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TIOGA COUNTY FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC. MEETING MINUTES



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Minutes of the May 13, 2014 Regular Meeting Hosted by the Osceola Fire Department – Osceola

CALL TO ORDER

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Tioga County Firemen's Association, Inc. was called to order by President Jeffrey Quick at 1903 hours, followed by prayer by Duane Burdick and pledge to the flag.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

Address of Welcome was given by Ed Sealy, Fire Chief of the Osceola Fire department.

READING OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved as written.

The Secretary read the Treasurer's Report as follows: None

TREASURER'S REPORT

Account	Beg. Balance	Deposits	Withdrawals	Ending Balance
General Fund Checking				
Insured Money Fund				
Carson's Investment		--	--	
CD – Northwest Savings Bank		--	--	

BILLS FOR PAYMENT

None

Payable to:	Description	Amount Due
	TOTAL	

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

OFFICERS ATTENDANCE IS LISTED BY: *Present (P) Absent (A) Excused (E)*

P	PRESIDENT – Jeffrey Quick
P	1 st VICE PRES. – Jon Androus
P	2 nd VICE PRES. – Duane Marbaker
P	SECRETARY – Dan Rice
E	TREASURER –Cale Mead
E	TRUSTEE - Lee Strange
P	TRUSTEE – James D. Shepard

E	TRUSTEE – Byron Wright
E	FIRE COORD. – Gary Cooper
P	DEP. FIRE COORD. – Louis Bloom
P	DEP. FIRE COORD. – Bill Preston
A	DEP. FIRE COORD. – Buster Philips
E	DEP. FIRE COORD. – Robert B. McCarthy

There were 18 members present representing 18 departments.

Paul Watkins gave a brief talk about an event he is helping set up called the “First Responders Festival”, this event will be Held at the Cowanesque Lake South Shore Recreation Area on Saturday August 2, 2014. At this time details are vague but what they are looking for is representation from each department with apparatus. A flyer will be sent out with more Info and updates will also be emailed.

COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE

Monday the 4th of August will be Volunteer Fire and EMS day, with proper ID any fire or EMS member will be aloud free admission to the fair, that same night we will be doing our annual water ball event starting at 1700 more info on that will follow.

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE:

Keith McKlean – Communication Manual revisions are underway and will be back to the association soon to be adopted, he stated that if there are any recommendations to forward it to the association email. Keith also stated if there are any issues to please fill out a corrective action form and forward to Lisa and the Association.

TRAINING:

Ian Durretto – Presented a list of current training classes coming up, also you can find A list of these on County’s website as well as Association Calendar Ian also stated he is working on a 5 year plan for the county and is asking chiefs to come up with a list of classes that they would like there people to have to become officers in that 5 year span.

An Issue came up with a class recently, where folks have signed up for classes and could not attend, the hosting department found out the Friday night before the class and had to cancel the class at the last minute. Ian is asking if members want to take classes that a phone call is made by the chief stating they are going to take them and if an issue comes up he is also asking they call and let him know ASAP to avoid this and to avoid the hosting department from getting charged for the folks under 10 if they did not show up.

Ian also asked if the county has a standard set up if a class was held and if the people did not show up who had signed up. If that put the class under ten; who get billed for this and who enforces it. Its stated that nothing is in writing other than what’s on the App about the chief signing is responsible for payment by that department.

The by-law and SOP committee is Meeting June 17th in Middlebury and this will be addressed.

Jim Sheppard brought up the point of not having enough suppression instructors in our county and we need to push to get some folks certified to instruct.

Ian asked who would like to host a FF1 class, Kevin Kulish Volunteered department 16 to host the next class.

Ian asked who would host an EMT class and Lawrenceville and Middlebury offered to host a class Ian will get with them and see who will have the most taking the class.

Jim Sheppard brought up that the vehicle extrication programs are up in the air to what is going to be taught as far as the BVR or the 1006 programs or whether they are going to run them concurrent.

OLD BUSINESS

By-laws committee meeting didn’t get to meet last month but will and Jeff asked if anyone would like to sit on the committee so far it is Jeff Quick, Gary Cooper, Bill Preston, Lisa Rice, Dan Rice, and Kevin Kulish.

Jeff Brought up about purchasing a case of smoke detectors for the purpose of PR to people who need them in the County. Motion made by Kevin Kulish and Second by Red Androus, Kevin asked that they be bought from within the County from a business in the county. a roll call vote was taken with a unanimous yes.

NEW BUSINESS

None

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ASSOCIATION**

Radio Reprogramming was discussed and a date of September 8th-12th was set for this. Departments can pick there Vendor and let Lisa Know who it will be so a schedule can be made up.

Kevin Kulish thanked all who showed up at the pump class and also who sent equipment.

Dan Wilson asked if it would be a good idea to invite Matt Baker to a meeting to let him here some of our issue and concerns. Jeff will find out if he is available for the September meeting.

Kevin Kulish asked how many have been affected from the workmen's compensation carried by their municipalities, and if departments even know they are changing. All departments need to look into this with their municipalities and find out if they are covered.

Mark Goodrich stated they have a Holmatro extrication class @ station 3 on June 28th anyone interested can come and participate. Please let Mark know if you will be sending people over.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn was made by Duane Marbaker Second by Keith McKlean meeting adjourned @ 2033.

Dan Rice – Secretary

Jeffrey Quick - President