

Columbia County Fire Chiefs' Association  
Directors Meeting February 19, 2019

The meeting was brought to order by the President, Wally Engel.  
Due to the fact that there has not been a Chairperson for over a year  
a motion was made by Bob Adriance to nominate Gregg Gilliland as Chairperson.  
The motion was second by Russ Wheeler and Carried.  
The remainder of the meeting was then conducted by Gregg.

Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes of October 16, 2018 (as there had been no  
December meeting) Gregg Gilliland/Wally Engel – Carried.  
The minutes of the January general meeting were read for informational purposes.

Treasurer's Report: A motion to accept the treasurer's report as read by Russ Wheeler  
Wally Engel/Daryl Garafalo – Carried.

Coordinator's Report: Bill Hunt was not available. George Keeler reported that Light-up  
Grades and the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the years classes were available.

C&O: Made 1 response to East Chatham.

Fair: Dick Howard would like 2 letters requesting donations to aid in the purchase of  
handout items from area businesses and will give the secretary further information.

Scholarship: Ben Wheeler stated that there are 4 persons competing for the  
scholarship. All were received on time and were complete. They were all well written  
which made it a difficult decision. Connor McCagg name will be presented to the  
firefighters' committee.

Training & Education: Wally Engel suggested a round-table discussion on the pros and  
cons of Task Force Response for the March general meeting.

By-Laws: Ben Wheeler recounted the discussion on the proposed changes to the by-  
laws. The committee has determined the following:  
Article III Membership, Sec. b – will remain as originally presented.  
Sec. c – will be rewritten to make it less confusing by combining present and past.

Correspondence: The letter requested by the Berkshire Bank identifying the new  
President and was signed by the Directors was given to the Treasurer.

Old Business: Gregg Gilliland stated that the letter and \$50 check received from NET WORTH is a legitimate organization that acquires & moves donations made to organization, such as ours, via face book.

Sharon and Lee Koblenzer, winners of the \$500, have donated \$250 of their winnings to the Ghent Fire Company and \$250 to the Chatham Fire Department.

The secretary will send a letter of appreciation.

New Business: The New Lebanon School has inquire with Gregg Gilliland as to the possibility of acquiring smoke detectors through the Chiefs' Association program.

Wally Engel will review how many detectors and how many combos were purchased last year and if Williams Lumber will sponsor the purchase again this year.

Motion to Adjourn Wally Engel, Ben Wheeler – Carried.

Secretary,  
Irene Huston