

Columbia County Fire Chiefs' Association
General Meeting September 18, 2018 19:40

Meeting was brought to order by the President, Ben Wheeler.
Members were welcomed by Mellenville Fire Company, Past Chief, Tom Rector.

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes of the General meeting of July 17th
John O/Matt Larabee - Carried.
Minutes of the June 26th Directors meeting read for informational purposes only.

Treasurer's Report: Read by Russ Wheeler, attached to these minutes, motion
to accept by Bill Hunt/Tom Rector - Carried.

Coordinator's report: Bill Hunt stated that the cost of the training tower has
been accepted.

The list of scheduled schools is out.

The old truck is not road worthy and the issue of a trailer hitch is not possible.

The training tower continues to move forward.

Haz-mat: There was 1 call to Livingston.

C & O: There is 1 member who has taken the fire investigation & arson training
and
upon passing the exam will be a level 2 member.

Reports of committees:

By-Laws: Ben Wheeler proposed the following areas of the by-laws that need to
be updated:

Article III – Membership

Sec. b – Any person who is a resident of Columbia County (**Add: or an active member of a
Columbia County fire department or fire police organization**) shall be eligible to
become an active member of this Association provided he/she is qualified as hereinafter
set forth under Section C of this Article.

Sec. c – Active members shall consist of any fire Commissioners, Chiefs, Assistant Chiefs, Presidents, **(Add: Vice Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers,)** **(Change: Captains, Captains of fire police- all Captains)**, First and Second Lieutenants, and Past Commissioners, Past Chiefs, Past Assistant Chiefs, Past Presidents, **(Add: Past Vice Presidents, Past Secretaries, Past Treasurers,)** **(Change: Past Captains, Past Captains of fire police, all Past Captains)** Past First and Second Lieutenants of any fire departments **(Add: or fire police organizations)** within the limits of this Association, paid or volunteer, who shall be active firefighters.

Sec. g – Any active member of this Association who changes his/her residence to territory outside of the **(Change: County of Columbia Columbia County, and does not maintain active membership in a fire department or fire police organization in Columbia County,)** may not remain an active member of this Association. Their membership may be continued in the Association as an Honorary Member only, provided he/she requests this change of status in writing to the Secretary within 30 days after moving out of Columbia County. As such Honorary Member he/she shall not be able to vote or hold office. In the event such written notice is not made within the above 30 days, said member shall be deemed automatically dropped from the Association membership rolls.

Article VIII – Officers

Sec. a – The officers of this Association shall consist of a President, **(Change: First Vice President, Second Vice President, Vice President,)** Secretary, Treasurer and **(Change: six (6) five (5))** Directors.

The above mentioned changes to the by-laws are tabled to the next general meeting at the Lebanon Fire Station on November 20th.

Fire Safety: Dick Howard reported the safety trailer will be at the Home October 6th.

New Baltimore has requested the use of the trailer.

After review, a decision was made not to allow the use of said trailer out of the county.

Fair: A motion was made to pay Dick Howard for his expenses for the fair building by Bill Hunt, second by Gregg Gilliland - Carried.

The secretary will send thank you letters to all those who donated.

Fire Extinguishers: Chatham Hardware, Country Squire Supply, Ed Harrington, Nassau Country Value

Escape Ladders: Bill Hunt, Ben Wheeler; and Bike Helmets, George Huston

Education & training: PTSD training is open to all firefighters and their families
Wednesday Oct 3, at the Columbia Greene Community College at 7pm.

Ben thanked everyone for their help at the fair.

Scholarship fund: The new form has been updated and is available.
Greene County has inquire about a joint scholarship.

Bills: Motion to pay the bills Gregg Gilliland/Wally Engel - Carried.

Communications: We received a thank you from Stottville Fire Company for our
donation in memory of Jim Vandeburgh.

Mellenville Fire Company has donated the refreshments for the evening.

Old Business:

Repairs have been made to the safety trailer.

Still waiting on the Wal-Mart Grant.

New Business:

Garry Smith has resigned from the Tri-Village Fire Company.

November election nomination committee is Matt Larabee & Gregg Gilliland.

For the Good of the Association:

Oct 6th is Dalmatian Day at the Home

Oct 13th is Community Day in Ghent.

Red Rock Pasta Night in support of Bill Hansen's family is Oct 20th.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Bill McGrath.

Next Directors' meeting October 16rd

Next General meeting November 20th at the Lebanon Valley Fire Station.

Motion to Adjourn Gregg Gilliland/Bill Hunt - Carried.

20:45

Secretary,
Irene Huston