

Columbia County Fire Chiefs' Association
General Meeting November 19, 2019 19:31

Meeting was called to order by the President, Wally Engel.
Members were welcomed by the Bob Adriance, 1st Assistant Chief, Churchtown Fire Company.

Education and Training: George Phelps of Valley Energy presented information the “Characteristics, Properties, & Combustion of Propane”. What to watch for, how to respond, and misconceptions concerning propane behavior.

Minutes: Minutes of the previous General meeting were read, motion to approve John O./Gary Mazzacano – Carried.

Minutes from the Directors meeting of were read for informational purposes only.

Treasurer’s Report: Read by Russ Wheeler (attached to these minutes). Motion to accept the report John O./Bill Hunt – Carried.

Coordinator’s Report: Bill Hunt stated that two people attended an Arson Seminar. George Keeler and Bill attended a Coordinators’ Administrative Conference at the Academy.

George reported that work on the tower should begin Dec 2nd. and interior renovations should begin soon.

Fire Advisory Board: Gary Mazzacano announced that George Keeler’s name will be submitted to the Columbia County Board of Supervisors with the recommendation for Fire Coordinator for the years 2020 & 2021.

Also white lights on service vehicles will no longer be allowed.

HazMat: Responded to an incident in Canaan.

Communications: Russ Wheeler state he has itemized a bill for expenses from the fair and it will be presented to CCVFA at their meeting in January.

Legislative: Gregg Gilliland reported there will be a 3% increase for victims of 9/11.

Banquet: Possible Holiday meeting in December 2020.

Scholarship: Applications must be in by January, none have been received yet.

Bills: The night’s refreshment were donated by the Churchtown Fire Company.

New Business: John O. thanked George Keeler and Dick Howard for their work at the Fire Prevention promotion at Lowes. Over 100 smoke detectors were distributed. And thanks to Bill Hunt and George for their assistance at a fatal crash in Canaan.

Publicity: Membership is an area that requires attention.

Melissa Eigenbrodt discussed the problems concerning NYS's Training Program. Interior Fire Operation and Exterior Fire Operation possible options that could be considered. The need to collectively pursue changes. This will be tabled for further discussion at the January general meeting in Ghent.

A slate of officers for election was postponed to January's general meeting. However the meeting places and dates for the year 2020 are as follows:

January 21 Ghent

March 17 Spencertown

May 19 Lebanon

July 21 Greenport

September 22 West Ghent

November 17 Philmont

Directors meetings will be held at Ryan's in Valatie:

February 18

April 21

June 16

August 18

October 20

December 15

Wally thanked Russ Wheeler for his devoted service of 19 years as Treasurer and Irene Huston for her service as Secretary.

For the Good of the Association:

December 1 Breakfast with Santa at the Ghent Fire Station.

December 15 Breakfast with Santa at the Greenport Fire Station.

December 21 Slices of Pizza with Santa at the Mellenville Fire Station.

January 18 Pasta Night at the Red Rock Fire Station.

February 8 Game Dinner at the Churchtown Fire Station.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Gregg Gilliland.

Next Directors' meeting Tuesday, December 17th at Ryan's in Valatie.
Next General meeting Tuesday, January 21st at the Ghent Fire Station.

Motion to Adjourn by Gregg Gilliland/Daryl Garafalo – Carried.

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Secretary,
Irene Huston