

Columbia County Fire Chief's Association

General Meeting

November 18, 2014

Meeting was brought to order by President: Mark Sheline.

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

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

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

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

Coordinator's Report: John Howe stated that, "The Coordinator's Office has attended 16 meetings and 9 multiple alarm incidents in the last month. There was 1 request for the C&O Team to assist the Columbia County Sheriff's Office for an incendiary fire. NYS Fire Arson Bureau also assisted at this scene.

To date 23 schools are complete with 363 students attending representing 7,345 student hours. A recent ATV-UTV course conducted in Spencertown was well attended and I would encourage any department to take advantage of this training.

I have met with Sheriff Bartlett regarding the Sex Offender Background Checks. We will be sending the policy out to all Chiefs within the next 2 weeks. This law is effective Dec. 2, 2014. This background check will be on the same form as the arson background check which you can obtain from the Sheriff's web site.

Reports of Committees:

Haz-Mat: The Haz-Mat Leadership Forum was well worth going to.

Scholarship: Bill Hunt reported a change in the distribution of the Scholarship. Originally it was to be distributed the 1st semester of the second year. Now it will be distributed the 2nd semester of the first year. And must be received by September.

Fire Safety: The generator has been repaired.

Communications: A Thank You from the Home for the help with Dalmation Day.

Bills: Motion to pay the generator repairs at ACP Jim Van Deusen/Jose Ortiz – Carried. Motion to pay the vehicles registrations for the trailers Bill Hunt// Ben Wheeler – Carried.

Lebanon Valley has donated the night's refreshments.**New Business:** Ted Beck is progressing and has been moved to rehabilitation.

Membership dues.

Election of Officers: Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers;

President – Tom Rector

1st Vice President – Mike Briscoe

2nd Vice President – Jose Ortiz

Treasurer – Russ Wheeler

Board of Directors:

Chairman – Ben Wheeler

Wally Engel

Dick Howard

JimVanVeusen

Motion to accept the slate as presented Ben Wheeler/Bill Hunt – Carried.

Garry Smith was nominated for Director by the committee. Motion to elect Gary, Ben Wheeler/Wally Engel – Carried.

Greg Gilliland was nominated from the floor for Director. Motion to elect Greg, Wally Engel/Bill Hunt – Carried.

Secretary – Irene Huston, motion to continue the appointment of Irene as Secretary, Ben Wheeler/ Bill Hunt – Carried.

Invitations for the General Meetings to be held in 2015:

January 20 – Ghent

March 17 –Philmont

May 19 – Lebanon Valley

July 21 – Claverack

September 15 – Tri-Village

November 17 – Mellenville

Directors' Meetings to be held in 2015:

Vanderbilt in Philmont

February 17

April 21

June 16

August 18

October 20

December 15

**For the Good of the Organization:
Breakfast with Santa – Ghent December 6th.**

Christmas Parade – Philmont December 13th.

50/50: Was won by Mike Laymen.

Next Directors' meeting: December 16th. at the Vanderbilt in Philmont.

Next General meeting: January 20th. at the Ghent Fire Station.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn John Howe/Bill Hunt – Carried.

Secretary Irene Huston