

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

General Meeting

September 15, 2015

Meeting called to order by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Jose Ortiz

Welcomed by Chief Gary Smith of Tri-Village Fire Department

Education & Entertainment: "2 the POINT" Melissa Eigenbrodt presented a very informative introduction and thorough outline of the training program designed and promoted by Paul Kosh, Paul Pratt, Melissa and Tab Eigenbrodt.

Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes of the previous General meeting Dave Goold/Bill Hunt – 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, Wally Engel/Jim Van Deusen – Carried.

Reports of Committees:

Coordinator's Report: John Howe stated that the Fire Coordinators' Office has been present at 13 meetings and 9 other incidents since the last meeting. There were 4 requests for the C&O Team during this period with 2 assists rendered to State Fire resulting in one arrest for arson.

Schools continue to be well attended with most schools filled beyond capacity. Battalion meetings have been scheduled for October 6<sup>th</sup> Battalions 2 & 3 in Claverack and October 8<sup>th</sup> Battalions 4 & 5 in Chatham. The new Haz-Mat truck should be placed in service this week and will be stationed in Livingston. At this time the finishing touches are being done on the mobile command/C&O trailer.

Testing on the new radio system is being conducted this week.

Advisory Board: There will be a Public Safety meeting in October.

Safety Trailer: Jose Ortiz reported that the trailer will be in Germantown later this month and at the Home for Dalmatian Day October 10<sup>th</sup>.

Fair: Dick Howard said things went well at the fair booth. He wished to express his

thanks to all those you helped. The secretary will send thank you letters to the NYS Police, Price Chopper, Stuyvesant Falls Fire Company, and Walmart.

Publicity: Ted Beck will send the names of the bicycle winner to the local papers.

Banquet: Friday October 16<sup>th</sup> at Kozel's honoring Steven Montie. RSVP by October 5<sup>th</sup> contact Laura Foster.

Scholarship Fund: Bill Hunt suggested the wording reflect the fact that it is not limited to the 2nd semester, but that 1 semester must be completed with a passing grade. Ben Wheeler will work on changing the wording. A motion to do so made by Bill Hunt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by George Huston – Carried.

Communications: A motion to table the payment of our annual dues of \$6 due June 1<sup>st</sup> to Columbia County Volunteer firefighters Association Bill Hunt/Ted Beck – Carried.

A thank you was received from Dick and Helen Howard.

An application for membership was received from William McGrath of the North Chatham Fire Company.

Bills: A motion to pay the bills Jim Van Deusen/Wally Engel – Carried.

Old Business: Wally Engel announced the winner of the Pink Helmet was Gary Smith

New Business: Ben Wheeler would like input of ideas for Education and Entertainment at November and future meetings.

Motion to accept the application of William McGrath Wally Engel/George Huston – Carried.

The evening's refreshments were donated by the Tri-Village Fire Company.

The 50/50 was not held.

Good of the Association: September 19<sup>th</sup> Claverack's Car Show and Chicken Barbeque.

October 6<sup>th</sup> the memorial for fallen firefighters at the Empire State Plaza in Albany.

October 17<sup>th</sup> Red Rock's Pasta Night.

October 24<sup>th</sup> Stuyvesant Falls' Chicken Barbeque.

November 3<sup>rd</sup> Chatham's Pasta Dinner to benefit Lenny Bliss who has cancer.

November 3<sup>rd</sup> Ghent's Annual Clam Bake.

Announcements: Next Directors' meeting October 20<sup>th</sup> the Vanderbilt, Philmont.

Next General meeting November 17<sup>th</sup> Mellenville Fire Station.

Motion to adjourn George Huston/Ben Wheeler – Carried.

Secretary

Irene Huston