

Columbia County Fire Chief's Association
General meeting September 17, 2013

Meeting was called to order by President: Mark Sheline

Members were welcomed by Tri-Village Fire Chief Rob Pietkiewicz.

Motion by Wally Engel/Ted Beck to accept the reading of the previous General meeting minutes – Carried.

The minutes of the previous Board of Directors' meeting were read for informational purposes.

Motion by Bill Hunt/Ted Beck to accept the Treasurer's Report as read by Russ Wheeler – Carried. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

Coordinators report: John Howe; stated: 'The Fire Coordinators Office has attended 13 meetings and 3 multiple alarm incidents in the last month. There was one request for the Haz-Mat Team.

The most notable call was for a fuel tanker rollover in the town of Kinderhook. The tanker contained 8,000 gals. of fuel oil and required the response of 25 separate agencies.

The following agencies had personnel and equipment respond within the first hour of the incident: The Niverville, Valatie, Kinderhook, South Schodack, West Ghent and Chatham Fire Departments, as well as, Valatie and Greenport Rescue Squads.

The Columbia County Haz-Mat Team, 911 Office, The Columbia County Fire Coordinators Office, Columbia County EMS Coordinators Office, Columbia County Emergency Management, Columbia County Health Department, Columbia County Highway Department, Town of Kinderhook Highway Department, and New York State DOT. New York State Police, Columbia County Sheriff's Department, Encon Police, DEC spill response, Ichabod Crane Central Schools, Clean Harbors, Albany Tank, and Long Oil Heat`.

Fire Schools continued to be attended. An ICS 300, Firefighter 1 and an EVOC program are currently running. A Fire Police school begins October 1st and currently has 26 signed up. Also a Rescue Tech Basic starts October 2nd at Greenport station #1 and a Water Supply Ops class begins October 8th in East Chatham. Both of these need additional students to sign up.

To date 20 schools have been completed with 339 students graduating representing 8,477 student hours, an increase of 1,820 hrs. over the same period last year.

There is a resolution being bonded for the radio tower.

John presented a letter asking the Assoc to support him in his request to remain Fire Coordinator for another 2 year term.

Publicity: Dave Goold says they are doing well at the fair and thanks all those who helped.

Bill Hunt stated that whenever news articles include the Burned Out Victims Clothing Fund there is never any mention that the Chiefs' Assoc. sponsors it.

Safety Trailer: Per Dave the trailer will be in Lebanon Sept 18th and at the Home in Hudson for Dalmatian Day.

The bicycles winners were: Samantha Kilmer and Connor Simmons.
Ted asked the secretary to send letters of thanks to Wesley Coon and Dave Goold for donating the bikes and helmets
We have submitted for 1/2 the expenses to Col Co Vol Firefighters' Assoc.
Sparky can now speak.
Dave is collecting shoulder patches from each company for display at the fair next year.
Jose is setting up training for the safety trailer.

J-Fire: Bill Hunt says there may possibly be a candidate from Hudson.

Legislative: There are 6 bills awaiting the governor's signature (included are those concerning cancer/cigarette lighters)

Bills: A motion to pay the bills Bill Hunt/Ted Beck - Carried

Old Business:

Ben Wheeler explained how and/or/if members while attending Assoc meetings are or are not covered by insurance.

Ben presented a 4 point possible change to the by-laws to accommodate situations such as; when a firefighter may no longer be eligible to be a member of the association under normal circumstances might continue to remain a voting member. This was tabled for further discussion by a vote of Pro-6 /Con-3

New Business: Motion to support John Howe in his bid for Fire Coordinator for another 2 years Ben Wheeler/Dick Howard -Carried.

Dick Howard has polo shirts \$17 no pocket and \$18 w pocket

Mark Sheline has info packets on recruiting.

Dave Goold asked the secretary to send a letter of thanks to Frank Genovese at Chatham Hardware for reducing the cost of a ladder for the fair building.

Ted Beck asked the secretary to send a letter to the Firemens' Museum for the use of artifacts displayed at the fair.

Jim Van Duesen asked the secretary to send a card to Larry Saulpaugh.

Dalmatian Day is Oct 12th help is needed for the trailer 9am at the home.

Election of Officers: Committee are Ben Wheeler, Greg Gilliland, and Ben Webster

For the Good of the Company: John Howe reminded us that Billy Goldfedder will be at Chatham School.

Stuyvesant Falls Chicken BBG Oct 26

Cruiser Night at Claverack Fire Station Oct 4th

Wally Engel has raffle tickets for the Pink Helmet-this years recipient is Joan Martin of Stottville

Ghent Clambake Nov 3rd

50/50: Was won by Ben Webster

Next Board of Directors meeting will be October 15th at the Vanderbilt in Philmont.

Next General meeting will be November 19th., at the Lebanon Valley Fire Protection station.

Motion to adjourn Bill Hunt/Dave Goold - Carried.

**Secretary,
Irene Huston**