

Columbia County Fire Chiefs' Association  
Directors Meeting      December 19, 2017      19:50

Meeting was brought to order by the President, Ben Wheeler.

Minutes: Motion to accept the reading of the previous Directors' meeting  
Wally Engel/Daryl Garafalo – Carried.

Minutes of the previous General meeting read for informational purposes only.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept the treasurers' report as read by  
Russ Wheeler, Gregg Gilliland/Wally Engel – Carried.  
A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

FAB: The new facility project is moving forward.

Coordinator's Report: Was not available.

Reports of Committees:

C & O: The Team responded to an incident in Lebanon Valley.

Haz-Mat: The Haz-mat Team is reorganizing.

Safety Trailer: Dick Howard reported some parts have been repaired and Ben said some switches have been replaced.

Fair: Dick Howard stated he has not heard from Lowes concerning the tables.

Scholarship: Applications for the next semester must be received by January 9<sup>th</sup>.

Training: Ben stated training for the January meeting in Ghent will probably be the "Active Shooter" presented by the Sheriff's Department.

Old business: Gregg Gilliland presented each member with a copy of the By-Laws as they currently are and all previous amendments, for review.  
Wally Engle stated that the annual raffle brought in \$1,276.18. He made a motion to deposit \$1,000.00 in the General Fund and \$276.18 in the Sunshine Fund. The motion was second by Daryl Garafalo and – Carried.

The itemized cost of the safety trailer has been presented to the CCVFA. It was reported that Lowes will provide 6 free Smoke/CO Detectors and charge \$15.00 a piece for the 30 detectors we are seeking. They have not indicated whether or not individual fire companies can piggy-back on that price. Motion was made to purchase 30 combination smoke & co detectors from Lowes at \$15.00 each Wally Engel/Dick Howard – Carried. Ben stated the purchase needs to happen ASAP, so he can submit the application for the Walmart Grant by the end of the year. Wally will present the check to Lowes. Russ Wheeler asked Dick Howard to get the trailers inspected so he can renew the registrations. Tom Rector was not in attendance, but the secretary will make sure he receives the letter requesting funds from The Greene County Bank. NYS OFPC Ethics Review Board has Ben's annual request stating no conflict of interest and to continue his position as President of the organization.

New Business: A discussion was held on how to use the funding from The Bank of Greene County. Gregg Gilliland will acquire the cost of possibly replacing the Robotronic Patches, purchasing a Fire Hydrant, or replacing the Sparky costume. Russ Wheeler state it would be better to have the Certificate of Deposit which comes due next Wednesday, held by The Berkshire Bank rather than The Key Bank. In order for him to withdraw the funds from Key Bank he will need a copy of the night's minutes that contain the motion giving him that permission and a letter signed by the Directors in attendance giving him the authority to do so. Motion was made to provide a copy of the night's minutes and a letter signed by the Directors in attendance, giving Russell Wheeler the authority to withdraw said Certificate of Deposit from the Key Bank to be deposited into the Berkshire Bank, Wally Engel/Daryl Garafalo – Carried.

The secretary wrote the said letter and it was signed.

The secretary asked permission to have the letter head upgraded for a more professional look. Motion to upgrade the letterhead Ben Wheeler/Gregg Gilliland – Carried.

Dick Howard announced that the Vanderbilt has been sold and will be closed for renovations January, February, and possibly longer. Therefore we will have to find another location for the Directors' meetings. He suggested Gabriel's for February and we can look for another establishment if that doesn't work.

Bills: Motion was made to pay the bills Gregg Gilliland/ Dick Howard – Carried.

Announcements: Lebanon Valley Protective Association will be holding a Pasta Night January 16<sup>th</sup>, for the benefit of 2 of their members who are seriously ill. Wally Engel made a motion to contribute a \$25.00 gas card. The motion was second by Daryl Garafalo – Carried.

Next General meeting January 16<sup>th</sup> at the Ghent Fire Company No 1.

Next Director's meeting February 20<sup>th</sup> at Gabriel's, Philmont.

Motion to adjourn Wally Engel/Gregg Gilliland – Carried.            21:32

Secretary,  
Irene Huston