

Columbia County Fire Chief's Association

General Meeting May 21, 2013

Meeting called to order by President Mark Sheline.

Members were welcomed by Greenport Fire Chief, Gary Mazzacano.

Reading of the Minutes: Motion to accept the reading of the previous general meeting minutes

John O./Bill Hunt - Carried.

Minutes of the previous Board of Directors meeting read for informational purposes.

Entertainment: John Rutkey of Ginsberg's Foods extended an invitation to First Responders and Fire Personnel to take a guided tour of their facility at Rte 66, Saturday June 22, from 11:00 to 1:00.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as given by Russ Wheeler John O./Bill Hunt - Carried.

A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

Fire Advisory Report: Not available.

Coordinator's Report: Bill Hunt stated that there have been 11 incidents since the last meeting.

Any courses already scheduled will be provided per OFPC.

The coordinator's Office is currently accepting applications for Deputy Coordinator.

A work detail is being planned for the training tower.

Training Tower: All the materials from the Ockowamic School Building have been moved to the new classroom at the tower.

C&O: There have been 3 responses.

Fire Safety and Prevention: May 30th. There will be a work detail at the fire safety building on the fair grounds. Dave has acquired helmets from all the fire companies and has them displayed. He would like 5 pieces of apparatus available for display at the fair. In preparation for next year, he will be requesting shoulder patches from each company. Dave is looking for members from both the Firefighters' and Chiefs' Associations to share the tending of the building during the fair.

Legislative and Judicial: Mark Sheline has asked Senator Saland about changing the grant to cover the repairs to Patches and the cost of Sparky's outfit. Mark has also requested that the grant be extended to 2014. On April 26th. Mark attended the Legislative Conference where he noted the increase in interest in up-coming bills concerning emergency services. For more information see Mark.

Banquet: Tentatively set for a Friday in October at Kozel's.

Communications: Russ Wheeler read a thank you letter from Bill Halstead of the Sandy Hook Fire Company expressing their appreciation for the contribution to their fire company.

Columbia County Volunteer Firefighters' Ladies Auxiliary sent a \$200.00 dollar donation toward the Fire Safety Trailer Fund. The secretary will send a thank you in c/o Tanya Hunter.

Bills: Greenport is donating the nights refreshments.

Old Business: It is concerning that the letter for the solicitation of funds for the safety trailer has not been completed. Mark will speak with Wally about it and the Guidelines for the Sunshine Fund. Russ has informed us that the filing of the taxes and their numerous forms has been completed.

For the Good of the Association: The 50/50 was won by Laura Foster.

The Royal Order of Night Hawks raffle tickets are available, see Mark.

July 14th. Rensselaer County will be hosting at the Firemen's' Home, stop in.

Next Board of Directors' meeting at Kossos in Valatie.

Next General meeting is July 16th. at the Claverack Fire Station.

Motion to adjourn George Huston/Jose Ortiz - Carried.

Secretary,

Irene Huston