

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

General Meeting      March 20, 2018      19:25

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

Members were welcomed by Fire Chief, John Onufrychuk of Greenport Fire Company #1.

Minutes from the General meeting of January 18<sup>th</sup> motion to accept John O./Daryl Garafalo – Carried.

Minutes from the Directors meeting of February 22<sup>nd</sup>, read for informational purposes only.

Treasurer's Report: Read by Russ Wheeler (attached to these minutes) motion to accept by Gregg Gilliland/Daryl Garafalo –Carried.

Membership: Don't forget your dues.

Application from Mike McCagg of Stottville received and reviewed.

Motion to accept the application Wally Engel/Anthony Brahm – Carried.

Thank you to Wally for keeping the FaceBook page up-to-date.

Reports of Committees:

Fire Safety and Training: Dick Howard stated that Herrington's will send someone out to look at the paint on the floor of the fair booth.

He has not yet picked up the tables he ordered.

The signs for the fair booth need to be re-done to say Col. Co. Emergency Services.

Coordinator's Report: George Keeler reported, Bill Wallace Architecture & Design will be working on the design of the Training Center interior.

A used Fire Truck has been accepted for training purposes.

Training Schedule is out.

There will be a Battalion meeting April 11 at the Training Center.

C&O: Called to the scene of a house fire in Livingston.

Haz-Mat: Has accepted several new members and will be resuming a monthly training schedule on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month.

They are working on acquiring funding.

Legislative: Wally Engel announced the issues being present to the Legislature for approval for the year 2018.

Education and Training: Melissa and Tab Eigenbrodt will present the night's training. They have discussed possible ideas for future meetings.

Ben Wheeler stated he needs more information regarding a possible Firefighter PTSD Seminar.

Banquet: People are needed to plan this year's banquet.

CCVFA: Matt Larabee reminded everyone, applications for Firefighter of the Year are due in by April 11th. at the CCVFA meeting in Germantown.

Also, a new award will be given out for Life Time Achievement.

Scholarship: CCVFA and CCFCA have agreed to award Shante Campbell this year's scholarship. The application for next year will state that it must be on Time and Complete or it will not be considered.

Arrangements will be made to present her with the award at the CCVFA meeting April 11<sup>th</sup> in Germantown.

Bills: There were no bills. The Greenport Fire Company #1 has donated the night's refreshments.

Communications: NYS Fire Chief's Assoc. received payment of our dues.

Old Business:

Ben Wheeler stated that letters requesting donations toward the Safety Trailer will be going out. Included will be a request for help at the fair booth.

Motion to spend up to \$80.00 on postage Ben Wheeler/Gregg Gilliland – Carried.

Wally Engel has been in touch with William's Lumber concerning the purchase of Smoke Detectors.

Ben Wheeler has applied for the Grant from the Wal-Mart Foundation for 2018.

Russ Wheeler stated that the 2017 Taxes have been filed.

Dick Howard has contacted Kozels concerning the Directors' meeting. They cannot accommodate us on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Wednesday of the month. The 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday is available along with any Thursday. It has been suggested the directors meet at either the Ghent fire Station #1 or the Philmont Fire Station.

For the Good of the Association:

April 15<sup>th</sup> Fund Drive for Rick Newton

Red Rock Pasta Dinner April 21<sup>st</sup>.

May 6<sup>th</sup> Ghent Clambake.

May 20<sup>th</sup> (8am till noon) Breakfast Fund Raiser for Bud Godfry and Robert Waters at the Tasawasa Fire Station.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Wally Engel.

Next Directors' meeting undetermined at this time.

Next General meeting May 15<sup>th</sup> at the Philmont Fire Station.

Motion to Adjourn Gregg Gilliland/Wally Engel – Carried.

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