

TIOGA COUNTY FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the May 8, 2018 Regular Meeting

Hosted by the Coudersport Volunteer Fire Department

Call to Order

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Tioga County Firemen's Association, Inc. was called to order by President Ben Phelps at 1900 hours, followed by the pledge to the flag. Welcome was given by Coudersport Fire Chief Bryan Phelps.

Reading of Minutes

Minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report read by Andrew O'Connors, motion to accept and pay bills by Doug Champaign, 2nd by Louis Bloom.

Bills for Payment

None stated.

Roll Call of Officers

1st Vice President-John Andrus, Coordinator 3-Bill Preston, Trustees-Harry Colegrove and Brian Davenport all excused; all others present.

Communication and Correspondence

None

Dept of Emergency Services

Benton Best sent a copy of the Training Schedule and Training News with Lisa Rice. He was not present at the meeting. He still needs training contacts from all departments.

Lisa Rice stated that they did get grants to cover classes for the Search and Rescue Team. The classes are as follows: August 25-26, 2018 - Ives Run-Search and Rescue; September 13, 2018 - Loose Grid Search; September 14, 2018 - Tight or Advanced Grid Search.

Matt Maillie sent an update on the NARM(Notification and Resource Manual). He needs each department to get ahold of him. He also sent handouts on the Pennsylvania College of Technology classes of EMT for the fall of 2018 and ITLS class scheduled for September 15-16, 2018.

Fire Coordinator's Report

Kevin Kulish stated that it has been a very busy last couple months. We need to always be thinking of things that are not often used, example being possible decon. You never know what you may encounter on any scene.

The Fall Seminar is coming up "Pride and Ownership, The Love of The Job" presented by Chief Rick Lasky from Five Alarm Leadership, LLC. It will be held on Saturday, October 27, 2018. The class will be held at the Mansfield Fire Department, cost will be \$35.00 per student at the door or \$25 per student if registered and money received by October 12, 2018. We are still looking for donations needed for food and extra items.

Standards Committee is going to have Mutual Aid proposal for July 2018 Meeting.

Long term planning committee requests that you take back a contract of the Assistance To Firefighters Grant project and discuss with your department and return to the TCFA as soon as you can. Clarification on this; the buy in doesn't include fundraisers.

Fundraising committee will be heading up the Golf Tournament. A motion was brought up that the Proceeds from the Golf Tournament go to the Grant Writer to offset costs for training props. 1st Motion by Kevin Kulish, 2nd by Andrew O'Connors, all in favor, motion carried.

Communication Committee had handouts from Lisa Rice of examples of new and old dispatches. Changes in the Siren and Radio tests on Monday nights were brought up, motion to change by Gary Cooper, 2nd Doug Champaign, all in favor, motion carried. It was also brought up that there have been some unprofessional, uncalled for phone calls made to 911. There is a system in place so that the need to call and just yell at our dispatchers is uncalled for. The system is called "Request for Review". A Request for Review was called for in an incident and it was being handled within the two departments.

Old Business

Report on Jason Clark, formally charged with expellment from the TCFA for his lifetime. Motion to support these charges by Jim Shepard, 2nd by Kevin Kulish, all in favor, Motion carried. A letter will be drafted to his home department.

New Business

None

Good of the Association

May 26, 2018 Parade in Blossburg for the Coal Festival. After the parade there will be Water Battles in the back field. Contact Andrew O'Connors for more information (570)337-2764.

Motion to Adjourn

Next meeting July 10, 2018 at Lawrenceville Fire Station. Motion to adjourn by Kevin Kulish; 2nd by Doug Champaign; motion approved.

Rose O'Connors, Secretary

Ben Phelps, President

