

Columbia County Fire Chiefs' Association

Directors Meeting

December 20, 2016

8:00

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

Minutes: Motion to accept the reading of the previous Directors' meeting, Gregg Gilliland/Tom Rector – 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, Wally Engel/Jim Van Deusen – Carried.

Coordinator's Report: Bill Hunt stated that George Keeler, Jim Brady, Tom Rector and he were in attendance at the Fire Advisory Board's review concerning the approval of the law to allow the Sale of Fireworks in Columbia County. He was pleased to announce that it was defeated.

Reports of Committees:

C/O: There was one request to a house trailer fire in Chatham bringing this year's total to 12.

Safety Trailer: Dick Howard paid for and acquired the registrations for both trailers. Ben will continue to follow through on the repairs.

Dick Howard stated that the smoke house is being stored in Red Rock and the other trailer is being housed on the fairgrounds.

Motion to spend up to \$100 on the purchase of additional smoke machines Tom Rector/Jim Van Deusen –Carried.

Scholarship: It was pointed out that the application for the scholarship does not stipulate that it is for residents of Columbia County only. This will be changed immediately for the year 2017.

Bill's e-mails have gone out.

Education and Training: Wally Engel will contact Melissa and Tab Eigenbrodt for a possible training session at the January general meeting.

Communications: Ben received a notice from Walmart stating that they have funds available for organizations such as ours. We should apply to Walmart.Foundation.com to determine if we are eligible to receive any of these funds.

Old Business: CCVFFA has decided to reimburse us \$1,100 for the costs related to the fair for the year 2015.

Greg Gilliland reported that Home Depot will not have smoke machines available until October of 2017. Try somewhere else or get one as needed before then.

Election of Officers:

Ben Wheeler has received approval from NYS OFP&C to become President
Which makes the slate of officers as follows:

President – Ben Wheeler

1st Vice President – Wally Engel

2nd Vice President – Dick Howard

Treasurer – Russ Wheeler

Secretary – Irene Huston

Board Members: Chairman of the Board – Jim Van Deusen

Gary Smith, Gregg Gilliland, Daryl Garafalo

Delegates to the Advisory Board, 3 year terms, Jim Briscoe and Laura Foster.

New Business: Tom and Greg are looking into the possibility of acquiring a Fire Extinguisher Simulator and Fire Suppression Lazar Nozzle through grants.

Bills: Motion to pay Dick Howard for the 2 trailer registrations and purchase a leather helmet patch for Rich Lindmark Gregg Gilliland/Daryl Garafalo –Carried.

Announcements: Next General meeting January 17th at the Ghent Fire Station.

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

Motion to adjourn Gregg Gilliland/Jim Van Deusen – Carried. 9:25

Secretary, Irene Huston