

Columbia County Fire Chief's Association

General Meeting November 20, 2012

Meeting called to order by President Ted Beck.

Stuyvesant Falls Fire Chief, Ben Webster welcomed the members and presented Ted with a Certificate of appreciation for his service.

Motion to accept the reading of the minutes of the previous general meeting

as revised, John Onufrychuk/Tom Rector - Carried.

Minutes of the previous Board of Directors meeting read for informational purposes only.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report: as presented by Russ Wheeler

Bill Hunt/Gary Massacano - Carried.

Coordinator's report: John Howe reported that the Coordinators office has attended 38 meetings and 7 multiple alarm fires since our September meeting. Most notable was a 2 day detail looking for a lost hiker in Copake and Super Storm Sandy. Beginning on October 30th and continuing for 16 straight days Columbia County supplied fire resources through out the New York Fire Mobilization and Mutual Aid Program. Eleven departments deployed for 72-hr tours answering close to 200 calls with 18 pieces of apparatus and 75 firefighters. To date 28 schools have been completed with 548 students graduating, representing 10,090 student hours. On November 12th and 15th

in conjunction with the Fire Coordinators Office, the Firefighters' Assoc.,

and the Fire Chiefs' Assoc. co-sponsored the "Calling the MayDay Program". This program was attended by 68 firefighters from throughout the county and was deemed a huge success. The Coordinators' Office is currently working on obtaining a mobile classroom to be placed at the training tower.

Membership: A motion to accept the application for membership from Tim Folmsbee Wally Engel/Bill Hunt - Carried.

Applications from Fred Gooderham and Michael Bortugno were received.

Haz Mat: John Howe said that candidates for the team will be solicited from the Firefighter 1 courses.

C & O: 3 members attended training in Montour Falls.

J-Fire: There is 1 new member and possibly a second.

Fire Safety and Prevention: Dave Goold reported that the trailer had been to the Firemens' Home, Niverville, Greenport, Chatham, and Philmont. Also there are some problems with Patches.

Legislative and Judicial: FASNY will be trimming their budget.

Education & Training: Per John Howe please submit any request you have to his office.

Banquet : Ted gave a brief report of the banquet and thanked everyone for their years of support.

Bills: Stuyvesant Falls donated the nights proceeds from the refreshments to the Safety Trailer Fund.

Communications: We received a Thank you from the family of Jean Wheeler, a donation of \$500 from the family of Jean Wheeler, a Thank you from Ted Beck, a Thank you from the Firemens' Home for the support of Dalmation Day, and a notice from CCVFA that dues of \$6.00 are payable also with the submission of 2 delegates for the Convention to be held July 26 & 27, 2013. A motion was made to pay the dues Wally Engel/George Huston -Carried.

Old Business: Wally reported a total of \$2,618.76 was made on the raffle which will be split with the CCVFA.

Tom Rector had been added to the Nominating Committee.

New Business: Ben Wheeler conveyed the appreciation of the OFPC as well as his own thanks for all the help that has and is going to the areas effected by Hurricane Sandy.

Election of Officers:

President - Mark Sheline

1st Vice President - Tom Rector

2nd Vice President - George Huston

Treasurer - Russ Wheeler

Board of Directors - Ed Goldfrank, Mike Briscoe, Jose Ortiz, Wally Engel, Ben Wheeler. A motion was made that the secretary cast one ballot for the slate of officers presented Ben Wheeler/ Wally Engel - Carried.

A motion was made to accept the nomination of Dick Howard to fulfill the vacant Directors position and that the secretary cast one ballot for said position Russ Wheeler/Bill Hunt - Carried.

Ted Beck expressed thanks and appreciation to Ron Rifenburg for his service on the Advisory Board.

Announcements: Lebanon Valley's Tree Lighting is Dec 7

Michael Bortugno won the 50/50.

Next BOD meeting: December 18th at the Valkin in Valatie.

Next General meeting: January 15th at the Ghent Fire house.

Motion to adjourn John Onufrychuk/Ben Webster - Carried.

Secretary,

Irene Huston