

Columbia County Fire Chiefs' Association
General Meeting January 17, 2017 19:32

Meeting called to order by President Ben Wheeler

Welcomed by Chief Tony Brahm of the Ghent Fire Company.

Minutes: Motion to accepted the minutes of the previous general meeting John O. /Bill Hunt – Carried.

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

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept the treasurer's report as read by Russ Wheeler, Wally Engel/Tom Rector – Carried.

A copy of this report is attached to these minutes,

Coordinator's Report: Bill Hunt recounted that in the year 2016 the Coordinators' Office responded to 98 emergencies and provided 23 schools.

C&O was requested at 13 incidents, of which 9 have been resolved.

Haz-Mat has entered into a regional agreement with Greene County

Haz-Mat, whereas, whichever team is called out the other responds to the Bridge on standby.

Space and utilization reviews continue.

Specs and information on the installation of a training tower have been acquired.

Fred Miller should be contacted to schedule use of the tower.

J-Fire Greene County is considering a team and possibly making it a joint effort with Columbia County.

The budget remained the same as the previous year. A million dollars has been ear-marked for the Space and Utilization Project.

Bill also stated more effort is needed in promoting this organization. He has noticed that the Burned-out Victims Funds is not being recognized. He would like reports to the news to include any and all undertaking by our organization.

Reports of Committees:

Ben is asking anyone who has an interest in a committee, please let him know.

By-Laws: The possibility of dropping the positions of 2nd Vice President and (1) Director has been suggested. This would require a change in the by-laws.

Fire Safety: Ben has been making repairs to the Smoke House. There is a major problem with the electrical system that he needs to contact the manufacturer about.

The battery charger needs to be replaced preferably by a combination solar/electric unit with an automatic shut off.

Education and Training: Due to the weather the night's training (Train the Trainer) is being postponed until the March general meeting.

Fair: Dick Howard would like to have the floor painted.

Dick will get the paper work started to make the request to Walmart for 2 bicycles and 2 helmets.

Firefighters' Association: Kyle Wilber reported that the Christmas party was well attended.

Stockport is the host of this year's convention. The Convention site for the year 2020 is open.

Bill would like the Firefighters' and Chiefs' Associations to participate in a joint training event or something that will promote publicity for both.

Scholarship: The committee has received 2 applications, both are well presented. The committee will make a decision before the end of this meeting.

Bills: Ghent Fire Company has donated the night's refreshments.

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

Old Business:

Wally Engel drew the winners of the raffle, they are as follows:

1st prize – Chris McMurray

2nd prize – Jessica Brockmeyer

3rd prize – Joe Attendorn

Bill Hunt would like to continue the distribution of smoke detectors. Currently we have none in stock. He will inquire as to price at Williams Lumber. Wally will inquire at Chatham Hardware. A suggestion was made to start with 30, preferably combination smoke and co.

Bill would also like the person in command at a fire to ask if the home owner has and/or needs smoke detectors, if yes then provide them.

Walmart offers a grant of \$2,500 that it appears we are eligible for. The application period is usually open from February thru December. Ben needs further information on this.

There continues to be problems with the voucher system on Walmart end.

John O suggested looking into refurbishing the smoke trailer with funds available through Senator Kathy Marchionne's Office.

Tom Rector and Gregg Gilliland are working on the possibility of purchasing a Fire Extinguisher Simulator and Fire Suppression Lazar Nozzle with a grant from Fire House Sub.

Ben Wheeler is interested in scheduling a motivational speaker for a combined audience of CCVFF and CCFC.

Tom Rector suggested a speaker on, keeping up with the times and changes within the fire service.

Application for available funds from the Bank of Greene County must be applied for in January, Tom will get the information on this.

Election of Officers:

Ben Wheeler received approval of the NYSOFP&C Ethics Review Board, thereby keeping the election of the 2017 officers as originally presented.

For the Good of the Association: The President and Directors honored and thanked Rich Lindmark for his years of service to the county and presented him with a leather helmet patch-plaque.

Ben Wheeler thanked Tom Rector for his commitment to the Chiefs' Association as the Past President.

The Scholarship winner is Shante Campbell of Chatham.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Richard Lindmark, which he donated it to the Safety Trailer Fund.

Next Directors' meeting February 21st at the Vanderbilt, Philmont.

Next General meeting March 21st at the Philmont Fire Station.

Motion to adjourn Tom Rector/Gregg Gilliland –
Carried. 21:12

Secretary
Irene Huston