

Columbia County Fire Chiefs' Association
General Meeting September 19, 2017 19:33

Meeting was called to order by President Ben Wheeler.

Minutes: Motion was made to accept the reading of the minutes with corrections noted, John Onufrychuk, second by Wally Engel all in favor and none opposed.
So – Carried.

Minutes from the Directors meeting of August 18, 2017 were read for informational purposes only.

Treasurer's Report: Read by Russ Wheeler with a correction noted on the donation amount from Greenport Fire. A motion was made to accept the report by Gregg Gilliland, second by Gary Mazzacano all in favor none opposed. So – Carried.

A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.

Reports of Committees:

Coordinator's Report: Bill Hunt stated there will be Battalion Meetings on October 4th in Churchtown and October 5th at the Canaan Firehouse. He's pleased to have Collin Brown from Clermont as a new member of the Hazmat team. April of 2020 new regulations for Fire Investigator go into effect. Bill Hunt and Gregg Gilliland will be attending the Arson Seminar at the NYS Fire Academy.

Equipment and foam have been stored in the new building, heat and interior design are in the works. There will be some kind of Key-entry system. The Coordinator stated that the Columbia County Board of Supervisors' Committee worked very hard to make this purchase happen and if you should see a member of the Board, please express the appreciation from the fire service.

Questions concerning the status of a new fire tower should be addressed to Robert Lopez.

Membership: A motion was made by Gregg Gilliland second by Tom Rector to accept Lloyd Kukon of the Clermont Fire Company into membership; all in favor none opposed. So – Carried

Raffle Tickets: Extra Holiday Cash, Wally Engel has distributed the tickets, please note; the drawing will be held during the November General meeting.

Fire Safety Trailer: Dick Howard reported the use of the trailer at the fair and it will be going out to Taconic Hills on October 6th and again to the Firemen's' Home on October 7th for Dalmatian Day.

Fair: Dick Howard gave a report on the sale of raffle tickets sold during the fair, including the fire extinguishers. The girls' bike and helmet were won by Kaylee Villarreal of Germantown and the boys' bike and helmet were won by Mitch Ooms of Valatie. He also stated that new tables are needed for use at the fair building and some type of signs made for tours of the safety trailer. The trailer will be stored in the new Fire Services Building. President Wheeler thanked all those who helped at the fair. A letter of thanks has been sent to Country Squires and a verbal thank you to Bill Hunt for donation of fire extinguishers. Some suggestions have been made for future raffles.

Legislative: Gregg Gilliland stated that the most important Cancer bill has passed in both Houses and is awaiting the Governor's signature.

Education and Training: Nothing has been scheduled for the September meeting.

Banquet: October 13th, 2017, at 6:00pm, Kozel's contact Laura Foster if you are interested in attending.

CCVFA: The County President, Laura Foster, announced that help is needed for the Quarterly meeting to be held October 11, at Palatine Park in Germantown. Jim Brady spoke on a recruitment program he would like help with to reach out to high school students and show them a Fire Service Video made by Marlene Tuczinski.

Scholarship: The new application is out.

Bills: Mellenville Fire Company has donated the night's refreshments. A bill for the insurance of \$2,056.00 was presented. A motion was made by Wally Engel, second by Gary Mazzacano to pay the bills, all in favor none opposed. So – Carried.

Communications: A motion was made by Gary Mazzacano and second by Bill Hunt to send a card and flowers or fruit to Irene Huston, who is out due to an ankle injury. All in favor none opposed. So – Carried.

Old Business: John Onufrychuk will check with Lowes this week on the Smoke Detector price. Letters were sent out concerning the Smoke Trailer, some companies stated they never received the letter.

New Business: Suggestions are welcome for training at the next general meeting in Lebanon. Possibly MES demonstration on Air Bags/Heavy Equipment 2 day class.

There is a vacancy on the Fire Advisory Board, due to the passing of James Van Deusen. A motion was made by John Onufrychuk, second by Wally Engel to appoint Gary Mazzacano to the Board, all in favor none opposed. So – Carried. The Nominating Committee for the upcoming Election of Officers are Greg Gilliland and Matt Larabee.

The 50/50 drawing was won by a Laura Foster.

Next Directors' meeting October 17th. at the Vanderbilt, Philmont.
Next General meeting November 21th. at the Lebanon Valley Protective Association.

Motion to adjourn Gregg Gilliland second by Bob Adrince all in favor none opposed. So – Carried. 20:25

Respectfully Submitted,
Acting Secretary, Laura Foster