

Columbia County Fire Chiefs' Association

General Meeting

November 17, 2015

Meeting called to order by President Tom Rector

Welcomed by Chief Mike Layman of the Mellenville Fire Department.

Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes of the previous General meeting Gregg Gilliland/Wally Engel – Carried.

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

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

Russ reported that 6 blank checks were mailed to Tom for signature but were never received. He enquired with the Bank and they have no record of having received them. On a separate note he suggested that \$5,000 be moved from checking to a CD. Motion to do so Bill Hunt/Wally Engel – Carried.

Reports of Committees:

Coordinator's Report: Bill Hunt reported that the Fire coordinators' Office has responded to 11 incidents since the last meeting. Of the 11 incidents there were 2 requests for the C&O Team and 1 request for the Haz-Mat Team. The Coordinators' Office has attended 19 special functions.

To date 20 schools have been completed with 368 Firefighters attending. There is currently a Firefighter I class running in Canaan and a Fire Officer I class in Chatham, both of which are filled to capacity.

Radio testing for the mobile radios has been completed with 11,000 test conducted. The consoles are currently being programmed and installed.

After completion of the installments for the consoles the roll-out of the end user equipment will begin.

Advisory Board: There was no meeting in October.

Safety Trailer: Dick Howard will take over the registering of the trailers for 2016. He reported that the big trailer is in Red Rock and the small trailer is stored at the Fairgrounds. The locks have been changed.

Banquet: Laura Foster stated that the banquet went well. Also that next year will be her last year planning it.

Scholarship Fund: Laura said the CCVFFA reviewed and approved the application and its changes. Suggestions were made on how to inform people of its existence. Ted will put it on the Web Site and send a copy to each fire company.

Communications: Applications for membership were received from Tylie Winters and Gennea Austin.

A donation was received from the Greenport Ladies Auxiliary of \$100 to benefit the Clothing Fund. The secretary will send a Thank you.

Stockport Fire Company has sent their notice for an advertisement in the 2016 Convention Yearbook. A motion to buy a ½ page ad at \$90 Benn Wheeler/ Bill Hunt – Carried.

Stockport also enclosed a means to submit your name as a Booster supporter for the yearbook for \$2.

Bills: A motion to pay the bills Bill Hunt/Greg Gilliland – Carried.

Old Business: The smoke detectors are moving slowly need to work on getting these out to the public.

Tabled from Septembers meeting a motion to pay the annual dues of \$6 due to the Columbia County Volunteer Firefighters Association Bill Hunt/Jim Brady – Carried.

New Business: Ideas were presented on how to attract new members and encourage current members to attend meetings. (1) Shorten the meetings by eliminating the reading of the directors' minutes. (2) Offer training with Certificates of completion. Tab Eigenbrodt clarified how it would work.

A motion to pay the trainer \$100 per session Mike Layman/Daryl Garafalo – Carried.

There will be no charge to the members and the Certificate will be presented at the next general meeting.

Motion to accept the applications of Tylie Winters and Gennea Austin Ted Beck/
Daryl Garafalo – Carried.

Meeting dates and places for 2016:

January 19 – Ghent	March 15 – Philmont
May 17 – Lebanon Valley	July 19 – Claverack
September 20 – Red Rock	November 15 – Mellenville

Election of Officers:

President – Tom Rector, Mellenville Fire Company

1st Vice President – Mike Briscoe, Stottville Fire Company

2nd Vice President – Jose Oritz, Philmont Fire Company

Treasurer – Russell Wheeler, Lebanon Valley Protective Association

Secretary – Irene Huston, Ghent Fire Company

Board of Directors:

Chairman – Ben Wheeler, Lebanon Valley Protective Association

Wally Engel, Ghent Fire Company

Dick Howard, Philmont Fire Company

Jim Van Deusen, Claverack Fire Company

Gary Smith, Tri-Village Fire Company

Gregg Gilliland, Lebanon Valley Protective Association

Motion for the Secretary to cast one ballot to retain all the same officers as in 2015

Bill Hunt/Jim Van Deusen – Carried.

The 50/50 was won by Bill McGrath.

Good of the Association:

Sunday, December 6th Ghent Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 12th Valatie Winter Walk

Announcements: Next Directors' meeting December 15th the Vanderbilt, Philmont.

Next General meeting January 19th Ghent Fire Station.

Motion to adjourn Gregg Gilliland /Ted Beck – Carried.

Secretary

Irene Huston