

Columbia County Fire Chiefs' Association  
Directors Meeting      December's meeting postponed to January 14, 2020      19:20

The meeting was brought to order by the Chairman, Gregg Gilliland.

Minutes:

A motion to accept the minutes of October 15<sup>th</sup> 2019, Bob Adriance/Ben Wheeler – Carried.

The minutes of the November general meeting were read for informational purposes.

Treasurer's Report:

A motion to accept the treasurer's report as read by Russ Wheeler, Dick Howard/ Bob Adriance – Carried.

A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

Coordinator's Report:

George Keeler the new Coordinator stated he is updating the E-mail addresses and Web site. A new Deputy is being sought for Battalion 2. The list of schools will be out Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> and there will be a Battalion meeting April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Work on the facility is on-going, the tower was delivered Jan 14<sup>th</sup>.

He also supplied a copy of the Statistics Report for the year 2019.

Safety Trailer:

Dick Howard reported the trailer has been inspected.

Scholarship:

The Committee per Ben Wheeler has received 2 applications and will be making their decision soon.

Training & Education:

NYS has announced that as of March 23<sup>rd</sup> the fire service can no longer use chlorine based foam products.

A possible topic for the March general meeting is the Cancer Bill.

Communications:

Bill Hunt had issued a voucher for \$75.00 which has yet to be received for payment.

The Columbia County Ladies Auxiliary has donated \$100.00 to the Burned-Out–Victims–Fund and Russ has sent a thank you card.

A donation from the Claverack Ladies Auxiliary of \$75.00 was received for the Burned-Out–Victims–Fund. The secretary will send a card of thanks.

The Columbia County Firefighters' Association is hosting the 95<sup>th</sup> Convention. To be held in Chatham. The Stuyvesant Falls Fire Company has requested an ad for the yearbook of \$95.00 for a black and white half page.

This will be tabled until the general meeting of January 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### Old Business:

The election of the officers. Russ Wheeler the Treasurer has retired and a new treasurer has not yet come forward. After a short discussion Bob Adriance made a recommendation to amend the current bylaws as they pertain to the appointment of the secretary to also include the appointment of the treasurer. This was second by Dick Howard - Carried. It will be brought before the general membership at the January meeting. In the meantime Russ will continue to temporarily fill the treasurer's position. Due to current circumstances and looking forward the question arose, who has authority to sign checks.

Another recommendation was made by Bob Adriance to amend the bylaws giving the Chairman that authority in cases of emergency (when or if one of the signees is unavailable or incapable) and time is a factor. This was second by Dick Howard and – Carried.

Secretary Irene Huston had resigned as of Dec 31, 2019, and the position has not been filled. At the November meeting the President stated, should there not be an elected secretary, he would appoint a member at each meeting to take the minutes. Irene has stated if someone would take the minutes legibly and informatively she would type them, provide a copy for the next meeting and e-mail copies to whomever necessary. In short, she would continue with the duties of the secretary. The bylaws state she must attend 3 meetings a year and she would do that.

Another issue is the Post Office Box currently in Lebanon and is paid through the 31<sup>st</sup> of January. It will remain there temporarily.

#### Announcements:

NYS National Fire Academy weekend will be held April 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> in Maryland.

NYS OFPC is giving an open civil service exam.

Next General meeting will be January 21<sup>st</sup> at the Ghent Fire Station

Next Directors' meeting will be February 18<sup>th</sup> at Ryan's Grill in Valatie

Motion to Adjourn: Bob Adriance/Dick Howard – Carried.

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Secretary,  
Irene Huston