

Columbia County Fire Chiefs' Association
General Meeting May 16, 2017 19:40

Meeting was called to order by President Ben Wheeler

Welcomed by Laura Foster of the Germantown Fire Company.

Minutes: Motion to accepted the corrected minutes of the previous general meeting Gregg Gilliland/Tom Rector – Carried.

Minutes of the previous directors meeting read for informational purposes only.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept the treasurer's report as read by Russ Wheeler, Bill Hunt/Daryl Garafalo – Carried.

A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.

Jim Brady needs a copy of the bill for flowers to present to the Firefighters' Association.

Coordinator's Report: Bill Hunt reported 3 firefighters attended a pre-seminar and 6 the seminar at Montour Falls

The first half of an Amtrak Passenger Train Incident Awareness Training will be held June 15th at Germantown. The second half has not been scheduled yet.

The County is negotiating the price of the proposed property purchase. Nothing has been heard from the FAA.

Negotiations are also underway for a tower at the northern end of the county.

The old training tower is still operational.

If you are interested in joining the C&O Team or up-grading your training please contact Bill.

Haz-Mat has been holding in-house training, conducting fit tests, and has repaired air-paks.

Reports of Committees:

Fair: Dick Howard reported that Herrington's Lumber donated the painted for the floor of the fair building.

Walmart has approved the donation of the 2 bicycles for the fair, but not the helmets.

Dick will approach Steiner's in Hudson for the helmets.

Training: Jim Brady suggested having a speaker from the Red Cross address the members.

July meeting in Claverack will include Nate Shakerly on the subject of apparatus.

Bills: Germantown Fire Company has donated the night's refreshments.

Communications: Stuyvesant Falls Fire Company donated \$100 for the use of the smoke house.

An application for membership was received from Collin Brown of Clermont and will be submit to the Board of Directors for review at the June meeting.

Old Business:

Gregg Gilliland and Melissa Eighenbrodt have been working on a letter to all companies explaining the situation concerning the smoke house, its problems, and the costs (approximately \$5,000 per year). A suggestion was made to include an application for a \$100 donation from any company who would like to have their name posted outside the trailer as a supporter.

The names of the original corporations who contributed to obtaining the smoke house have been found. Therefore a letter could be sent to those corporations with the same message also asking for continued monetary support.

Gregg Gilliland will supply the copies of the letters.

A motion by Bill Hunt/Tom Rector that we not spend more than \$70 on postage for these mailing. – Carried.

Ben will be checking on the wiring schematics.

The black trailer will be housed at Claverack Fire Station.

Information is still needed from Johnny O concerning smoke detector pricing.

Motion to accept the application of Jamie Preusser Ben Wheeler/Gregg Gilliland – Carried.

New Business: Wally Engel reported that the Firefighters and Fire Chiefs' Associations shared the cost of floral arrangements and corsages at the Claverack Annual Banquet in honor of Jim Van Deusen.

Wally will fill the vacancy on the Committee for Firefighter of the Year.

Columbia County Firefighters' Steak Roast tickets will be available at each Chiefs' Association meeting. A motion that the Chiefs' Association buy any remaining tickets Ben Wheeler/Greg Gilliland – Carried.

Melissa Eigenbrodt asked for 16 applicants to participate in the National Fire Fighter 1 Challenge.

Ben Wheeler announced that the June meeting of the Directors will be moved to Tuesday, June 27th. Dick Howard will notify The Vanderbilt owners. And an announcement will be made from 911 dispatch.

The 50/50 drawing was won by a Clermont firefighter.

Next Directors' meeting June 27th. at the Vanderbilt, Philmont.
Next General meeting July 18th. at the Claverack Fire Station.

Motion to adjourn Gregg Gilliland /Daryl Garafalo –
Carried. 21:05

Secretary
Irene Huston