

Columbia County Fire Chiefs' Association
General Meeting September 15, 2020 19:30

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

Minutes: A motion to accept the reading of the previous General meeting
Gregg Gilliland/Bob Adriance - Carried.

FAB: Garry Mazzacano stated there will be a meeting in October.

Treasurer's Report: Read by Christine Hasse, a copy is attached to these
minutes. The two, CD's remaining at Berkshire Bank will be closed and
deposited at Greene County Bank.

Motion to accept the report Gregg Gilliland/Anthony Brahm - Carried.

Coordinator's Report: George Keeler reported

CCFCA Regular Meeting @ West Ghent Fire Station

September 15, 2020 7:30 PM

Office emergency Activity July 21 - September 14

7 structure fires

1 missing person search

2 haz mat drills

1 train / pedestrian accident

Bronze plaque in memory of Jim VanDeusen installed for the tower.

NYS OFPC is accepting resumes for both Classroom Instructors and Skills Instructors

Battalion meetings end of October

CCDOH

Planning is underway for battalion locations for antibody testing and possible vaccinations.

POD location in battalions for distribution of health department resources or supplies.

Additional drive through locations of Claverack Firehouse and Emergency Services Training Facility.

Training Facility update

Schools have resumed as of August 4

Publicity: Chatham Fire Department has been advertising the availability of
Smoke & CO Detectors thanks to Paul Pratt and has had several requests. For
membership.

Gregg Gilliland read the minutes from the Directors meeting for informational purposes only.

Burned-Out-Victims Fund: Christine stated two gift cards were given out in Clermont.

Fire Safety and Training: Dick Howard reported that the trailer will be moved to the new Emergency Services Facility.

He also stated Noecker's has donated a small car-fire truck.

Gregg Gilliland made a motion to purchase a RV Tarp for the trailer, at a maximum cost of \$500 second by Ben Wheeler - Carried.

Education & Training: Daryl Garafalo stated he has not scheduled for October.

Sunshine: Russell Wheeler and Bill Hunt are fighting their illnesses.

CCVFA: Laura Foster informed us the Yearbooks are out Stuyvestant Falls will be trying to distribute as many as possible. Hats & T-shirts can be purchased.

There will be an Awards Ceremony but it still needs to be worked out.

January 13th will be the raffle drawing.

Mark Taylor of Greenport is the new Director.

Communications: The Home is planning a Virtual Dalmatian Day. They will be sending out fliers.

Bob Adriance made a motion we donate \$100.00 to the Home, second by Garry Mazzacano - Carried.

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

Old Business: By-Laws

Although the minutes of the general meeting held in Lebanon on May 21, 2019 stated that the changes to the by-laws were approved by the members it did not list them.

- 6) By-Laws - Gregg Gilliland made a motion to accept the changes. Johnny Onufrychuck second that. All in favor.

The following are the changes that were approved:

Article III – Membership

Sec. b – Any person who is a resident of Columbia County **or an active member of a Columbia County fire department or fire police organization** shall be eligible to become an active member of this Association provided he/she is qualified as hereinafter set forth under Section C of this Article.

Sec. c – Active members shall consist of any **past or present** fire commissioners, chiefs, assistant chiefs, presidents, **vice presidents, secretaries, treasurers, captains, captains of fire police, and first and second lieutenants,**~~and past commissioners, past chiefs, past assistant chiefs, past presidents, past captains, past captains fire police, past first and second lieutenants of any fire departments or fire police organizations~~ within the limits of this Association, paid or volunteer, who shall be active firefighters.

Sec. f – Any active member of this Association who changes his/her residence to territory outside of ~~the County of Columbia~~ **Columbia County, and does not maintain active membership in a fire department or fire police organization in Columbia County,** may not remain an active member of this Association. Their membership may be continued in the Association as an Honorary Member only, provided he/she requests this change of status in writing to the Secretary within 30 days after moving out of Columbia County. As such Honorary Member he/she shall not be able to vote or hold office. In the event such written notice is not made within the above 30 days, said member shall be deemed automatically dropped from the Association membership roles.

Article VIII – Officers

Sec. a – The officers of this Association shall consist of a President, **(Change: First Vice President, Second Vice President, Vice President,)** Secretary, Treasurer and **(Change: six (6) five (5))** Directors.

Also under Old Business:

Our account has been opened at the Greene County Bank.

George will remind the Board of Supervisors that the problems with radio service are still severe in some areas.

CCVFA has shared the expenses of the Van Deusen Memorial Plaque.

New Business: The Treasurer and membership committee will be working on a system to better track outstanding dues.

The Red Hats will be donating \$2,500.00 to the Home.

For the Good of the Association:

Ghent is having a Chicken Bar-be-que September 19th

Mellenville will be having a Chicken Bar-be-que September 27th.

Germantown will be serving Chicken & Ribs October 3rd.

Next Directors' meeting Tuesday, October 20th. at the Ghent Fire Station.

Next General meeting Tuesday, November 18th at the Philmont Fire Station.

Motion to Adjourn by Gregg Gilliland/Bob Adriance - Carried.

21:43

Secretary,

Irene Huston

Following refreshments:

Fire Coordinator George Keeler presented a thorough review of the
Columbia County Emergency Services Response & Training Facility

He showed various sections of the facility and explained what they would be
used for as well as what equipment would be available and the training that it will
provide.