

ONEIDA COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

Business Meeting Minutes for October 24th, 2006 at Three Lakes Fire Department.

Members in attendance: Pelican, Little Rice, Crescent, Three Lakes, Sugar Camp

- **Minutes of previous meeting:** Motion was made by Sugar Camp & 2nd by Little Rice to accept the minutes as read.
- **Financial Report:** We had to pay an additional \$150.00 for the 501 (C) (3) form to the IRS. We received dues from two departments totaling \$300.00. The total ending balance as of tonight is \$2,877.47. Motion was made by Pelican & 2nd by Three Lakes to accept the treasurer's report.
- **Committee:** The date has been changed for the banquet to March 10th, 2007. The location will still be at the Holiday Inn Express. We have also changed catering services from Wolf's to Simply Cookin'. As Wolf's wanted to charge a \$20.00 per person, per hour to Setup, serve, and take down, and they were unclear on how much food was needed as they charge by the pound for everything.

The menu is going to be, Smoked chicken, BBQ ribs, Baby red potatoes, California blend vegetables, and a salad with choice of Ranch or French dressing. We are going to do 50/50 raffles throughout the night, as well as door prizes. Music will be provided by Jamz DJ Adventures. Social Hour is 6:00pm – 7:00pm with some hors d'oeuvres, Dinner 7:00pm – 8:00pm, Awards 8:00pm – 9:00pm, & Music from 9:00pm – 11:00pm.

Andy is looking in the cost of the plaques. The cost of the tickets will be \$18.00 apiece. Letters are going to go out to the fire departments at the end of the month for how many tickets each department wants.

- The scholarship paperwork was sent to all the school districts involved with the Association. We need to get a committee of three people to pick a winner when the time comes in March of 2007.
- **Communications:** There will be an open house October 28th at the Pelican Fire Department starting At 10:00 AM. There will be a RIT class at Crescent Fire Department on November 28, 2006 at 6:30pm.
- **Old Business:** The tow vehicle is now fixed and is in service. It just needed a transmission flush. The plug for the injectors was faulty, therefore giving the computer a false reading, once the plug was replaced, the engine ran fine. It may need to have Heavy duty springs put on it if the ones that are on now start to get

weak. Need to check on the price of the springs. Pelican donated a battery conditioner for the tow vehicle. The robot will also be stored in the tow vehicle.

New Business: Regarding the robot, it will cost about \$800.00 to get it fixed. The person who worked on the tow vehicle is a member of the Fifield fire department. He is willing to fix the robot if Fifield can use it sometime. Motion was made by Three Lakes & 2nd by Pelican for them to use the robot when it is not in use by one of our departments.

- The Awning is now fixed on the fire safety house. Arbor Vitae Custom Covers and Awnings donated the time and materials (about \$250.00) to the Association. AmeriGas donated two new bottles full of gas for the fire safety house as well. Monty requested a thank you card be send to both business for there donations.
- The stick to open the vents has been removed from the fire safety house because it was poking holes in the screens and it is costly to keep replacing them. There is now a 4ft step ladder for opening the vents. A check off sheet is going to be made up for next year. Each time a department checks the fire safety house out or in they will need to contact a member of the board, (officers) before picking it up to go through the house, and then again upon returning it, as to minimize uncontrollable damage to the safety house, as well as responsibility for keeping it clean. There were already soda bottles, and coffee cups left in it this year, and we only had the tow vehicle for a week. The department that uses the fire safety house is reasonable for any and all damages, as well as refilling the fuel tank before returning it.

The association is looking later on down the road to upgrade the safety house to were is could also be used for severe weather training. It will cost about \$5,300.00. Ken is going to look into it and see if there is a grant available to help pay for this upgrade.

- On the non profit status, Monty sent the \$150.00 to the IRS and got a letter from them saying the fee is now \$300.00. Another \$150.00 check was sent to them. Should hear from the soon regarding this.
- The patches were sent out for a quote. They will be about \$1.22 for each patch. Have not heard anything from the companies they were sent to.
- Andy is going to donate his services for a website for the OCFA. Until then we will still use the Emergency Managements website until it is up and going.

Thanks to Three Lakes Fire Department for hosting the meeting. The next meeting will be January 23rd, 2007 at the Haz Mat building on County Highway K in Rhinelander. The meeting will start at 7:00pm.

Motion made by Sugar Camp & 2nd by Pelican to adjourn at 7:49pm

Tom White
Secretary