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| |  | | --- | | **Article 8 ~ Tournament ~ Continued**  **SECTION 11**  The Association will purchase plaques for both Fire Department of the Year and Firefighter of the year. The application deadline for both of these awards is May 1st. These plaques are to be in conjunction with the proper certificate of recognition. The Len Shiroda Memorial trophy will per presented to the Fire Fighter of the Year.  **SECTION 12**  Applications for Firefighter of the Year must be submitted on the proper form which is available from the CCVFA Secretary.  Applications for Fire Department of the Year must be submitted on the proper form which is available from the CCVFA Secretary.  Any applications revived after May 1st will be placed in a file for next year’s applicants.    **SECTION 13 ~ Safety**  The Hot department shall design and conduct all races in a safe manner using accepted fire service practices. All races will be approved by the CCVFA Executive board prior to the tournament in the 1st or 2nd week of May with the excepting of the mystery race.  If the host department choos3ed a race that will include the use of a ladder, the ladder must have a fixed structure to be placed against.  **SECTION 14 ~ Personal Gear**  Departments are permitted to use their own boots for all races. Boots may be the short style or full boots folded down. No bunker pants are required for races the host department will provide the turnout coats and helmets for the races. | | |  |  | | --- | --- | |  |  | | |  |  | |  | | --- | | Copper Country  Volunteer Firefighters’  Association  Constitution and Bylaws  Established August 7, 1950  Bylaws Establish February 1, 1951 | | |  | | --- | |  | | | Constitution and Bylaws  Amended February 2, 1959 ~ May 1975 ~ September 1990  December 7, 1995 ~ September 7, 1999 ~ March 15, 2007  Update February 28, 2021 | |

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| Chartered Officers 1950  August 7, 1951 Ripley Michigan  President Ralph Voetsch Houghton  1st Vice Peter Ebert Ripley  2nd Vice John Kezele Ahmeek  3rd Vice Arnold Sebbas Dollar Bay  Secretary Leonard Shiroda Hurontown  Treasurer Fred Swanson Atlantic Mine  Trustees Albert Lanyon Wolverine  Frank Lockwood Hubbell  Paul Niemi Chassell  **There were 15 departments as members of the CCVFA**  **Executive Officers List**  Officers of 1959  President Robert King Hubbell  1st Vice Toivo Dahl Dollar Bay  2nd Vice Emery Ruelle Hancock  3rd Vice William Nara Bootjack  Secretary Lou Koepel Hubbell  Treasurer Henry Verran Hurontown  Trustees Gino Lucchesi South Range  Wallace Codere Lake Linden  Oscar Jarvis Quincy  **There were 22 departments as members of the CCVFA**  **Officers of 1975**  President Bill Kotila Quincy  1st Vice Waldo Backman Dollar Bay  2nd Vice Oliver Aho Ripley  3rd Vice Ralph Van Wagner L’Anse  Secretary Jim Chappell Houghton  Treasurer Jim Ahola Hancock  Trustees Dominic Spagnotti Ahmeek  Clarence Dwyer Calumet  Gary Lyytinen Otter Lake  **There were 26 departments as members of the CCVFA**  **Officers of 1990**  President Jim Stevens Bootjack  1st Vice Ed Beauchamp Hubbell  2nd Vice Harold Weijola Boston  3rd Vice Rick Sarazin Bootjack  Secretary Jim Chappell Houghton  Treasurer John Partanen Dollar Bay (1978-1990)  Brian Rimpela Chassell (unexpired Term)  Trustees Bob Matfolk Dollar Bay  Uno Isaacson Lac La Belle  Chris Lajimodiere Lake Linden  **There were 34 departments as members of the CCVFA** |  |  | **Article 8 ~ Tournament**  **SECTION 1**  The CCVFA Tournament and meeting to be held on the Last Saturday in the month of June.  **SECTION 2**  The Host Department will receive $300.00 for the CCVFA Tournament.  **SECTION 3**  The host department will set rules of the tournament with the approval of the Executive Committee in a joint meeting which will be held in the first or second week of May, prior to the tournament date.  **SECTION 4**  Only those members listed on the office roster of the CCVFA as of January 1st of the current year shall be eligible to participate in the tournament races. All membership dues must be paid before June 1st or that department will into be allowed to participate in the CCVFA Tournament.  **SECTION 5**  The CCVFA has set official point scoring system that must be used for the dress parade, races and floats for the tournament. The pointy system will be the following**: 1st Place 30 points, 2nd Place 20 points, 3rd Place 10 Points.** Only these points plus the attendance points will be counted as in the past. All departments that enter and participate in a race shall receive 25 participation points. Should a department be disqualified during a race it shall have 10 pints deducted from 25 participation points for that race.  **SECTION 6**  A department can have only one (1) Float. This float can be a non-active apparatus and must be placed first in line before all members or Active fire apparatus.  . **SECTION 7**  If at the end of the tournament, 2 or more teams are tied for first, second or third place the percentage of members present at the meeting will be used as a tie breaker. Ifa tie still exists, a percentage of members who marched in the dress parade will be used as a tie breaker.  **SECTION 8**  If a department is currently awaiting the start of the parade and is dispatched to an emergency that department will receive 100% of the participate points. The department will not be allowed to accept point’s from the judge’s score.  **SECTION 9 ~ Trophies**  The host department will provide trophies for first, second, and third place for each race, marching, float and for the first, second and third place finish for the overall tournament winners.  **SECTION 10**  The Association will reimburse up to $75.00 for the host department for the purpose of purchasing a trophy for the overall winner of the CCVFA Tournament to keep permanently in conjunction with the Hancock Trophy which will remain the traveling trophy. Amended June 5, 1995.  **SECTION 11**  The Association will purchase plaques for both Fire Department of the Year and Firefighter of the year. The application deadline for both of these awards is May 1st. These plaques are to be in conjunction with the proper certificate of recognition. The Len Shiroda Memorial trophy will per presented to the Fire Fighter of the Year.  **SECTION 12**  Applications for FFOTY and FDOFTY are available from the CCVFA Secretary. Applicants must be received by May 1st. |
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| **Article 4 ~ Duties of Officers ~ Continued**  **SECTION 9**  The President, Secretary and Treasurers badges are to be turned into the CCVFA when their term is completed and a past officer badge is issued.  **Article 5 ~ Bylaws & Amended**  **SECTION 1**  The by-laws may be amended at the quarterly March Meeting by a majority of all votes cast by members present. By-laws must be effect for one (1) year after change unless it is a legal issue.  **Article 6**  **SECTION 1**  The Secretary and Treasurer will be paid $125.00 a year, payable at the January meeting as long as there is $300 or more in the treasury. Amended 12/07/1996  **SECTION 2**  The Host Department will receive $300.00 for the CCVFA Tournament.  **SECTION 3**  The Secretary of the CCVFA has the duty of composing resolutions for such as Special Achievements deaths, injuries, retirements, all pertaining to the fire service and to include public service such as EMS and other performances other than fire service duty. It will be the duty of each department to inform the secretary of these notices so that they can be distributed.  **SECTION 4**  A Death Benefit of $500.00 will be paid to the beneficiary of a firefighter dying in the line of duty. Provided that his/her department is participating member of the CCVFA. Beneficiaries include immediate family such as a spouse, children or parents of a fallen firefighter.  **Article 7 ~ Awards**  The CCVFA has established the following awards which may be given annually to person who are nominated by departments in good standing.  **Citizen Award**  Given to a citizen of the community who by act of bravery or service to the community, performs above what is normally expected of a citizen.  **Life Saving Award**  An act, by which a firefighter either on or off duty, who saves the life of a person by performing first aid or rescue.  **Bravery Award**  An act of bravery, by a firefighter either on or off duty who risks his/her life above the normal call of duty to save or attempt to save the life of another person protecting life or property.  **Medal Of Honor**  An award given to the family of a firefighter who gave his/her lift to protect life and property.  **Years of Service**  Award given to any firefighter for 15 years or more of service. This award will be given in 5 year increments.  **Meritorious Award**  An Award given to any firefighter for acts above and beyond the normal call of duty not necessarily invoking a lifesaving act.  **Departments who wish to nominate an individual for individuals for an award should submit an application letter on department letterhead describing the act. This description should include detains such as the date, time and other facts that are important. The award category will be determined by the Executive Committee. Submissions must be received by the CCVFA Secretary no later than May 1st.** |  |  | **Executive Officers List ~ Continued**  **Officers of 1995**  President Larry Joosten Lake Linden  1st Vice Dan Sarazin Bootjack  2nd Vice Doug Strieter Chassell  3rd Vice Larry Fallon Hancock  Secretary Sean Jacques Laurium  Treasurer Dale Belanger Hurontown  Trustees Norbert Miller Lake Linden  Wendell Carlson Lac La Belle  John Roth Hurontown  **There were 35 departments as members of the CCVFA**  **Officers of 2000**  President Tim Gasperich Calumet Village  1st Vice John Roth Hurontown  2nd Vice Fran St. Armour Chassell  3rd Vice Ron Parker Lake Linden  Secretary Pat Boberg Calumet Township  Treasurer Dick Richards Quincy Franklin  Trustees John Gedda Hancock  David Mattila Adams Township  Dave Koskiniemi Calumet Village  **There were 35 departments as members of the CCVFA**  **Officers of 2006**  President Bob Brunet Hancock  1st Vice Roger Heikkila Calumet Township  2nd Vice John Britz Hurontown  3rd Vice Al Jurkanis Houghton  Secretary Annette Butina Adams Township  Treasurer Dick Richards Quincy Franklin  Trustees Dale Belanger Hurontown  David Mattila Adams Township  Dan Zubiena Laurium  **There were 35 departments as members of the CCVFA**  **Officers of 2021**  President Michael Pionke Stanton Township  1st Vice Darren Niemi Adams Township  2nd Vice Patrick Boberg Calumet Township  3rd Vice Jon Dittmann Bootjack Fire & Rescue  Secretary Annette Butina Adams Township  Treasurer Dan Zubiena Laurium Fire  Trustees Dan Dulong Quincy Franklin Han/twp  Michael Mayo Aura Fire  Curtis Judson Chassell Fire & Rescue  **There were 34 departments as members of the CCVFA** |
