

Columbia County Fire Chief's Association

General Meeting May 19, 2015

Meeting was brought to order by President: Tom Rector

Members were welcomed by Chief Ben Wheeler of the Lebanon Protective Association.

Entertainment: Russell Herman of the Bull-Ex Company gave a presentation of the products they now have available for full on aboard training in relationship to possibly using in the training tower.

Reading of the Minutes: Motion by Wally Engel/Gregg Gilliland to accept the previous general meeting minutes – Carried.

Minutes of the directors meeting were read for informational purposes only.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by George Huston/Dick Howard to accept the treasurer's report as read by Russ Wheeler – Carried. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.

Coordinators' Report: Bill Hunt stated that the Coordinators' Office has responded to 10 multiple alarm incidents in the last month requiring 2 Battalion responses for large brush fires. The Coordinators' Office has also attended 14 meetings during this period. Seven fire schools have been completed year to date with 175 students attending, representing 1,522 student hours. A Firefighter 1 Class is currently running in Germantown with 21 students, as well as, a Basic Exterior course being held in Stuyvesant with 20 students. At last month's Public Safety Committee meeting the Board put together a committee to look into the relocation of the training tower. One meeting has been held to date. Work on the radio project continues with a lot of behind the scenes work being done mainly at the tower sites with the installation of equipment. The radio committee is scheduled to meet the 20th of May to continue to review some of the most recent ideas being proposed.

Reports of Committees:

Fire Advisory Board has written the specifications and designed the application for filing for the Office of Fire Coordinator. It has been approved by the Board and sent to the Public Safety Commission. A copy of the proposal is attached to these minutes.

Scholarship: Bill Hunt stated that the committee has designed an application which is now available. Laura Foster of the CCVFF submitted a request to be included in the Scholarship Fund and that they contribute \$250. Also changing the name to the Columbia County Fire Service Scholarship Fund. A motion to approve the request George Huston/ Wally Engel –Carried.

It was decided that the candidates should mail the applications to the Chiefs' Association and that payment of the award shall go directly to the recipient. In addition 2 chairs should be made available for the CCVFFs' on the committee.

Fire Fighter of the Year: Laura reported she has received 7 applications.

Fair: Dick Howard has received confirmation that the prisoners will be available to paint the inside and outside of the fair booth. The Fair Association will provide the exterior paint and Herrington's will provide the interior paint.

Bills: Dave Goold/Ben Wheeler moved to pay bill for a bulletin board – Carried.

Banquet: Laura says the banquet will be in October.

Communications: Russ Wheeler received a notice from The First Niagara Bank concerning the Treasury Bonds. A motion was made by Bill Hunt /Jose Ortiz to change the contact person from The First Niagara Bank to Pete Harvey – Carried.

New Business: It was decided that Jose Ortiz and Mike Brisco would represent the Chiefs' Assoc on the advisory Board in the nomination of the Coordinator position.

Announcements: Philmont's Community Day will be June 5th

50/50: Was won by Bill Hunt was donated to the Sunshine Fund.

Next Directors meeting June 16th at the Vanderbilt in Philmont.

Next General meeting July 21st at the Claverack Fire Station.

Motion to adjourn Dick Howard/Wally Engel – Carried.

Secretary, Irene Huston