

## **Columbia County Fire Chiefs' Association**

General Meeting                      July 21, 2015

Meeting called to order by President Tom Rector

Welcomed by Chief Mike Cozzolino of Claverack Fire Department

Entertainment: Gary Saint Mary of Elliot Enterprises gave an informative overview of how Elliot inspects and repairs turnout gear on site. In addition to the selection, care, and maintenance of turnout gear, the 10 year rule and PPE101.

Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes of the previous General meeting Jim Van Deusen/Ben Webster – Carried.

Minutes of the previous Directors meeting read for informational purposes only.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept the report as read by Russ Wheeler, Gregg Gilliland/Ted Beck – Carried.

### Reports of Committees:

Coordinator's Report: John Howe stated that the Fire Coordinators' Office has attended 16 meetings and other special functions during the last month. The Coordinators' Office has also responded to 6 incidents.

Four Battalion meetings have been conducted in the last month with 30 Departments represented and 72 Officers attending. To date 14 schools have been completed with 295 students attending representing 3,900 student hours.

An Instructors meeting has been scheduled for August 2<sup>nd</sup> to complete the school scheduling for 2015-2016. Year.

In discussion with Roger Scofield we are looking at hiring an additional SFI from Rensselaer County due to the lack of response from letters sent out to all Columbia County Departments seeking anyone interested in becoming an Instructor.

Plans are being developed to do a regional rollout of the Fire Instructor I course, possibly at Columbia-Greene Community College.

Advisory Board: Only 1 application has been received for the position of Fire Coordinator.

Training Tower: John Howe reported that the county is still looking for a feasible site for a new tower. The potential new owners of the Pine Haven Nursing Facility stated they would allow 18 months from the date of the sale of Pine Haven for the Chiefs' Association to use the current tower. Should they be unable to acquire a new site, a lease of the tower could be possible.

C&O: The team is awaiting their new truck.

HazMat: Their new truck should be available within the next 2 weeks.

Safety Trailer and Fair: Dick Howard has ordered additional plastic helmets. The building is painted and ready.

Tom Rector read a letter from the Columbia County Agricultural Society concerning safety on the fair grounds. Reminding all emergency vehicle operators of the need for caution in relationship to the vicinity and the fair goers.

Legislative: Jose Ortiz gave a review of the pending legislation.

Scholarship Fund: Ben Wheeler says all information has been received and the new application for the Scholarship Fund is available on line.

Communications: A donation from The Greene County Bank's Charitable Fund for \$500 was received. With a reminder to apply for next year's in January. The secretary will send a letter of thanks.

Bills: A motion to pay the bills Jim Van Deusen/Bill Hunt- Carried.

New Business: Russ Wheeler needs the insurance coverage information of the fair building to give to our carrier.

Motion to pay Gary Saint Mary for his mileage Ben Wheeler/Ted Beck – Carried.

The evening's refreshments are donated by the Claverack Fire Department.

50/50 was won by Doug Garrison and donated to general fund.

Good of the Association: August 8<sup>th</sup> Lebanon Valley Speedway will have a Public Safety Night.

Announcements: Next Directors' meeting August 18<sup>th</sup> Vanderbilt, Philmont.

Next General meeting September 15<sup>th</sup> Tri-Village Fire Station.

Motion to adjourn Dick Howard/Jose Ortiz – Carried.

Secretary

Irene Huston