

Columbia County Fire Chiefs' Association
General Meeting July 19, 2019 19:40

Meeting was called to order by the President, Wally Engel.
Members were welcomed by the Greenport Fire Chief, John Onufrychuck.

Minutes: Minutes of the previous General meeting were read, motion to approve Ben Wheeler/Gregg Gilliland – Carried.
Minutes from the Directors meeting of were read for informational purposes only.

Fire Advisory Board: Wally stated the meeting will be Wednesday July 17th.

Treasurer's Report: Read by Russ Wheeler (attached to these minutes). Motion to accept the report Tony Brahm/Doug Garrison – Carried.

Coordinator's Report: Bill Hunt stated that he is working on the budget. Every fire district has received his letter concerning the Mutual Aid Plans and he is awaiting their response.
George Keeler reported that the final renovation plans are going out. Egers Tower has been approved by FPC.
School scheduling requests must be in by August 11th.
Still waiting on the grant from FASNY.

Publicity: See Mike McCagg.

Haz-Mat: Bill Hunt stated they are doing Meter training.

Fire Safety and Training: Dick Howard reported that letters have gone out to the Home for artifacts to be displayed at the fair.
Letters have been mailed to all companies requesting persons sign up to help at the fair booth, apparatus display, and donation requests for the Smoke House.
Donation requests have gone out to Fitzsimmons Law Firm and Meltz Lumber.

CCVFA: Laura Foster reminded the members that the convention is July 26 & 27 in Chatham. Friday night festivities are at the Fairgrounds (please use the Hudson Ave entrance). Saturday's meeting is at 12:00, line-up at 3:00 and step-off at 4:00, followed by the Village of Chatham's Celebration and fireworks.

Communications: Russ Wheeler reporting receiving \$100 from Fitzsimmons Law Firm toward the purchase of plastic helmets and \$250 from the Stottville Fire Company to help support the Smoke House. The secretary will send thank you letters.

A thank you letter for placing an Ad in the year book was received from CCVFA. Col. Co. Fire Advisory Board is announcing that the position of Fire Coordinator will be up for appointment for the years of 2020 & 2021. Anyone interested must submit a letter of intent with a resume to the Advisory Board by close of business Saturday, August 31, 2019.

George Keeler is applying the position of Fire Coordinator and is asking for the support of the Fire Chiefs' Association. Russ Wheeler made the motion to support George's request, it was second by Tony Brahm – Carried.

Old Business: The smoke detectors are at the Ghent Fire House applications are available.

New Business: CCVFA raffle tickets to be drawn July 27th are still available. A motion by Art Sherman to purchase 30 tickets was second by Richard Lindmark – Carried.

For the Good of the Association:
Ancram will be having a car show in August.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Doug Garrison.

Next Directors' meeting Tuesday, August 20th at Ryan's in Valatie.
Next General meeting September 17th at the West Ghent Fire Station.

Following refreshments an informative session on Recruitment will be held.

Motion to Adjourn by Rich Lindmark/Gregg Gilliland – Carried. 20:20

Secretary,
Irene Huston