

Columbia County Fire Chiefs' Association  
General Meeting      September 21, 2019      19:33

Meeting was called to order by the President, Wally Engel.  
Members were welcomed by the West Ghent Fire Chief, Art Sherman.

Minutes: Minutes of the previous General meeting were read, motion to approve John O./Tony Brahm – 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 Bill Hunt/Daryl Garafalo – Carried.

Coordinator's Report: Bill Hunt stated that the list of schools is out.  
Bids for the site and prep work for the tower will be going out for bid.  
The Coordinator's Office got a new car.  
George Keeler and Bill will be attending a Coordinators' Conference at the Academy in November.  
Two people will be attending an Arson Seminar also in November.  
George reported that work on the interior will begin once it is approved.  
All the work so far has been done by local contractors.  
Please return AHJ's.

Fire Safety and Training: Dick Howard stated that the trailer needs repairs to the roof, a new battery, and the ventilation fan is not working. Dick replaced the locks. Niverville has requested the trailer, it will be at the Home for Dalmatian Day October 12<sup>th</sup>, and in Greenport at Lowes October 19<sup>th</sup>.  
A brief discussion was held concerning the issue of the Bicycles and Walmart. It was suggested that next year we give away backpacks filled with school supplies instead of bicycles. This will be brought to the Directors' meeting in October.

Education & Training: November's general meeting will be in Churchtown, please make suggestions.

Communications: CCVFA is requesting an itemized bill for the expenditures at the fair. The Treasurer will provide the bill.  
The secretary will send thank you letters to those who donated various items to be given away and the Home for the use of artifacts.

New Business: The Bank of Greene County is willing to help with recruitment by allowing a booth to be set-up by any fire company in any of their branches. Please contact your local branch.

Scholarship: Applications must be in by January.

Bills: The night's refreshment were donated by the West Ghent Fire Company.

For the Good of the Association:

The Columbia County Honor a Veteran Committee will be honoring Tech. Sgt. Paul J. Proper, Sr., of Copake, Monday, September 23, at 9a.m. in the Supervisors Chambers at 401 State St., Hudson. The public is invited.

The Jim Van Deusen Memorial Car Show will be held at the A.B. Shaw Fire Company in Claverack, Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. 10 to 4.

Ancram will be holding Roast Beef/Lobster Bake October 12<sup>th</sup>.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Ben Wheeler.

Next Directors' meeting Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. at Ryan's in Valatie.

Next General meeting Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at the Churchtown Fire Station.

Following refreshments Dave Pickett and Dan Wehn of New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation will be presenting 'Spill Response' training, which will include incidents involving petroleum, engine oil, saddle tanks, and other larger spills

Motion to Adjourn by Chris Pierro/John O. – Carried.

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Secretary,  
Irene Huston