

Columbia County Fire Chiefs' Association

Directors Meeting April 19, 2016

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

Minutes: Motion to accept the reading of the previous Directors meeting amended minutes Jim Van Deusen/Dick Howard – 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, Gregg Gilliland/Wally Engel – Carried.

Russ also reported, on 2 occasions Wal-Mart allowed the purchase off unqualified items and those items to exceed the vouched amounts by \$175.74. Wal-Mart did reimburse the association.

Coordinator's Report: Bill Hunt reported he is extending the appointment of Mike Cozzolino as Intelligence Liaison Officer for linking our county fire service with SEMO as necessary. Mike continues to update his training to meet requirements and function in this position.

Fred Miller from Hillsdale Fire Dept. has been appointed to fill the vacant Deputy Fire Coordinator position in battalion III, after completing the interview process. Two other candidates were also interviewed. Fred was chosen over the other qualified candidates due to his unanimous recommendation from all departments in battalion III, as well as, preference is given to the candidate from the battalion where the vacancy exists. Fred is on board as of 4/16/16, please welcome him.

Ten members of the haz-mat team attended the conference at the academy this weekend with financial assistance provided by the Chiefs' Association.

The new special opts trailer soon will be in service.

C&O has had 4 calls.

Two sites being considered by the county for the emergency services to house vehicles, equipment, hold training classes and construct a tower are one in Commerce Park and the Kaufkey property.

Reports of Committees:

Legislative: There has been no response on the Fireworks bill and the Senate has passed the bill to allow volunteer firefighters who have cancer to receive benefits similar to professional firefighter.

Haz-Mat: Bill explained there was a mistake in the previously approved cost of the overage for the 10 persons to attend the conference instead of \$168

it is \$304. Gregg Gilliland motioned to pay the additional \$140, 2nd by

Jim Van Deusen – Carried.

Safety Trailer: Dick Howard stated that the safety trailer was in Austerlitz in April and will be going to Copake in May.

Banquet: Reminder that Tom Rector will be finishing his term as President of the Chiefs' Association at the end of this year.

Scholarship/Publicity: The firefighter I graduation was well received and good publicity for the scholarship. We have received \$250 from the CCFVA.

Communications: The training after the general meetings are continuing and appear to be making a difference.

A letter and donation of \$500 was received from the Bow-la-rama toward the Fire Prevention and Safety Fund. The secretary will send a letter of thanks.

A Summary of the Volunteer Firefighter Economic Impact Study completed in December of 2015 was received from FASNY.

New Business: The applications of 5 new members were reviewed, accepted, and will be presented at the general meeting.

Motion to acquire a Past President badge for Tom Rector Jim Van Deusen/

Dick Howard – Carried.

Bills: Motion to pay the bills Gregg Gilliland/Wally Engel – Carried.

Good of the Association:

Next General meeting May 17th at the Lebanon Protective Association.

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

Motion to adjourn Jim Van Deusen/Bill Hunt – Carried.

Secretary

Irene Huston