

Columbia County Fire Chiefs' Association

Directors Meeting April 17, 2018 19:15

Meeting was brought to order by the President, Ben Wheeler.

Minutes: Motion to accept the corrected Directors' meeting minutes Gregg Gilliland/Russ Wheeler – Carried.

Minutes of the previous General meeting read for informational purposes only.

A discussion was held on procuring smoke and carbon monoxide, or combined detectors. Possibly 1/3 would be co and 2/3 smoke. \$450 has been previously approved for the purchased. Sausbiers has made an offer, Bill will check with Williams' Lumber, Garry Smith will check with Chatham Hardware and in Nassau.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept the treasurers' report as read by Russ Wheeler, Wally Engel/Gregg Gilliland – Carried.

A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

Per Russ a CD will be due for renewal in august and he will be looking for a better rate.

Co-coordinator's Report: Bill Hunt stated there will be a Battalion meeting Thursday April 19th at the new facility.

They have taken possession of the fire truck from LaGrange. It will be used for training and possibly for towing the various trailers.

The new haz-mat members have been approved and also 1 new J-Fire member. Firefighter 1 and Officer training courses will be coming up.

The Fire Advisory Board will meet Wednesday, April 18.

C & O: The Team responded to an incident in Germantown.

Haz-Mat: The Haz-mat Team responded to 2 propane incidents due to storm related damage in Copake on Monday, April 16th.

Air packs will start being cycled out.

Fair: Dick Howard reported he will delivery letter requesting bicycles and helmets to Walmart tomorrow. He has taken delivery of the 2 folding tables.

Harrington has not yet inspected the floor paint at the fair building.

Ben will e-mail a copy of the sign-up sheet for the fair with the letter requesting support for the safety trailer and Bill will send the newest list of Fire Chiefs to the secretary. The secretary will do the mailing in May.

Legislature: The Cancer Bill was passed in January.

Scholarship: Wally reported a good turnout at the Firefighters' meeting. Shante Campbell was award the grant.

Next year's application will point out that it must be on time and complete.

The matter of a fulltime student vs a student taking 1 course will be brought up to the joint committee of Scholarship Fund. The organization has no objections.

Training: Gregg will verify that Melissa and Tabb Eigenbrodt will be conducting the training at the general meeting in May.

Ben presented information on PTSD training. Jake Ordshan III provides a one and a half hour course at no cost. After some discussion it was decided to advertise the course during the fair, hold it in the fall, and include family members.

Sunshine: A motion by Ben Wheeler to send a \$25 Visa card to Bill Hansen, who has cancer, was second by Wally Engel – Carried.

Communications: Russ read a letter from Greene County Bank concerning the grant we had applied for. The letter states that we must show that the money was used for the project specified in the request.

Old business: Ben Wheeler stated, he will submit our application for the Wal-Mart Foundation Grant.

The robot, Patches will not be replaced.

The new owners of the Vanderbilt approached Dick Howard and asked if after their renovations are complete, we would consider holding our directors' meetings there. It was decided to continue to meet at the Ghent Fire Station.

Gregg Gilliland will look into possible grants available to aid with replacing the air packs.

For the good of the organization:

May 6th Ghent Clam Bake

May 20th Tasawasa breakfast fund drive to aid Bud Godfry and Robert Waters

Next General meeting May 15th at the Philmont Fire Station.

Next Director's meeting June 19th at the Ghent Fire Station.

Motion to adjourn Gregg Gilliland/Wally Engel – Carried. 21:20

Secretary,

Irene Huston