

**Columbia County Fire Chiefs' Association**  
General Meeting      July 18, 2017      19:29

Meeting was called to order by 1st Vice President Wally Engel  
Welcomed by Vernon Keeler Assistant Chief AB Shaw Fire Company.

Minutes: Motion to accepted the corrected minutes of the previous general meeting      John O/Gary Mazzacano – 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, Jose Ortiz/Bill Hunt – Carried.

A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.

Introduction of Nate Shakerly, Speaker for the night's training.

Coordinator's Report: Bill Hunt re-visited the issue of police officers becoming members of the C&O Team. It has been determined that they must become firefighters.

Haz-Mat: Responded to 1 incident. Driver training will be held Wednesday, July 19 at the Claverack Fire Station.

J-Fire: Is resuming.

The first half of an Amtrak Passenger Train Incident Awareness Training was postponed and will be held Aug 9<sup>th</sup> at Germantown. This is strictly a classroom training session. You must complete the first half of the training in order to attend the second half. The second half has not been scheduled yet.

Reports of Committees:

Safety Trailer: Dick Howard reported the smoke machine is not working.

Fair: Dick has acquired the helmets from Steiner's.

He spoke to Sausbiers about the donation of 5lb. fire extinguishers, but has not heard back.

Sign-up sheets are available for persons who wish to work at the fair both.

Wally stated this year's raffle will be in conjunction with a daily give away each day of either a 5lb. fire extinguisher or a combination smoke/co detector. The main raffle will be held at the in November general meeting and be call a Christmas Raffle.

Bills: AB Shaw Fire Company has donated the night's refreshments.  
Motion to pay the bills Art Sherman/Jose Ortiz – Carried.

Communications: Col. Co. Firefighters' Assoc. Convention: Thursday evening July 20<sup>th</sup>, Ladies Auxiliary wine & cheese party, Friday evening is the firefighters' meeting with entertainment following, open to members and their families, and Saturday is the parade.

An application for membership was received from Lloyd Kukon of Clermont and will be brought before the directors in August

A letter from the Col. Co. Fire Advisory was read advising that the position for Fire Co-coordinator is up for appointment for the 2 year period of 2018 & 2019. Interested persons must submit a letter of intent and a resume by August 31, 2017.

A letter of appreciation of continued business was received from Key Bank was read.

Old Business:

Gregg Gilliland read the proposed letter to all companies explaining the situation concerning the smoke house, its problems, and the costs.

Laura Foster will up-date the scholarship application and get it out.

The secretary will provide a letter requesting a donation of 40 combination Smoke & CO detectors from Lowes, to John O.

Motion to accept the application of Collin Brown, Gary Mazzacano/Laura Foster – Carried.

New Business: John O announced that Catskill Emergency Care (located behind Walmart) has a doctor who will perform physical examinations. Contact John for more details and forms.

The 50/50 drawing was won by a Randy Shadic.

Next Directors' meeting August 15<sup>th</sup>. at the Vanderbilt, Philmont.

Next General meeting September 19<sup>th</sup>. at the Mellenville Fire Station.

Motion to adjourn John O/Bill Hunt –  
Carried. 20:25

Secretary  
Irene Huston

