

Columbia County Fire Chiefs' Association
General Meeting March 21, 2017 19:28

Meeting called to order by President Ben Wheeler

Welcomed by Chief Mark Bowmont of the Philmont Fire Company.

A moment of silence was held in Honor of Jim Van Deusen.

A presentation of the Scholarship Award was made to Shante Williams by Mike Cesternino and Laura Foster. Photos taken by Rich Lindmark.

Minutes: Motion to accepted the minutes of the previous general meeting. Jim Brady/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/Wally Engel – Carried. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.

Coordinator's Report: Bill Hunt announced that there will be a memorial service for Jim Van Deusen at the fire station in Claverack from 1 to 5 on Sunday, March 26th. Parking is limited so please car pool.

Thank you to Rich Lindmark for taking tonight's photos.

The list of up-coming schools is out.

There will be 4 members attending a pre-seminar in Montour Falls and 6 will be attending the seminar.

An appraisal has been done on the property near the airport and a meeting is scheduled with the FAA.

The requirements for members of the C&O Team have been up-graded by the state to Level 2. Currently there are only 2 team members at level 2. If you are interested in joining or up-grading your training please contact Bill. There may be a possibility that the Coordinator's Office could help with the expense of the training.

Nothing more has been heard from Greene County concerning their J-Fire team and possibly making it a joint effort with Columbia County.
Bill would like a letter of support in relationship to the training tower.

Reports of Committees:

Constitution and By-laws: Ben stated that someone is needed to replace Ted Beck. The possibility of dropping the positions of 2nd Vice President and (1) Director has been suggested. This requires a change in the by-laws. There is a procedure that has to be followed to make the amendment.

Education and Training: Melissa and Tab Eigenbrodt will present the night's training of "Train the Trainor".

Fair: Dick Howard reported that Herrington's Lumber donated the painted for the floor of the fair building. Nothing has been heard from Walmart concerning the bicycles and helmets, Dick will check on the status.

Training: VRS Sales, an apparatus dealer is willing to make a presentation.

Firefighters' Association: Laura Foster will replace Jim as Co-chairperson on the Firefighter of the Year Committee. The ad for the yearbook must be in by April 12th. The secretary will send it ASAP.

Scholarship: A motion was made to amend the wording of the Scholarship Award application, limiting it to residents of Columbia County. Wally Engel/Laura Foster – Carried.

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

Communications: The Hudson – Mohawk Volunteer Firefighters' Association is requesting a letter of support for Walter W. Eck, Jr. for nomination to the position of FASNY Firemen's' Home Trustee. A motion was made by Bill Hunt and second by Laura Foster to send the letter of support – Carried.

Old Business:

Ben Wheeler has been in contact with the Walmart Foundation concerning the application for a grant. The period for 2017 is open from Feb.1st through Dec.31st. Ben will continue to work on this.

Greg Gilliland report that we missed the 1st. quarter filing for a grant from

Fire House Sub to acquire the Fire Suppression Lazar Nozzle. He will apply for the 2nd quarter in June.

Tom Rector reported that we missed the open period to file for a \$500 grant from The Greene County Bank. Application for available funds from the Bank of Greene County must be applied for between Dec. 1st and Jan. 15th.

The suggestion of charging for the use of the Smoke House was discussed. A motion was made to charge \$100 for each use. After further discussion it was discovered, that in the original program, it was stated that there would not be a charge for its use.

Therefore the motion was withdrawn. Gregg Gilliland and Melissa Eigenbrodt will work on a letter to all companies explaining the situation, the problems, and the costs.

Also, a reminder that a personal donation is tax deductible.

Ben went over the costs of various smoke detector purchases. The combined units are preferred due to changes in state requirements.

Information on the speaker Dr. David Griffin were not available. There was some discussion on the cost and effectiveness.

New Business: The application for membership from Jamie Preuiser will be brought to the Directors' meeting in April.

The resent passing of Jim Van Deusen and the probability that the by-laws will be changed to eliminate the positions of the 2nd Vice President and (1) Director brought about a motion to leave the Board of Directors' Chair open until elections at the year's end. Bill Hunt/Darryl Garafalo – Carried.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Dick Howard.

Next Directors' meeting April 18th. at the Vanderbilt, Philmont.

Next General meeting May 16th. at the Germantown Fire Station.

Motion to adjourn Gregg Gilliland /Tom Rector –
Carried. 21:36

Secretary
Irene Huston