

Columbia County Fire Chiefs' Association
General Meeting January 15, 2019 19:38

Meeting was brought to order by the President, Wally Engel.
Members were welcomed by Chief, Tony Brahm of the Ghent Fire Company.

Minutes: Motion to accept the corrected minutes of the General meeting of November 20th Jose Ortiz/Gary Mazzacano - Carried.
No Directors' meeting was held in December.

Treasurer's Report: Read by Russ Wheeler, attached to these minutes, motion to accept by Gregg Gilliland/Mike McCagg - Carried.

Coordinator's report: Bill Hunt gave his annual report 16 classes were held and 48 new firefighters were inducted.

C & O: Had 15 calls.

J-Fire: Had 6 referrals and 1 new member.

Haz-mat: Had 4 calls and purchased new equipment.

Training Tower: Deputy Coordinator George Keeler reported that the tower is progressing.

By-Laws: Gregg Gilliland presented the answer to a previous question as per Article IX - Elections - Sec. g - No member shall hold more than one elective office in any fiscal year.

Ben Wheeler will provide updated wording for the proposed changes to the by-laws at the March 19th general meeting.

Fire Safety & the Fair: Dick Howard stated helmets need to be purchased for the fair and presented prices. Wally Engel suggested possibly having a local business purchase them for us he will look into this.

Wally also reported all the previous smoke detectors have been distributed.

Education and Training: Bill Hunt is planning a Battalion meeting to be held in March or April.

CCVFFA: Laura Foster reminded the members that nominations for Lifetime Achievement and Firefighter of the Year applications are being accepted.

Quarterly meeting will be April 10.

It was suggested that the combined organizations sponsor a Seminar presented by the NYS Chiefs' Assoc. on Thermal Imaging - see Kyle Wilber.

Other possible training classes on Oversized Vehicles and Compressed Gas.

Scholarship: Deadline is tomorrow (January 16th) therefore, applications have not been reviewed yet.

Ghent Fire Company has donated the refreshments for the evening.

Communication: Per Russ Wheeler the name of the insurance carrier has changed.

A check for \$55 was received from Network for the Good, this will net investigated before depositing.

Old Business:

Election of Officers: A nomination from the floor by Jose Ortiz, for Bob Adriance of Churchtown to fill the position of Director. The membership voted in favor of the election.

New Business:

A question was raised by Tony Braham, could Firefighter 1 classes be given by Questar?

George Keeler stated there is consideration for classes to be given through Columbia-Greene Community College.

Mike McCagg will look into the Questar possibility.

Wally Engel announced that there are scholarships available to high school seniors through FASNY.

For the Good of the Association:

Red Rock is holding a Pasta Night

Becraft is having a Breakfast

Stottville is having a Chilli night

Churchtown's Game Dinner will be Feb. 9th

Presentation of Past President Plaque was given to Ben Wheeler for his service to the Association.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Russ Wheeler.

Next Directors' meeting February 19th location yet to be determined.

Next General meeting March 19th at the Spencertown Fire Station.

Motion to Adjourn Richard Lindmark/Bill Hunt - Carried.

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Secretary,

Irene Huston