

ONEIDA COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

Business Meeting Minutes

October 23, 2007

Meeting was held at Crescent Fire Department

Members in attendance: Crescent, Little Rice, Pine Lake, & Pelican.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

Minutes from last meeting- Minutes were read and a motion was made and second to accept the minutes as read.

Financial Report- Starting balance for checking \$1,755.26

Expenses: Monty spent \$88.01 on fuel for the tow vehicle, \$79.43 at Wal-Mart for food at the picnic, simply cooking \$400.00 for the pig roast @Pioneer Park. Auto Value parts store \$203.76 for paint for the tow vehicle. Tom White, \$8.02 for Postage. Dept of Financial Institution, \$10.00 for Wisconsin Annual report.

Total Expenses \$789.40

Income: Returned deposit Check for the picnic \$100.00, Membership Dues. \$1,350.00

Total Income \$ 1,450.00

Ending balance as of October 23, 2007 \$2,415.86

Saving Account \$301.49

Motion was made and second to accept the treasure's report as read.

Committees: The honed guard is being placed on hold for right now because there is nobody to run it. Dale Wege from Rhinelander Fire was in charge last anybody heard. So until someone else steps up or Dale decides to arrange another meeting, we are tabling the Honor Guard at this time.

Old Business- The tow vehicle is now painted; Monty brought a photo of it to show people. He still has to put the 1½ inch reflective stripe on it and get it lettered yet.

We are now tax exempt. Now we are able to apply for grants. It took 14 months, but as long as we keep up on the annual paperwork, it should be a lot easier to generate some outside funding.

Monty and his wife are going to send out letters to the local hospitals regarding the 100 smoke alarms that are in his basement from 1st Alert.

On the pig roast had a real bad turn out, only 13 people showed up to it. We will probably not have another one.

New Business- looking to have the Banquet the 3rd week in April. Not sure if we are going to do it at the Holiday Inn Express this year, as they have taken over the catering service and then charge more for the same thing we had last year.. Maybe hold it at McNaughton Pub & Grill in Newbold, or the Northwood's Banquet center.

The fire safety house and the tow vehicle have been coming back either damaged or dirty. Monty had asked that anyone who wanted to use it, call and request a time to go through it before and after each use. This has not been done, so Monty pulled the keys from the Rhinelander Fire Department and put a trailer lock on the Safety House. From now on any department that wants to use the fire safety house must now contact Monty.

Monty has not had time to work on the robot as of yet. As soon as he can get some free time, he will get to it.

Now that we are non profit, Monty is going to try to apply for some grants to upgrade the fire safety house to a severe weather training facility.

Scholarship forms have been sent to the schools in the area.

Brian from Pine Lake Fire Department asked if we could send out an information sheet to all the Fire Departments to see what kind of training equipment each department has. So that departments can do training together.

Monty has asked that the Association's name be removed from the fire chief's association agenda. There has been little cooperation from the Chief's Association to provide a delegate from each department to report back to that Department about the activities going on. So Monty feels that if the Chief's were really interested they would send someone, and would not rely on the fact that we report in their meetings. We do not feel we need to report anything to the Chief's Association. If they want to know what's going on, they can send a delegate.

Open Floor- Reminder that Little Rice has the ESU if any department needs them. Just request dispatch to have them paged.

Mark Damrow from the American Red Cross is willing to stock the tow vehicle with water and Gatorade, also some snacks etc if we can find a place that is heated for the winter. That way if we need the Red Cross to bring us this stuff, it is already in a central location to make it easier to get to us. Pelican is going to keep it at their station for awhile. Pine Lake has also stated we can store it at their Station as well.

Within two – three years we will need to find a new location to store the fire safety house as the County will be looking to build a new facility to store the Oneida Co. Hazmat stuff, as well as the Sherriff's secure storage because this building is full, and so is the Hazmat building. By combining the two, the Dept. on Aging can then have the whole building that is now being shared by the Hazmat team.

Next meeting will be January 22, 2008 at Pelican Fire Department. At the next meeting elections will be held for officers of the Association. So PLEASE make sure you attend.

Motion made and second to adjourn at 7:43pm

Tom White

Secretary