

Columbia County Fire Chief's Association

General Meeting September 18, 2012

Meeting called to order by President Ted Beck.

Tri-Village Fire Chief, Rob Pietkiewicz welcomed the members.

Motion to accept the reading of the minutes for the previous general meeting Ed Goldfrank/John O - Carried.

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

The Treasurer's report was not available.

Coordinator's report: John Howe reported that FASNY will be holding two Recruitment & Retention classes. October 9 Kinderhook Fire Company 7:00pm and October 27 Livingston Fire Station at 9:00am.

John made a brief statement on the progress of the TCI investigation and the status of the Radio Tower and radios.

A Firefighters Award Program is being set up. John would like both CCVFCA and CCVFA to have representatives on the committee.

A motion was made to have two members of the CCVFCA participation on the Committee for the Firefighters Award Program Mark Sheline/George Huston - Carried.

The Training Tower is looking better.

Photo ID's for Col. Co. Emergency personnel are being done, please contact the coordinators' office.

A MayDay Program will be held in October consisting of a seminar and hands-on training.

Constitution & By-laws: Ted said he and Russ are working on up-dating them and will be making copies for the members.

C&O: There will be a seminar in November.

Fire Safety and Prevention: Per Dave Gould thanks go to KME Fire Apparatus and the Philmont Fire Company for the donations for the purchase of the bikes and helmets. The winners of which were Taylor Warden of Pittsfield, MA and Rachel Van Zandt of New Lebanon. Also a thank you to all the companies for providing fire helmets. Next year he would like to acquire patches from each of the fire companies to display. Thanks go to Vance Pitkin and Ed Goldfrank for their work on the plaque and stand for the safety trailer.

Ted brought to everyone's attention that due to the lack of help at the fair there were times when the Safety Trailer and Patches were not able to be used. The building at the fair is for both the Firefighters and Fire Chiefs Associations and help is needed from both.

The Safety Trailer will be at the Firemen's Home October 6 for Dalmatian Day

Help is needed.

Dave Goold was hospitalized and the secretary will send a get well everyone can sign.

John Onufrychuk expressed thanks for the use of the safety trailer by the Greenport Fire Department.

Education & Training: Mayday training will be held Nov. 11 & 15 at Chatham.

Banquet : October 12, Friday at Kozel's to honor the Past Presidents of the CCVFA James MacArthur & Joseph H. Loeffler, also the Past President of the CCVFCA Ted Beck. Contact Laura Foster by October 1st.

Bills: A motion to pay the bill for flowers for Russ Wheelers wife's passing,

Bill Hunt/George Huston - Carried.

Tri-Village donated the contributions for the nights refreshments to the General Fund.

Communications: Churchtown Fire Company is asking if we are interested in an ad in a commemorative cookbook in celebration of their 80 years in service.

Old Business: Wally suggested to table the decision of %-percentage and naming a fund to which proceeds from the raffle will designated.

A discussion was held on procuring funds to maintain the Safety Trailer. This includes insurance, repairs, and inspections.

A committee determine how to financially support the Safety Trailer was established (Dave Goold, Wally Engel, Mark Sheline, Bill Hunt, Ted Beck).

It was also suggested that the original records of the establishment of the Safety Trailer be looked into.

New Business: A motion to nominate Jim Van Duesen to replace Ron Rifenburgh on the Advisor Board Wally Engel/John Onufrychuk - Carried.

The secretary will send letters to the Public Safety Commission and the Advisory Board with the nomination.

Meeting places for the year 2013 will be:

January 17 - Ghent

March 29 - Philmont

May 15 - Greenport

July 17 - Claverack

September 17 - Tri-Village

November 20 - New Lebanon

Nominating Committee for the Election of Officers: Jose Ortiz, Ben Wheeler, and Wally Engel.

A motion to have Jim Van Duesen on the Committee to select the Fire Fighter of year John Onufrychuk/Bill Hunt - Carried.

John Onufrychuk presented donations to the Burned Out Victims Fund from:

Greenport Stations 1, 2, 3, Greenport Ladies Auxiliary, and E. Mack Professional Billing Corp. of 1,000.

The secretary will sent letters of appreciations.

Announcements: Wally Engel has raffle tickets for the association's Annual Raffle. Also raffle ticket for the Pink Helmet.

Stuyvesant Falls - Chicken BBQ Oct 20

Ghent Clambake - Nov 4

Dave Travis of Tri-Village won the 50/50.

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

Next General meeting: November 20th. at Stuyvesant Falls Fire Station.

Motion to adjourn John Onufrychuk/Mark Sheline - Carried.

Secretary,

Irene Huston