

Oneida County Firefighters Association

Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2007

Oneida County Hazmat Building

Members in attendance: Pelican, Little Rice, Sugar Camp, Pine Lake, Newbold, Crescent, Rhinelander

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm.

- **Minutes of Pervious Meeting:** A motion was made by Rhinelander and 2nd by Pine Lake to accept the minutes as read.

- **Financial Report:** Beginning balance was \$2,877.47. Paid \$7.80 postage. Paid \$40.00 for the P.O.Box Paid the \$500.00 Deposit for the Catering Service for the banquet. Paid the insurance for the fire safety house. Received membership dues from two departments for a total of \$300.00. Ending balance of \$3,000.43.
Motion was made by Rhinelander 2nd by Little Rice to accept the financial report.

- **Committee:** The banquet is set for March 10th. Paid the Caterer a \$500.00 deposit. Still need departments to send their information in so we know how many are going to be there. So far we have not got many back and we are starting to look into plan B.

Ken talked a little about some repeaters going up in the area, and the changing of the frequencies from wide to narrow band. No solid answer yet as to how or when if at all we need to worry. Getting prices about the wide band and narrow band, the radio dealers are giving different information than the FCC about this issue. We will find out and pass the info on as soon as we hear something.

Honor Guard is still in the planning stages will have more information at Aprils meeting.

Anyone interested contact Warren Jacobs or Dale Wege.

- **Old Business:** The robot was sent in for repair should get it back by summer. When it comes back it will be stored in the back of the tow vehicle.

- The nonprofit status was a big mess. Our employee Id number expired because we did not use it enough. Monty is writing a letter to get our employee number Re-instated. The Wisconsin Dept. of Financial Institutions was not paid current dues, we owed for 2004-2006. Also had to amend our Bylaws to be accepted for non profit. Monty is hoping to get this all cleared up and finalized by the April meeting.

- The OCFA patches are in. They are \$3.00 each. There are some departments who have already bought some patches. We are planning on doing a drawing at each meeting, and putting everyone's name in a bucket, pick a winner and that person will receive a free item with the OCFA emblem on it. Maybe a shirt, or hat, etc.

- Website is still tabled.

- There is now going to be a check off list that will need to be done each time the fire safety house goes out or comes back. A member of the board will be doing the check off sheets before it is allowed to leave and when it comes back.

- **New Business:** Pelican Fire/Rescue donated a battery conditioner. We will be taking the tow vehicle to the Pelican fire department to store it there so some lettering can be done to it. Going to put graphics on it and on the fire safety house also so it does not look like a job trailer. Will have it at the next meeting so departments who want to get checked off on it may do so at that time. Will ask Tom Waydick Jr. to be at the next meeting.

- Regarding the insurance on the fire safety house we need to see if we can find some lower insurance. We have to pay for 12 months no matter if it is being used or not. Our rates went up \$1.00 more this year to \$1,070.00.

- American Red Cross has a disaster trailer that needs to be towed for Natural Disasters. Monty said he talked to the members of the American Red Cross and offered our tow vehicle when they need to tow the Disaster trailer. A motion was made by Pine Lake and 2nd by Sugar Camp to allow them to use the tow vehicle when they need it.

- **Firefighter of the year.** Dale from Rhinelander Fire Department wants to know if the OCFA did our own Firefighter of the year award in the past, and if we would be interested in doing one in the future at the Banquet. Dale said he would write up some kind of nomination form and we would talk about it more at that time.

- Going to see if the county will donate the old HAZMAT vehicle to the Association and in return we will give the vehicle to the person who did the work on the tow vehicle we have. Ken is going to check into this.

The next meeting will be hosted by Little Rice Fire Department April 24th,
2007 at 7:00pm.

Thanks to the Oneida County HAZMAT for hosting the last meeting.

Tom White

Secretary