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| **Copper Country Volunteer Firefighters’ Association**  **Constitution and Bylaws**  **Last Amended March 15, 2007**  **SECTION 1**  This association shall be known as the Copper Country Volunteer Firefighters’ Association (CCVFA)  **SECTION 2**  The purpose of the CCVFA is to create a close relationship between the fire departments of the Copper Country including mutual aid for fire protection for any or all members in good standing with the CCVFA, to settle such problems that them come before the various departments, and fund raising for the benefit of all fire departments in good standing with the Association.  **SECTION 3**  Any organized fire department in any city, town or township in the Copper Country may be eligible for membership. The dues shall be sent at $30.00 annually as set by action March 15, 2007.  Membership bills will be sent out in January of each year from the treasurer. Membership dues are payable by June 1st of hear year, after that they become delinquent.  All membership dues must to be paid before June 1, or that department will not be allowed to participate in the Copper Country Fire Tournament.  Current rosters are to be revived by the association secretary by January Association Meeting.  Those eligible to become associate members shall be individuals, firms, corporations, institutions, societies, association’s boards, bureaus or commissions wishing to assist in attaining the objectives of this association and will pay the normal fee to join and belong.  **SECTION 4**  After three years of non-payment of dues, the delinquent department will receive on final notice and at the next quarterly meeting will be expelled with a notification letter send by the Treasurer. In order to  re-instated the delinquent department must pay all dues to a maximum of three years.  **Article 2 ~ Executive Committee**  **SECTION 1**  The Officers/Executive Committ4ee of the CCVFA shall consist of one (1) President, three (3) Vice Presidents; one (1) Secretary; one (1) Treasurer; and three (3) Trustees  The officers shall constitute the Executive Committee. There will be no more than (2) members from one (1) Department on the Executive Committee at any given time.  **SECTION 2**  The officers of the CCVFA Shall be elected at the quarterly meeting to be held in September meeting and shall be declared elected by receiving a majority of all votes cast.  **SECTION 3**  Each officer shall hold office for one (1) year, until such time a successor has been duly elected.  **SECTION 4**  If a vacancy shall occur in any office, before that office term has expired, the Executive Committee may appoint a member to that office for the unexpired term. |  |  | **Article 3 ~ Meetings**  **SECTION 1**  The CCVFA shall meet quarterly (January, March, June & September) and the meetings shall be held by the department which has been selected at the previous meeting of the CCFVFA.  The Date and time of the meeting shall be decided by the department entertaining the CCVFA.  The Host department shall notify the Association Secretary two (2) months in advance of the meeting.  The Secretary shall send notification to all departments in the CCVFA notifying them of the said meeting.  The Host department that will have meeting in January, March and September will receive a $50.00 stipend to help defray the cost of hosting the meeting. The department hosting the meeting will charge $4.00 each for each member weather or not they choose to eat.  **Article 3 ~ Meetings ~ Continued**  **Delegates**  **SECTION 2**  All members of the CCVFA present shall have power to vote on all motions.  **SECTION 3**  Any Member of the CCVFA present shall have a voice in the meeting.  **Article 4 ~ Duties of Officers**  **SECTION 1~President**  It shall be the duty of the President of preside over all meeting of the CCVFA and the Executive Committee Meetings.  **SECTION 2~Vice Presidents**  It shall be the duty of the Vice President to assist the President and to perform and the President’s duties in his absence.  **SECTION ~ Secretary**  It shall be the duty of the Secretary, to answer all communications. To keep accurate, complete records of all proceedings of meeting of the CCVFA, and the Executive Committee. To sign with the Treasurer, all checks of the CCVFA.  **SECTION 4 ~ Treasurer**  It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all monies of the CCVFA his/her books shall be in order all time, he/she may give a correct account of the finances of the CCVFA. To sign with the Secretary, all checks of the CCVFA.  **SECTION 5 ~ Trustees**  It shall be the duty of the trustees to audit all books annually and they are the nominating committee for the elections in September  **SECTION 6 ~ Executive Committee**  It shall be the duty of the President to preside over all meeting of the CCVFA and the Executive Committee meetings.  **SECTION 7**  If any officer shall fail to be present at two (2) or more consecutive regular meetings without a reasonable execute, the office shall be declared vacant and a successor elected or appointed.  **SECTION 8**  At the Annual Tournament, all officers are requested to wear their department’s uniforms. |
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