

Columbia County Fire Chiefs' Association
General Meeting September 21, 2021 19:35

Meeting was called to order by the President, Wally Engel.

Minutes: A motion to accept the corrected reading of the minutes from July 7, 2021, meeting Gregg Gilliland/Bob Adriance - Carried.

FAB: Laura Foster stated that the recruitment program is moving forward. Posters, brochures, & lawn signs are being distributed. A list of fire companies' meeting dates is being accumulated for publishing. Next meeting will be Oct. 20.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept the treasurer's report as read by the secretary. Laura Foster/Art Sherman - Carried.

A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

Wally stated that we have not received a bill for the helmets and handouts for the fair. He will contact them.

Ben Wheeler made a motion we pay the \$826.50 when the bill comes in, second by Laura Foster -Carried.

Coordinator's Report:
CCFC 9/21/21 @ training facility 7:30 PM

Activity report YTD 8/31/21

- 30 structure fires (2 for August
- 7 Multi Agency Brush fires
- 5 Haz Mat Calls (1 for August cancelled enroute)
- 9 water/rescue type calls (2 for August)
- 4 C & O calls

Training Facility Report

Tower/prop usage August
100 man hours For FD
200 man hours for fire school
1428 man hrs ytd 8/31/21

Classroom usage August
384 man hours (CCSO, IFO, BEFO)
5964 man hrs. YTD 8/31021

Adding 2 more County Fire Instructors, lost one to resignation.
Holding an instructor recruitment class October 9 @ 9:00 at the training facility.

First in the training newsletter series companion class on October 23 @ 9:00 and will include classroom session and hands on evolutions.

Class scheduled in November for public officials pertaining NIMS /Unified command and inter agency coordination.

Formed a Training Comm. to develop mini courses to be held throughout the year. Looking to start them in October.

Currently have a BEFO starting with 2 additional OFPC outreach courses scheduled for late winter/early spring. Not many requests for outreach classes if fire departments want any please let us know.

Battalion Meetings scheduled for October 12 and 14. Invites out this week.

Constitution & By-laws: Greg distributed copies of the proposed changes. Because they have not been published since 1999, many are previously approved amendments. There is a change to Article XVI Amendment 6, Burned Out Victims Fund. Some are for political correctness. Any questions or suggestions should be sent to Gregg or Wally. If there are none a vote will be taken at the November 16th general meeting.

Fire Safety Trailer: Dick Howard reported that the inspection is due on the black trailer. Wally stated it is not currently registered therefore inspection is not necessary at this time.

Fair: Dick Howard reported that \$75 in donations was collected. The bicycles were won by Noak Kalimuski of Pittsfield and Hailey Hilton of Chatham. The helmets went to Layden Stickley, Clay Mayo, and Faith Laysden.

Laura Foster inquired about letters requesting help and applications to display equipment. The secretary will provide her with copies of previous letters and applications sent. Please note the address for CCVFA is 15 Vineyard Terrace, Germantown, NY 12526. The Secretary will also send letters of thanks to the donators of the bicycles and helmets. Dick will be getting the Raffle ticks ready for sale.

CCVFA: Laura foster reminded us of the annual banquet on Oct. 15th at Kozel's.

The 2022 Convention will be held in Philmont and the yearbook will be provided by Ghent Fire Co. No. 1.

The next meeting will be Oct. 13th in Philmont.

Scholarship: Laura stated that the scholarship fund will no longer be jointly sponsored by CCVFA and CCFCA. The committee for the Chiefs' Assoc. will determine whether they want to continue with a scholarship fund and at what amount.

Bills: The check to pay for the PO Box renewal has not been received as of yet.

Smoke and CO detectors are available.

For the good of the association:

Sept. 25, West Ghent Kyle Stickle blood drive

Oct. 2, Germantown, chicken & ribs dinner

Oct. 2 & 3, Red Rock, 80th Anniversary Celebration

Oct. 5, Albany Fallen Firefighters Day 11am

Oct. 9, Philmont spaghetti supper

Oct.15, Lebanon craft fair

Oct. 22, Ghent chicken BBQ

Next Directors' meeting Tuesday, October 19th at the facility.

Next General meeting Tuesday, November 16th at the facility.

Motion to Adjourn Bob Adriance/Gregg Gilliland - Carried.

20:39

Secretary
Irene Huston