

Columbia County Fire Chiefs' Association
Directors Meeting June 16, 2020 at 19:05

The meeting was brought to order by the Chairman, Gregg Gilliland.

Christine Hasse was introduced as the candidate for treasurer.

Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting
Dick Howard/Bob Adriance – Carried.

The last general meeting minutes were read at the May directors meeting.

Treasurer's Report: A motion to accept the Treasurer's report as read by Gregg Gilliland,
Wally Engel/Daryl Garafalo – Carried.

The previous month's report was received prior to this meeting. A copy of this month's
report is attached to these minutes.

Coordinator's Report: George Keeler stated there were:

4 C&O calls since 5/13/20

2 brush fires

8 structure fires

1 serious entrapment

Handed out 3 gift cards

Training facility update:

Paving is complete.

Underground water storage installed waiting on electrician.

Painting is ongoing second floor

Received two forcible entry simulators and have trained 8 firefighters.

Classroom/office furniture has been ordered.

Recruitment retention replacement committee is trying to meet.

Safety Trailer: Per Dick Howard purchased new keys and repaired roof.

Fair: The Fair Board will be making their decision by July 1st.

Scholarship: Wally Engel met with Kayley Gier and presented her with a check for \$500.

Training & Education: Daryl Garafalo said he will invite the Sheriffs' Office to give a
demonstration on drones when training resumes.

Burned-Out-Victims-Fund: 2 people were presented with gift cards due a fire in Niverville totaling \$150 and 1 in Ancram at \$75.

Communications: A list of all donations was made available for the secretary who sent letters of thanks.

Old Business:

A discussion was held concerning the fact that Russ is the only person who can sign for the Certificates of Deposit which are now due to renew. Therefore, he will cash out the CDs and they will be deposited in a money market savings account.

Russell's name will be removed from the accounts and Chairman, Gregg Gilliland's name will be added.

A motion by Wally Engel and second by Ben Wheeler approving the above decision was voted on and Carried.

A letter to The Berkshire Bank stating the above decision was written at this night's meeting and signed by the directors.

Gregg will approach Green County Bank.

Renewal of the PO Box is due. It was decided we keep the current box at the West Lebanon Post Office.

Wally stated he had spoken with Laura Foster of CCVFA concerning splitting the cost of the bronze plaque for the James Van Deusen Memorial Training Tower.

George Keeler will acquire the monument or stand it will be placed on.

Communications: The secretary received the list of donators and sent thank you letters.

Bills: Motion to pay the bills Bob Adriance/Bill Hunt – Carried.

New Business:

Christine Hasse was interviewed for the position of Treasurer. She was fully informed of the duties.

A suggestion was made by Ben Wheeler that we purchase a lap-top for the treasurer. Thereby she can update the treasury system to Quick Books. In addition she can improve the method of keeping track of membership and attendance.

Christine stated she is willing to take on the job.

Gregg asked that a copy of the night's minutes be available if requested by Berkshire Bank.

Next General meeting is scheduled for July 21st. at Greenport Fire Station #1. Wally will inquire with John to confirm.

Next Directors' meeting is scheduled for August 18th. probably at the Ghent Fire Station.

Motion to Adjourn: Dick Howard/Wally Engel – Carried.

20:10

Secretary,
Irene Huston