

Columbia County Fire Chief's Association  
General meeting July 16, 2013

Meeting was called to order by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Tom Rector

Members were welcomed by Claverack Fire Chief George Keeler

Motion by John O./George Huston to accept the reading of the previous General meeting minutes – Carried.

The minutes of the previous Board of Directors' meeting were read for informational purposes.

Motion by Gary Mazzacano/John O. to accept the Treasurer's Report as read by Russ Wheeler – Carried. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

Fire Advisory Report: Gary Mazzacano

Coordinators report: There has been a good turn out at the schools.

Safety Trailer: Per Dave Goold, Philmont had a lot of children go through the trailer. It is scheduled to be at CO-ARC and Spencertown. Liquid smoke will be ordered.

Legislative: No action has been taken on the Bill concerning Cigarette Lighters.

Old Business: Tom read the letter Wally drafted to give to businesses when requesting donations. Copies of the letter will be distributed to each fire company

And available upon request.

New Business: Ed Goldfrank has resigned from the Austerlitz Fire Company. This makes him no longer eligible to be a member of the Chiefs' Association. He could become an Honorary Member, which he has declined.

Russ read the bylaws pertaining to membership. A discussion was held on amending the bylaws to accommodate situations such as this one. And for those members who are no longer active in their fire company, but have completed a specific number of years in a fire company &/or this organization. Ben will draft a letter and inquire about insurance coverage.

Russ also read a description of duties and the qualifications to become a Board member.

An application for membership was received from Chris Pierro of Greenport. Motion to accept the application John O./Gary Mazzacano - Carried. Raffle tickets are available, see Wally.

Bills: Motion to pay the bills Jim Van Deusen/Ted Beck - Carried.

50/50: Was won by Jim Brady and was donated to the Association.

Announcements: Tri-Village Annual Steak Roast Sept 7<sup>th</sup>.

Next Board of Directors meeting will be August 20<sup>th</sup> at the Vanderbilt in Philmont.

Next General meeting will be September 17<sup>th</sup>., at the Tri-Village Fire Station.

Motion to adjourn Wally Engel/Gary Mazzacano - Carried.

Secretary,

Irene Huston