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TIOGA COUNTY FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC. MEETING MINUTES



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Minutes of the November 10, 2015 Regular Meeting Hosted by the Knoxville Fire Department

CALL TO ORDER

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Tioga County Firemen's Association, Inc. was called to order by President Jeff Quick at 1902 hours, followed by the pledge to the flag.

Moment of Silent

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

Address of Welcome was given by Louis Bloom, Fire Chief of the Knoxville Fire Department.

READING OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT

No report

BILLS FOR PAYMENT

No presented

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 – Lee Strange
P	TREASURER – Matt Watkins
P	TRUSTEE – Kevin Kulish
P	TRUSTEE – James D. Shepard

A	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

COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE

Letter read from HMAC-W CAC (Wellsboro Plant) along with a donation towards the TCFA class that was held Oct 24th; Making Aggressive Fire Attacks in Today's World.

Letter from Commissioner Roger Bunn and his wife Susan along with donations towards the TCFA class held on Oct 24th.

Radio Designation: Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hospital had a letter requesting radio designation of an ambulance that they have received from SREMS. The radio designation would be called **Medic 4 or MICU 4** depending staffing.

Kevin Kulish(10) made motion and seconded by Jon Androus (2) we allow SSMH to have this radio designation. Hand vote was called by President Jeff Quick with no opposed and all approved.

Radio Designation: Blossburg Fire Department had purchased a Polaris Ranger 6 wheeler that currently carries a 50 gallon tank and 100' of 1" hose and a high pressure pump. This unit is also has patient transport capabilities with stokes basket.

Kevin Kulish(10) made motion and seconded by Jon Androus (2) we allow Dept. 4 to have this radio designation. Hand vote was called by President Jeff Quick with no opposed and all approved.

GUESTS:

Ed Mann with Provident Insurance: Ed was here to encourage that Fire Departments have insurance along with the importance of a supplement policy that Relief Associations can pay for to protect/assist their own in the time of injury/illness. There are 3 departments in Tioga County that have Provident Insurance: Westfield, Blossburg and Liberty.

Kristina Foglia with Life Net /Guthrie Air: Asked if any departments had any needs or complaints with them. Feel free to contact us if you have any problems, LZ classes' needs, or complaints.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communication – Lisa Rice

Explained in simple terms what happened with the “Big Boom”. She could not thank all the chiefs/departments/units for their understanding during this incident.

Reminder with elections and possible changes, to let Lisa Rice know to update resources and computers.

For those departments that still use the text messaging from TC911 (not IAR, the old style) , Lisa would like you to look over the list of members that she has on the computer and make changes to make sure her list is current. Lisa has the list with her tonight to look at.

EMA Coordinator - Benton Best- (New EMA Coordinator)

County Commissioners and Penn College now have an agreement to reduce the cost of the EMT /EMR classes. This contract is until July 2016.

Mansfield University- Still has the discount tuitions that is ongoing.

Grant Seminar: multiple ones coming up. Some are the whole grant the other are for certain topics. Strongly encouragement of watching these and applying for the FEMA grant.

Tire Fire Mansfield: Post Accident Improvement Plan is going to be held at Station 2, Mansfield for all those that were involved.

Training – Ian Durretto –

Announced other Cases and see TCPA (Tioga County Training App).

EVCO in Mansfield is full.

Respiratory Protection class is coming up at Station 2, Mansfield.

Help for the Heroes at Wellsboro Fire Annex. Nov. 17th

FF1 class wrapping up in December, get with Ian if any departments needs anything for this.

Upcoming in Spring: FF2 class , advance fire fighting, and FF2 pro-board test

Looking for FF1 instructors, Ian sent email out and if interested get with Ian.

TCFA Class: Kevin Kulish handed out a sheet that went over the result from the survey from the class. On that particular day over 100 students were in training, TCFA class, Millerton Rope class and FF1 class. Overall class went well.

Kevin Kulish (10) made a motion to continue with the class format and Lee Strange (8) seconded. Role Call vote was ordered by President Jeff Quick. Motion was approved; see sign in sheet for vote.

TCFA Education was formed: Kevin Kulish (10), Lee Strange (8), Jeff Quick (17), Keith McLean (18), Ian Druetto (6), Roger Bunn, Ryan Rumsey (14), Gary Cooper (11) and Ben Phelps (1).

**Coordinators
Report**

No Report

OLD BUSINESS

Membership Application was made for new departments that would like to join. Potter County Fire and EMS Departments are now allowed to join the TCFA.

NEW BUSINESS

Jeremy Shieves (12) would like to re open the departments/members have photo identifications tags

Committee was formed to look into this: Jeremy Shieves (12); Benton Best (2); Bill Preston (7); Mike Bloom (6) and Jeff Quick (17).

This group will meet Dec. 8th at 6 pm prior to the TCFA meeting.

**GOOD OF THE
ASSOCIATION**

Robert McCarthy (1) thanked all that went and seen Robert McCarthy Sr. in Muncy and the presentation of the plaque. He will be coming to the Broad Acres tomorrow. Encouraged to stop and say hi. Room 227.

Officers for 2016 were presented by Bill Preston (7).

President : Jon Androus

1st Pres.: Duane Marbaker

2nd Pres.: Jeff Quick

Sec. : Lee Strange

Treasure: Matt Watkins

Fire Coordinator: Gary Cooper

Trustee: Jim Shepard

Open to floor elections were conducted:

President: 3 requested were made with no nominations, motion closed by Kevin Kulish (16) second by Jason Clark (5).

First President: 3 requested were made with no nominations, motion closed by Kevin Kulish (16) second by Jason Clark (5).

Second President: 3 requested were made with no nominations, motion closed by Kevin Kulish (16) second by Jason Clark (5).

Secretary: 3 requested were made with no nominations, motion closed by Kevin Kulish (16) second by Jason Clark (5).

Treasure: Matt Watkins declined the position. Lee Strange nominated Ben Phelps (1). 3 requested were made, motion closed by Kevin Kulish (16) second by Jason Clark (5).

Fire Coordinator: 3 requested were made with no nominations, motion closed by Kevin Kulish (16) second by Jason Clark (5).

Trustee: 3 requested were made with no nominations, motion closed by Kevin Kulish (16) second by Jason Clark (5).

Nomination were closed until December meeting

ADJOURNMENT

There no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Duane Marbaker (7), seconded by Keith McLean (18) and carried. Meeting adjourned at 20:19 hour.

Next Meeting is December 8th at Tioga Fire Department

Lee Strange- Secretary

Jeffrey Quick - President