

## **Columbia County Fire Chiefs' Association**

General Meeting      May 15, 2018      19:32

Meeting was brought to order by the President, Ben Wheeler

A moment of silence was held in honor of Mark Graziano.

Members were welcomed by Fire Chief, Dick Howard of the Philmont Fire Company.

Announcement: Brian Keeler and Karen Franceschi announced the obtainability of Fire Fighter Physicals at no charge, through the Hudson Hospital at the following locations:

Copake Rapid Care – walk-ins

Valatie Rapid Care – walk-ins

Hudson Medical Care Office – Sundays

Red Hook - by Appointment only

Further information will be forthcoming.

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes of the General meeting of March 20<sup>th</sup>

Gregg Gilliland/Matt Larabee – Carried.

Minutes of the February 20<sup>th</sup> Directors meeting read for informational purposes only.

Treasurer's Report: Read by Russ Wheeler (attached to these minutes) motion to accept by Laura Foster/Daryl Garafalo –Carried.

Reports of Committees:

Coordinator's Report: Bill Hunt stated there have been five structure fires in the past two months. The most recent in Chatham with a fatality.

Fire Safety and Training: Dick Howard reported having acquired the tables and the corrected signs for the fair booth.

The Safety Trailer has been requested for May 25<sup>th</sup> in Chatham and July 14<sup>th</sup> in Philmont.

Education and Training: Melissa and Tab Eigenbrodt will present the night's training. There will be one more class at the July meeting.

Banquet: The Steak Roast/Clam Bake idea is favored. Garry Smith has suggested hiring the same company Tri-Villages uses for their steak roast. The location is yet to be determined. Dave Silliman is making plans.

CCVFA: Laura Foster gave a quick run-down of the events of the convention, all of which will be occurring at the Palatine Park in Germantown.

The Firefighters' Assoc. Steak Roast Raffle tickets are available.

Bill Hunt made a motion the Chiefs' Assoc. buy the remaining unsold tickets we received, second by Gary Smith – Carried.

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

Communications: A.B. Shaw Ladies Auxiliary donated \$75 to the Burned Out-Victims Fund. The secretary will send a thank you letter.

Russ Wheeler read the thank you letter from Shante Campbell.

Old Business:

Bill Hunt presented the offer made by Williams' Lumber for the purchase of smoke and/or co detectors. Ben Wheeler presented the offer made by Nassau and Chatham Hardware. Wally Engel made the motion to purchase through Williams' Lumber, second by Bill Hunt. It was decided to store them in the small trailer. Wally will work on designing a form of request.

A discussion was held on when to hold PTSD training. It was decided that the fall would be best. Bill will check on availability of the Columbia Greene Comm. Coll. Ben will check with the instructor. Late September or October is favored.

For the Good of the Association:

May 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday, (8am till noon) Breakfast Fund Raiser for Bud Godfry and Robert Waters at the Tasawasa Fire Station.

June 16<sup>th</sup> Saturday, (starting at noon) East Chatham Fire Company will be holding their Annual Bocci Ball Tournament and raising funds for Rick Newton.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Jamie Preusser.

Next Directors' meeting June 19<sup>th</sup> at the Ghent Fire Station.

Next General meeting July 17<sup>th</sup> at the West Ghent Fire Station.

Motion to Adjourn Matt Larabee/Bob Evans – Carried. 20:45

Secretary,

Irene Huston