

Columbia County Fire Chiefs' Association

Directors Meeting October 18, 2016 8:30

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

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

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

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

Coordinator's Report: Bill Hunt was not available.

Reports of Committees:

C/O: There has been 2 requests in the past month, to Tri-Village and to Livingston, bringing this year's total to 11.

Haz-Mat: The team responded on standby to Greene County.

The truck is now housed at the Claverack fire station.

Safety Trailer: Ben Wheeler reported that Tab Eigenbrodt has offered to purchase a new smoke machine at a cost of \$40, if he can have the old one.

Motion to give Tab the old smoke machine in exchange for his purchase of a new one Gregg Gilliland/Jim Van Deusen – Carried.

Discussion was held on various ways to support the Smoke House but no decision was made.

Ben will continue to follow through on the repairs.

Dick Howard stated that the smoke house is being stored in Red Rock and the other trailer is being housed on the fairgrounds.

Motion to spend up to \$100 on the purchase of additional smoke machines Tom Rector/Jim Van Deusen – Carried.

Fair: A discussion was held on suggestions concerning next year's fair; Literature, Raffles, Give-a-ways, etc. It was decided to let the incoming committee review and present ideas.

Also it will be the secretary responsibility for reminding the committee in April to present the request for bicycles and helmets to Walmart.

Scholarship: Ben reminded us that this year's information needs to be updated for new applicants.

Communications: A Letter of Resignation from the Board of Directors was received from Jose Ortiz due to personal reasons.

A request to advertise in the 2017 Yearbook was received from Germantown.

Bills: Past President Plaque.

Old Business: Wally will check on the cost of purchasing more smoke detectors.

Discussion on ways to continue better meeting attendance. Provide training in various forms, have speakers on the purchase of apparatus, and ask members at the general meetings for input.

New Business: Motion to purchase a ½ page ad costing \$90, Jim Van Deusen/ Gregg Gilliland – Carried.

Election of Officers:

Due to the loss of several members of the board it appears the slate so far is as follows:

President: Ben Wheeler (pending approval of the NYS OFP&C)

1st Vice President – Wally Engel

2nd Vice President – Dick Howard

Board Members: Chairman of the Board – Jim Van Deusen

Gary Smith, Gregg Gilliland, _____, _____, and _____.

Delegates to the Advisory Board, 3 year terms, Jim Briscoe?, and _____

Announcements: Next General meeting November 15th at the Mellenville Fire Station.

Next Director's meeting December 20th at the Vanderbilt, Philmont.

Motion to adjourn Dick Howard/Jim Van Deusen – Carried. 9:45

Secretary,

Irene Huston