

**LANCASTER COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**SEPTEMBER 2020 MEETING MINUTES**

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First Vice-President Duane Hagelgans called the quarterly meeting of the Lancaster County Fire Chiefs Association, Inc. to order at 19:00 hours on September 9, 2020, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. This meeting was held virtually, with nearly a dozen members present, with the remaining attendees being remotely logged in.

**Previous Meeting Minutes** – The March 2020 Minutes were distributed via email; no corrections or additions were needed. Motion by Anthony Groff to approve the Minutes as written; seconded by Mark Hershey and approved.

**Secretary Report** – Secretary Ober reported that the 2021-2022 dues period is coming up and letters will only be sent to the fire companies for renewal. Emails will also be sent so that past chiefs who are no longer members of a fire company will know how to renew their membership with the Chiefs Association.

**Law / Legislative** - Ernie Rojahn advised that the Firemen’s Association of PA will have their Recruitment and Retention grant opportunities available by the end of September. Ernie also spoke about the Move-Over Event that took place at the State Capital on September 8<sup>th</sup>, that involved emergency services, tow trucks and elected officials. Lastly, Ernie spoke about the recommendation from SR6 that the State Fire Commissioner’s Office become a stand-alone office and report directly to the Governor.

**Fire Marshal** – No report.

**LCWC / Communications** – Matt Shenk reported that the radio system has been experiencing a lot of interference in the county right now, as is the entire East Coast. Tim Baldwin reported that LCWC is currently deploying a new telephone system at Manheim and the back-up center in Brownstown. The Brownstown site is finished, and Manheim is being worked on. They are testing 9-1-1 calls on it.

**Lancaster County Emergency Management** – Phil Colvin reminded everyone about the recent NIMS survey that was emailed.

**Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center** – Todd Kirkpatrick thanked everyone for their patience during COVID-19 with the delays, postponements, and cancellations of classes. State-certified classes are still limited, mostly focused on firefighter certification classes and the prerequisites. The Training Center is still open and available for company-level training, using the props and buildings.

**Lancaster County Fireman’s Association** – Ernie Rojahn reported that the LCFA Office is closed. The Convention for this year has been cancelled but they are working to finish the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book, which will be attached to the PA Fireman.

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**Standards Committee** – Brett Fassnacht reported that the existing apparatus standards have been updated on the Chiefs Assn. website – [www.lancofirechiefs.org](http://www.lancofirechiefs.org). The updates used FEMA Typing and NFPA Standards to update the guidelines.

**Golf Committee** – Kurt Gehman provided a report that this year's tournament had a net profit of \$16,523. The tournament has sold out each year and has had a wait list every year as well. Because of that, ideas are being considered to have a morning flight and afternoon flight, but that would show a need for more sponsors and help from the Association to make it work. Next year's date is Friday, July 16, 2021. This year's sponsors included:

- Founders Club – Compleat Restorations, Lancaster County Firemen's Assn., and Provident Insurance.
- Chiefs Club – BK Technologies, Glick Fire Equipment, VFIS, and 10-8 Emergency Vehicles Service
- Deputy Chiefs Club – Fire Line Equipment and The Fire Store
- Captain Sponsors – BJ Baldwin, Bob Moyer Radio (new), ESI Equipment (Happy to Welcome Back), Fire Line Equipment, Goodville Mutual, Horst Insurance, John Sly Grant Writing, Local 319 – Lancaster Professional Firefighters, Providence Engineering (new), and Walz Group.
- Hole Sponsors – Hammels Installs, LLC, McConkey Insurance and Benefits, PA Fire Recovery Service, and Yoder's Catering.

**EAST Committee** – No Report.

**Radio Advisory Committee** – No report.

**Training** – Scott Little reported that this year's annual training weekend has been cancelled. If anyone has ideas for next year's training weekend, please contact Chief Little at [slittle@cityoflancasterpa.com](mailto:slittle@cityoflancasterpa.com).

**Unfinished Business** – Secretary Ober gave an update on the annual awards that the Chiefs Assn. sponsors:

- 2020 LCWC Fire Dispatcher of the Year – Andrew Lavin
- 2020 CTC Protective Services Program Outstanding Student – Zackery Emsweiler (also volunteers with Station 79); Award of Merit – Daniel York (also volunteers with Station 25).

**New Business** – Vice-President Hagelgans read the list of nominated members for the 2021-2022 Chiefs Assn. officers – President: Mason Brandt and Scott Little; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President: Duane Hagelgans; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President: Dean Gantz Jr.; Treasurer: Rick Harrison; Secretary: Duane Ober; Directors (vote for 2): Anthony Groff, Craig Rhineer Jr., and Brett Fassnacht. No additional nominations were made from the floor.

It is our goal that we will have an in-person meeting so that the election may take place at the meeting. If we are not able to hold a meeting in person, we will find a creative solution for the election, such as online voting.

**Treasurer's Report** – Rick Harrison read the financial reports: There is a balance in the Checking account of \$51,092.63, following payments of \$12,578.47 for golf tournament expenses, \$50 for food at March meeting, and \$400 in awards. Income since last meeting included \$32,145. The Money Market account has a balance of

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\$63,795.98, for a total amount of \$114,88.61 in both accounts. Anthony Groff made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Dean Gantz Jr. and approved.

**Open Discussion** – Phil Colvin spoke about the Lancaster County COVID-19 grant for fire companies and ambulance agencies from the Federal CARES Act. Instead of being reimbursement funds, the County Commissioners approved a set rate of \$15,000 per fire and EMS agency. Phil stated the goal is that all applications will be submitted to the County by the end of September. If anyone has any questions, they can reach out to Phil, or Pat Mulligan, whose contact information is on the grant application. There has been concerns about the criteria for using the grant funds, which Phil stated that the funds can be used to pay bills from the lack of revenue due to the impact of COVID-19. However, the funds are from the Federal Government, and the guidelines could change, and it is possible that the awards could be audited. Phil and Duane Hagelgans cautioned everyone to avoid any overlap of spending the funds from Federal, State and County grants. There has been no update on the status of the State COVID grant yet.

Ernie Rojahn questioned Chief Little if he had feedback or data from the fireworks survey that was shared in July? Chief Little replied that York City Fire Department was collecting and holding the data, and that York City's data storage was recently hacked, impacting the data collected, so no update to report yet.

**Good of the Order** – Tim Hoerner provided an update on Jason Boyer, son of Don Boyer (Chief 41) who was involved in a bad car crash recently. Jason is in Rehab at Hershey Medical Center and should be there for up to 6 weeks to get treatment for a severe spinal cord injury. Several fund raisers have taken place, including a GoFundMe page, misc. donations, and a t-shirt fund raiser. Everyone's thoughts and prayers would be greatly appreciated.

Sue Hamberger, Chief of Middle Creek Search and Rescue thanked all fire companies who have assisted so far with the search for the Linda Stoltzfoos.

**Roll Call** – An accurate head count was tough to collect, but it is estimated that we had over 30 logged-in online and there was 12 who attended in person, for an estimate of 40-50 in attendance.

The next meeting will be on December 9, 2020, beginning at 7:00pm, at the Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 20:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane Ober  
Secretary  
Lancaster County Fire Chiefs Assn. Inc.  
September 15, 2020