

Columbia County Fire Chiefs' Association, Inc.

Board of Directors Minutes 10/16/12

Meeting called to order at 20:20, George Huston presiding.

Motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as read, Engel/R Wheeler – carried. The minutes of the previous general meeting were read for information only.

Treasurer Russ Wheeler submitted 2 reports, 1 each for the last general meeting and for the current BOD meeting. Motion to accept the reports as read, Beck/VanDeusen – carried. Copies of these reports are attached to their respective minutes. Russ has sent thank you letters to the several Greenport FD donors except the Ladies' Auxiliary for which he had no address. They may be contacted via the FD.

Coordinator 's Report: Coordinator John Howe said the Coordinator's office has been present at 7 multiple alarm fires and 38 meetings since the last BOD meeting. The most notable alarm was for a recent search for a lost hiker in Copake. Battalion meetings were held on 9/26 and 9/27. All county departments attended. The Chiefs' representatives for the FAB were chosen: Gary Mazzacano for Battalions 2&3 and Paul Pratt for Battalions 4&5. John said he has submitted his budget to the Public Safety Committee with an increase of approximately 40%. \$2.8M was also added to the 911 budget for the replacement of all mobile & portable radios and pagers. Fire schools continue to be well attended. 2FF1 classes are currently running. A "Calling the Mayday" class is scheduled for 11/12 & 11/15 in Chatham w/ 20 people currently signed up. YTD student hours have already surpassed all of last year's #s. There will be a meeting on 10/24 for companies on both sides of the MA border to meet each other to begin exploring the possibilities for mutual aid. John said he will be attending a Governor's summit on disaster preparedness on 10/29 & 10/30 in Albany. 3 members from the Coordinator's office will be attending a meeting on storm preparedness in Clifton Park on 11/14 sponsored by National Grid.

C&O: John Howe said there have been 2 calls since our last meeting. State Fire and State Police have the lead on the TCI investigation. At this point the fire is thought to be accidental. More information will become available pending the results of forensic examinations.

Haz-Mat: 8 members took a tech refresher which went 4 nights over 2 weeks.

Fair: Ted Beck emphasized the need for more help at the fair booth.

Banquet: Ted said the banquet went very well. There were 62 attendees and the food was good.

Old Business: Wally Engel asked about the status of Safety Trailer support from the CCVFA. We need to tally and submit our expenses to them. Wally said that the nominating committee is looking for members interested in the open BOD position. Ben

Wheeler suggested an email to the membership seeking interested parties. There was a suggestion from the floor that we approach Dick Howard. Wally also said that the raffle has brought in \$2,619.00 to date.

Bills: \$25.01 for the Fireman's Museum insurance rider; \$65.00 for the Past President's plaque. Motion to pay the bills, Engel/Ortiz – carried.

Motion to adjourn at 21:10, Ortiz/B Wheeler – carried.

Respectfully submitted, Acting Secretary

Ed Goldfrank