

Columbia County Fire Chief's Association

General Meeting

March 17, 2015

Meeting was brought to order by President: Tom Rector

Members were welcomed by Chief Mark Beaumont of the Philmont Fire Company.

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 Jose Ortiz/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: John Howe stated that the Coordinators' Office has attended 10 meetings and was present at 6 incidents in the last month. There were 2 requests for the C&O Team and 1 assist rendered to HPD. Two new trailers have been ordered to replace the foam trailer stored in West Ghent and a new trailer designed to be command post, to replace C&O 16. The radio project is on schedule, we continue to look at the mid-2nd quarter to begin radio installations. We have purchased Livingston's used Rescue truck to replace Haz-Mat 19. We expect to have the new truck in service by mid-June. Discussions concerning the training tower, its relocation, and site of relocation are continuing.

Reports of Committees:

Fair: Dick Howard reported having accessed the trailer and located the plastic helmets and pencils. It is yet to be determined if there are enough of each.

Legislative: See Dave Chapman for letters to send to your Legislator concerning Residential Sprinklers in new construction of 1 & 2 family dwellings.

Dave also addressed the 'exclusion of certain fireworks from the dangerous fireworks definition of 2014'. He encourages each fire company to dissuade their local town supervisor from authorizing the use of these fireworks. Jose Ortiz/Wally Engel moved to have a letter sent to the Col. Co. Board of Supervisors from the Chiefs' Assoc. concerning the sale of fireworks – Carried.

A reminder, the Hudson Valley-Hudson Mohawk FASNY Out-Reach meeting in Red Rock April 25th 9am to noon.

Communications: A copy of the report from Col. Co. Vol. Firefighters Assoc. meeting pertaining to fireworks, conventions, and the fair booth was presented by Jim Brady.

Greenport Ladies Auxiliary made a donation to the Burned-Out Victims Clothing Fund of \$300. The secretary will send a thank you.

A thank you was received from both FASNY and the Firemen's' Home for the donations in memory of Mark Sheline.

Bills: Philmont Fire Company donated the night's refreshments. NYSFCs' dues were paid.

Old Business: Wanda is home, Bill Hunt is taking care of sending her flowers.

New Business: John Howe has received grants to schedule a Foam Training and a Live Fire Train Moc-up, the latter to be in Oct. Gary Smith suggested the county set-up a schedule once or twice a year with Elliot for the repair of turn-out gear.

Russ Wheeler requested the purchase of checks for the general fund, motion to do so Dick Howard/Doug Garrison – Carried.

Announcements: Greenport will be having a soup sampling. Ghent Ladies will be having a Hot Sub Sale April 24th.

50/50: Was won by Doug Garrison.

Next Directors meeting April 21st at the Vanderbuilt in Philmont.

Next General meeting May 19th at the Lebanon Valley Protective Association.

Motion to adjourn Doug Garrison/Dick Howard – Carried.

**Secretary,
Irene Huston**