

Columbia County Fire Chiefs' Association

Directors Meeting August 16, 2016 8:20

Meeting was brought to order by the Chairman, Ben Wheeler.

Minutes: Motion to accept the reading of the previous Directors' meeting, Gregg Gilliland/Tom Rector – Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept the treasurers' report as read by Russ Wheeler, Dick Howard/Tom Rector – Carried.

Russ also asked that the attendance list from July's general meeting be verified by the members at the September general meeting, as some were unreadable and remind the members to indicate the fire company they represent.

Coordinator's Report: Bill Hunt reported that a Request for Proposal has been filed, which officially puts the issue of acquiring property and space to house all of the county's emergency services, on the agenda of the Public Safety Committee.

Battalion 3 will be meeting with the other battalions and asking for input of ideas that will provide incentive for people to join their local fire companies.

The heat sensors at the fire tower were not working and that is being corrected.

Radio installations are continuing.

School requests must be in to Bill by Sunday, August 21st, morning meeting.

Bill will be meeting with the new Fire Protection Specialist, McKenzie Jewel.

Reports of Committees:

C/O: Per Bill there were 2 requests in the past month, which bring this year's total currently to 9.

An amnesty period of 1 year is being offered, due to non-attendance, to the team members.

Haz-Mat: All but 1 team member has provided the annual report of physical exam.

The Level 3 Regional Concept is moving forward.

This year's grant money will have a little more leeway in the rules on expenditures.

Safety Trailer: Ben Wheeler reported having made numerous minor repairs to the smoke house and there are still several more to be done. There are 3 major repairs to be considered. 1) The smoke machine cable needs fixing and the breaker for the strobe lights need replacing. 2) The battery charge needs to be improved so it shuts off when completely charged and it should be made to operate off either electric and/or solar energy.

3) There is a major problem with the wiring to the kitchen stove. He was unable to access it. After contacting the manufacturer it appears that it will need to be taken to them in Pennsylvania for those repairs.

Also he purchased a new connector (trailer to truck) but didn't have time to install it. Bill will see to the installation.

Russ Wheeler has given the new insurance cards for both trailers to Dick Howard.

Fair: Dick Howard presented the bill for the items to be dispersed at the fair. He will contact Walmart for the donation of 2 bicycles and helmets.

Gregg Gilliland reported that 1 of the lock boxes doesn't work and needs to be returned.

Wally Engel is having the raffle tickets printed.

Tom Rector has the passes for the fair workers.

Legislative: Dave Chapman will continue to chair that committee.

Communications:

We received a bill from NFPA for \$75, a thank you from the family of Wanda Van Deusen and a thank you from A B Shaw Fire Company.

New Business: Russ will provide the Firemen's Home with the necessary insurance papers for artifacts to be borrowed for the fair.

Russ stated that in order for him to move the association's accounts he must provide a copy of tonight's meeting minutes that contain a motion for him to do so and a letter from the Board with the signatures of the attending members giving him that authority.

Motion to give Russ Wheeler, Treasurer, the authority to transfer the accounts of the Columbia County Fire Chiefs' Association from The First Niagara Bank to the Berkshire Bank, Jose Ortiz/ Gregg Gilliland – Carried.

The Secretary wrote a letter approving the authorization and it was signed by the attending directors. The Secretary will also provide Russ with a copy of the night's minutes.

Bills: Motion to pay the bills, Tom Rector/Jose Ortiz – Carried.

Announcements: Next General meeting September 20th at the Red Rock Fire Company.

Next Director's meeting October 18th at the Vanderbilt, Philmont.

Motion to adjourn Jim Van Deusen/Jose Ortiz – Carried.

Secretary,
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Motion to accept the resignation of Mike Brisco Dick Howard/Jim Van Deusen – Carried.

The secretary will send a letter of appreciation of service. Russ will present a list of candidates at the next meeting to fill 2 director positions (Tom's and Miles's).

Motion to adjourn Jim Van Deusen/Dick Howard – Carried. 10:37

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