

Columbia County Fire Chiefs' Association
Directors Meeting October 24, 2017 19:35

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

Minutes: Motion to accept the reading of the previous Directors' meeting Gary Smith/Gregg Gilliland – 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, Gregg Gilliland/Wally Engel – Carried.

Discussion was held concerning the cost of the Smoke House repairs and maintenance. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

Coordinator's Report: Bill Hunt stated that the Haz-mat truck, Safety trailer, Smoke house, Fire extinguisher simulator, etc. are currently in the new building. The River patrol boat probably will be store there this winter. The slab for propane has been poured.

Hopefully there will be enough money in the budget for work on the inside to establish offices, classrooms, restrooms, etc. which will occupy less than half the space.

F.A.B. is being kept up-to-date on the building plans. They will also be researching an appropriate type of fire tower. The FAA has not yet been a response in relationship to the tower.

The project will continue to move forward with improvements.

IFO classes are nearing completion and recognition of graduation will again be celebrated at Col-Grne. Comm. Coll.

There will be a need for future fire instructors. If interested please review qualifications.

Reports of Committees:

C & O: OSPC responded to a house fire in Taghanic, which has currently been taken over by the State Police.

Haz Mat: Responded with 6 members to an incident in Greene Co. Bill stated he is very happy to have Colin Brown join the team.

Safety Trailer: Dick Howard reported the door handle needs replacing, Ben says some switches need replacing, and he has been looking into solutions to the problem with the batteries.

Fair: Dick Howard made a motion to purchase 2-8 foot folding tables from Lowes for use at the fair, second by Gregg Gilliland – Carried.

Wally Engle stated, John O. will contact Lowes concerning the cost of purchasing combination smoke/CO detectors and if they will extend the price to individual fire companies.

Ben would like this to take place soon in order to apply for and use grant money.

Letters of thank you will be sent to Sausbier and Country Squire for donations of fire extinguishers. Also Steiner's for 2 bike helmets, Walmart's for 2 bicycles, and Herrington's for paint, pans, brushes, and rollers.

A personal thanks to Bill Hunt for his contribution

Fire Extinguishers were won by: David Larkin of Hudson, Mike Comerford of Livingston, Lili Tran of Copake, A Parks, Sue McGrath of North Chatham, and Pat Lucas of Chatham.

Legislative: The Cancer Bill was signed by the Governor.

Scholarship: Bill will send the new, amended application to all fire companies.

Training: The coordinator will review whether or not to hold another Am-Track training course.

Ben stated training for the November meeting is not yet scheduled, suggestions of having the Sheriff or a discussion on drones.

Communications: Thank you letters were received from The Firemen's Home for participation in Dalmatian Day, FASNY for the endorsement of candidates for their 2017 election, and Irene Huston for the plant. The secretary will send a letter of appreciation to Ginsberg's for their contribution to the clothing fund.

New Business: Russ Wheeler will prepare an itemized statement of the costs to be shared with the Col Co Vol Firefighters' Assoc. for the year 2016. An application for membership was received from George Lucas of Chatham, it has been reviewed and will be presented at the November general meeting.

An application for membership was received from Pat Lucas of Chatham, it was reviewed and decision has been postponed. Ben will be in contact with her.

A thank you letter will be sent to the Lucas' for all their help at the fair. Gregg Gilliland will work on potential by-law changes.

Bills: Motion to pay the bills Gregg Gilliland/Wally Engle – Carried.

Announcements: Next General meeting November 21st at the Lebanon Valley Protective Association.

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

Motion to adjourn Gary Smith/Wally Engle – Carried. 21:42

Secretary,
Irene Huston