present

Competitions & Equipment Committee – AJ Monnin: Nothing to report.

Fundraising Committee – Kim Baker: Probably have 280 out of 500 decals left. John Sands has the coins.

Constitution & By-Laws Committee – Tom Hellard: Nothing to report.

Queen's Committee – John Sands: John was not present, however, Lisa Hummel stated she had spoken with Nancy Wilson of K99.1 FM and she said we could call her anytime we needed a host or emcee, that she had a great time a few years ago and would love to do so again. Lisa has her contact information.

New Business

CWFA Fun Day will be Sunday, September 13, 2020 at Bradford FD. Captains meeting will be at noon with waterball to follow. We will then have a cookout for those present. Chris will provide a letter to send out to the departments with the information. A motion was made by Paul Taynor for CWFA to provide \$200 for food and needs for the cookout with a second by Kim Baker. Motion passed.

AJ Monnin stated we need to make adjustments to try to get people back. It's still the same people who help. We need to remain calm and accept that people can have different opinions. It doesn't have to get heated. Chris Hensley responded by saying he believes the changes to the Charity Fund is what seems to have caused a lot of the issues and that many did not understand the Cancer Clause was excluded. He went on to say we need to be able to have another function to make progress.

Paul Taynor asked when the last Past President's meeting was. He was advised it was just before the 30 day business meeting last year at Liberty Twp. He stated he felt there needed to be another one soon. He feels that maybe the Past Presidents can help with ways to improve our organization due to their experience. Chris Hensley stated he believed it had to be called by the Chairman of the Board, Terry Applegate.

Chris Hensley said Bradford is still willing to host the Conference in 2021 if no one else takes it.

The February business meeting will be held Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 7pm at Tri-Village Rescue.

Motion to adjourn was made by Paul Taynor. Second by Kim Baker. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1955.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Hummel

CWFA Secretary