

Columbia County Fire Chief's Association

General Meeting July 15, 2014

Meeting was brought to order by President: Mark Sheline.

Members were welcomed by George Keeler Chief of the Claverack Fire Company.

**Reading of the Minutes: Motion by Dick Howard/Tom Rector to accept the reading of the previous general meeting minutes – Carried.
Minutes of the directors meeting were read for informational purposes only.**

**Treasurer's Report: Motion by Wally Engel/Bill Hunt to accept the treasurers' reports as read by Russ Wheeler – Carried.
A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.**

Coordinator's Report: John Howe was not available due to the passing of his sister.

Bill Hunt reported that the Coordinators Office will be meeting on the 20th to schedule the up-coming schools.

The class for Principals of Fire Investigation is coming up very soon.

Reports of Committees:

Fair: Dick Howard said the floor will be painted. Ted Beck noted there may be a shortage of plastic helmets to be given out at the fair.

Grants: Mark Sheline is receiving help writing better requests for grants.

George Huston reminder that the Green County Bank Grant request must be in no later than Jan. 15th.

Legislative: Residential Sprinklers Bill – Please contact your State Senator and Assemblymen asking that the 2012 version of the ICC Body of Codes be adopted, including the use of Residential Sprinkles.

Scholarship: Bill Hunt presented the recommendations for the Columbia County Fire Chiefs' Association Scholarship as follows:

In the amount of \$250.00. Columbia County resident regardless of school attended. Available to a student in the 1st semester of their 2nd year. No course study requirements. Based on an Essay: 'What this Scholarship Means to Me'. Must be mailed to the: PO Box 94, West Lebanon, NY 12195 Must be received by April 1st. Motion to accept the recommendation Jim Van Deusen/Ben Wheeler – carried. Ted Beck will print fliers and distribute them to area schools.

Bills: Russ stated that Travelers' Ins and the PO Box bills were paid.

Claverack donated the proceeds from the night's refreshments.

Old Business: John O. asked about the Mission Statement and if copies had been sent to all the fire companies and to the businesses that had requested them. The Statement was completed and approved at a previous meeting. George Huston submitted the Stamp 'Columbia County Emergency Services' to the Fair Committee.

Ted Beck will deliver the \$50.00 check and Raffle ticket stubs to the CCVFFA.

New Business: Motion to send a sympathy card and \$50.00 to John Howe Ted Beck/Ben Wheeler – Carried.

Ted Beck announced the new WEB site as follows: CCFCA.weebly.com

A discussion was held on the proceeds from the Annual Raffle and whether or not to continue to have various separate checking accounts. The motion was made by Jim Van Deusen and 2nd by Dick Howard to change the method of accounting from; separate accounts for Burned-out Victims, Clothing, Raffle, Safety Trailer, Sunshine, and General Fund to; Burned-out Victims and General Fund. Therefore in the future the committee heads must come together prior to the upcoming year and agree on a Budget for that year. – Carried

It was noted this should save money and will reduce time and paper work.

50/50: Was won by Paul Hoffman.

Announcements: Saturday, September 20th. Claverack Car Show and Chicken BBQ

Next Directors' meeting: August 19th. at the Vanderbuilt in Philmont.

Next General meeting: September 16th. at the Tri-Village Fire Station.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn Bill Hunt/Tom Rector – Carried.

Secretary

Irene Huston