

Columbia County Fire Chiefs' Association

General Meeting January 18, 2018 19:30

Meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance by 1st Vice President Wally Engel. There were 14 members in attendance.

Members were welcomed by the Ghent Fire Chief, Anthony Brahm.

Minutes from the previous General meeting were read and approved – Motion by Gregg Gilliland, 2nd by Dick Howard.

Minutes from the Directors meeting of December 19th were read for informational purposes only.

Fire Advisory Board: Wally reported on the progress of the training facility. Things are moving forward and staying fluid. Board meeting to be held January 17th.

Treasurer's Report: Read by Russ Wheeler (attached to these minutes) Approved – Motion by John Onufrychuck, 2nd by Matt Larabee.

Coordinator's Report: Was not available.

Reports of Committees:

Membership: Dues are due.

Constitution and By-Laws: Gregg Gilliland will have copies available for the next general meeting March 20th at Greenport Fire Station #1.

Cause and Origin: The year 2017 finished with 13 calls. There has been 1 call for 2018. Members are needed.

Fire Safety and Training: Dick Howard stated that the trailers have been inspected. Russ has given the registrations to Dick.

Education and Training: Wally Engel discussed possible ideas. Contact Melissa Eigenbrodt with any ideas you might have. Ben Wheeler will follow up at the directors meeting regarding a possible Firefighter PTSD Seminar in the future.

CCVFA: Please consider nominating members for FFOY and Life time achievement awards.

Scholarship: Tom Rector reported 2 applications have been received and will be reviewed.

Bills: There were no bills. The Ghent Fire Company has donated the night's refreshments.

Old Business: Treasurer Russ Wheeler has moved 1 CD from Key Bank to The Berkshire Bank and accepted a motion by Tabb Eigenbrodt to do the same with an upcoming CD, 2nd by Chris Pierro – motion carried.

Johnny O. turned in six free smoke detectors from Lowe's. Lowe's wouldn't accept the check from the association for the purchase of the combined units. It was decided to get quotes on separate units. Members will report at the next meeting.

Tom Rector has submitted the grant application to the Bank of Greene County.

Ben Wheeler reported that the Wal-Mart grant was a no go for 2017. He will try again when the application opens again.

For the Good of the Association:

Red Rock Pasta Dinner Jan. 20th.

Churchtown Wild Game Dinner Feb 20th.

Mellenville Clambake in Mar.

Greenport #1 serves pizza every 2nd Friday.

Greenport #2 serves breakfast every 3rd Sunday.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Bob Adriance.

Motion to Adjourn by Chris Pierro, 2nd by Tom Rector –
carried. 20:30

Next Directors' meeting undetermined at this time.

Next General meeting March 20th at Greenport Station #1.

Training on 'Active Shooter Events' was provided by Anthony Brahm, Columbia County Sheriff's Investigator and Ghent Fire Chief.

Submitted by Wally Engel.