

**Central Western Firemen's Association
February Business Meeting
Christiansburg, Ohio
February 20, 2019**

Meeting was called to order by President Terry Applegate at 1910 hours.

Terry then welcomed those in attendance and thanked everyone for attending. He enjoys seeing everyone. Terry also thanked Christiansburg FD for hosting the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Terry Applegate.

Roll Call was then taken by Secretary Lisa Hummel.

Officers in attendance were Dusty Johns, Terry Applegate, Lisa Hummel, John Sands, Adam Marchal and Karl Whisman. Departments represented were Arcanum, Butler Twp., Christiansburg, Covington, Ft. Loramie, Ludlow Falls, Northwest, Pleasant Hill, Tri-Village Rescue, Vandalia, Versailles EMS, Versailles Fire and West Milton.

Reading of the Minutes was also done by Lisa Hummel. Motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Tim Reser with second by Karl Whisman. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report was read by Treasurer John Sands. Motion to accept the report as read was made by Adam Marchal with second by Tim Siegel. Motion passed. John also noted there is 1 CD maturing. A motion was made by Terry Applegate with a second by Tim Reser to roll the CD over. Motion passed. It was suggested we check into Versailles Savings & Loan with a current rate of 2.43%. John will do this. John informed membership that 2018 taxes had been filed.

Old Business

Facebook page was discussed. It was suggested we consolidate both pages into one page. It was also suggested to add a contact person to the page as well as adding a link to the website. Chris Hensley and Lisa Hummel are to work on this.

The website was discussed. It was requested by members that it be updated to include the 2019 registration forms, 2018 meeting minutes and a Charity Fund description to include the Cancer Clause. It was asked if we could make the various forms PDF fillable. John Sands, Dan Welty and Lisa Hummel will meet in March to work on this.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee: John Sands. Nothing additional to report.

Competitions Committee: Terry Applegate reported everything is going well, just waiting for conference host information.

Fundraising Committee: Kim Baker was not present to give report.

Constitution and By-Laws: Tim Reser asked if someone could host a meeting for the committee to finalize. Brian Pearson stated the Bylaws are difficult to navigate through and need simplified. There was much discussion on the topic. Members were reminded that Bylaw changes require a vote of all members and aren't changed often, policies can be changed by officers and may change frequently. Rules are a task of competitions committee, Bylaws are a task of the Constitution and Bylaws committee and they should work in conjunction with each other. John Sands will set up a meeting in Vandalia in March with the appropriate committees.

Queen's Committee: Sandy Marchal stated there was a discrepancy in the rules for the Queen's contest. At the Feb. 23, 2011 meeting, the rules were changed to "incoming or outgoing senior" with no age specification. The second reading was at the June 25, 2011 meeting. The age specification needs removed. It is incorrectly listed.

Equipment Committee: Terry Applegate reported everything was up to date as far as he knew. The trailer is in Versailles and hasn't been gone through in a while.

New Business

Adam Marchal informed those in attendance that Pleasant Hill would host the 2019 Conference in conjunction with the 125th anniversary of the fire department. A conference planning meeting will be held March 26th at 1900 hours at Pleasant Hill FD.

Discussion was held regarding the bowling tournament for next year. John Sands will check with Englewood.

A motion to combine the Competitions and Equipment Committees into one committee was made by Dave Taynor with a second by Adam Marchal. Motion passed.

AJ Monnin addressed the membership. He stated we need to stop bickering amongst each other. We are taking the fun out of the organization. He stated we are working way too hard to have fun.

A motion to adjourn was made by Adam Marchal with a second by AJ Monnin. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 2007 hours.

Respectfully,

Lisa Hummel

CWFA Secretary