



Oneida County Firefighters Association

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Business Meeting
October 28th, 2008 at the Red Cross Office

Attendance: Crescent, Pelican, Pine Lake, WPS (Wisconsin Public Service)
Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

Minutes from the last meeting: The minutes were read a motion was made by Monty and 2nd by Pat to accept the minutes as read.

Treasure's Report: Starting Balance was \$305.67. No expenses for July, 2008 and August, 2008. September check for Robotronics \$67.20 for the replacement helmet. October check for Rhinelander Fire Department filling the FSH Propane tanks. \$32.00. Department of Financial Institutions Annual report \$10.00.

Leaving a balance of \$109.20. 8 Fire departments had paid there dues for 2009 totaling \$1,200.00 bring the balance of the checking account to an ending balance of \$1,396.47. Savings has a balance of \$301.09.

Communications: Nothing.

Old Business: On regarding the robot it might be fixed. Monty had charge the battery on it and the head does not turn 360. He is going to give it a full charge and see if this will correct the problem.

The check off sheet for the fire safety house is getting a little better. However there was a fire department that used it and did not fill out the check off sheet all the way and did not to fill up the tow vehicle when it was returned. And when the next department used the fire safety house they noticed that there was no gas put into the tow vehicle. After contacting the department, a check was sent to us for the amount. A reminder to make sure that it gets filled out all the way otherwise your department will be responsible to pay for any costs incurred whether you did it or not.

The cost of the replacement helmet for patches was \$67.20. We are still waiting for payment from the department that is responsible for the replacement of it.

The fire safety house was at the Oneida County fair and there was a real poor turn out, maybe a total of 12 children when through the safety house. It was not worth the time and we probably will not go again next year unless there are some major changes in the way they do it.

Monty is just going to go ahead and give the smoke detectors to Rhinelander Fire. They are in need of more, and would give them out to the low income families in the area. Chief Williams said he would put something in the paper to give us credit for this.

New Business: Rhinelander Fire when through the fire safety house and the tow vehicle and made up a list of things that are damaged and in need of replacement. The main thing that needs to be fixed ASAP is the exhaust fan in the control room. To replace them we



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will have to buy the whole unit. The exhaust fan in the control room needs the whole unit replaced as it cannot be closed all the way, and the frame for the motor is cracking very badly. Monty checked with Indian Shores RV in Lake Tomahawk. For a new one it will run about \$166.00. A motion was made by Tom and 2nd by Pat to go ahead to order a replacement fan for the control room. The motion was carried.

Tracy from the United Way sent a thank you card for us to have the fire safety house at Wickersham Jewelers. Rhinelander Fire Department took the tow vehicle and the fire safety house over there. Also Eric Vaughan from Pelican spent 2 days at the Rhinelander Paper Mill to answer any questions people had about the Association. So a big thank you to those who stepped up and helped us out. A reminder to all that we need to help out in any way for fund raisers for the United Way. That's how they get their funding.

The banquet has been set up for April 11, 2009 cocktails at 6:00pm and Dinner at 7:00pm at the Northwood's Banquet Center in Rhinelander. Monty will get all the information to see how much the tickets will cost, and present it at the next meeting.

The tow vehicle will now be stored at Pelican Fire Department due to the water that is in it for the Red Cross.

We would like to try a couple of Brat sales next year to help raise some more money.

We need to try to get more people to show up to the meeting. One idea is to send the minutes of the meeting to the fire chief's and ask them to post them in their stations. Another way is to have an officer go to the monthly business meetings to the area fire departments to get one members of there department to come the meetings. If any one has any ideas on how to get more people to attend, please let Monty know.

Mike from WPS (Wisconsin Public Service) was at the meeting to talk about doing some training for fire departments and to hand out information sheets to forward on to the departments. He is willing to do training on underground power lines. If you would like Mike to attend your department, please contact him at: mcleven@wpsr.com and he can get something set up.

The next meeting is January 27, 2009 at 7:00 pm.

A motion was made by Monty and 2nd by Pat to adjourn at 7:43pm

Tom White
Secretary



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