

## **Columbia County Fire Chiefs' Association**

Directors Meeting

June 16, 2015

Meeting was brought to order by Chairman, Ben Wheeler.

Minutes: Motion to accept the reading of the previous Directors meeting Jim VanDeusen/Gregg Gilliland – Carried.

Reading of the previous General meeting for informational purposes only.

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

Coordinator's Report: Bill Hunt stated that the Coordinators' Office has attended 8 meetings and responded to 9 incidents during the last month. Of the 9 incidents there were 2 requests for the C&O Team and 1 request for the Haz-Mat Team.

Schools continue to be well attended, with the new Engine Company Operations course beginning next Tuesday in East Chatham. With 18 firefighters signed up. We are being allowed by OFPC to run over the maximum of 16.

A subcommittee established by the Public Safety Chairman, continues to review sites for the move of the training tower.

Schools for the remainder of the year should be available around the first of August.

Battalion meetings have been scheduled as follows: Battalion 5-June 23<sup>rd</sup> Niverville, Battalion 4-June 25<sup>th</sup> Stottville, Battalion 3-July 7<sup>th</sup> Ancram, Battalion 2-July 9<sup>th</sup> Hudson.

Requests for resumes for Fire Coordinator have been sent by the fire Advisory Board to all Departments with August 31<sup>st</sup> as the end date for submission.

Work is continuing at the tower sites this week with work also being done at the 911 center. One site being considered at is the current location with a lease agreement with the new owners.

Reports of Committees:

C&O: There were 2 calls and applications for new members are being reviewed.

Haz-Mat: There was 1 request also new candidates are being interviewed.

Safety Trailer: Registration for the small trailer is due. The new trailer is being housed in the Claverack Fire Station for the summer and will be housed at the fair booth in the winter.

Application request and usage reports for the use of the trailer are available on-line.

The Fire Extinguisher Simulator is currently housed in Valatie. A decision was made to store it in the small trailer. Also an application request and usage report will be available on line. The equipment shall be inspected after each usage for any problems.

Fair: Patches needs batteries. Dick Howard will order more helmets. The secretary will send a thank you to Larry Ostrander of Herrington's for the donation of paint for the fair booth.

Scholarship: The new application is ready except for the address of Jim Brady.

Old Business: The names of the 2 representatives shall be sent to the Advisory Board.

Garry Smith gave a report on having Elliot Bunker Gear available at the Tri-Village Fire Station. He will investigate it further.

New Business: Jim VanDeusen reported that the Fire Fighter of the Year has been completed.

Bills: Bill Hunt/Jose Ortiz motion to pay the bills – Carried.

Next General meeting July 21<sup>st</sup> Claverack Fire Station.

Next Directors meeting August 18<sup>th</sup> Vanderbilt, Philmont.

Motion to adjourn Gregg Gilliland/Ted Beck – Carried.

Secretary

Irene Huston