



Oneida County Firefighters Association

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Minutes of Meeting

April 28, 2009

Meeting was held at the Red Cross office in Rhinelander

Attendance: Crescent, Little Rice, Newbold, Pelican, Pelican Lake, Sugar Camp, Emergency Management,

Meeting was called to order at 6:59 pm

Minutes from last meeting: Minutes were read with a motion made and 2nd to accept the minutes as read.

Treasures Report: Starting balance as of January 27, 2009. \$2,663.47. Expenses for January as follows. Tom White for \$30.00. Island Bay Printing \$43.00. February 2009. Northwood Banquet Center \$300.00 for deposit. March 2009, Dept of transportation for plate renewal \$99.00. April 2009 Indian Shores RV for work on fire safety house of \$225.99. Eagle Engraving \$400.15. Kids Korner \$80.00. Wal-Mart \$39.97. Laser Innovations \$304.15. Ridgeview Insurance \$1,062.00

Banquet tickets sales \$2725.00, United Way \$625.00, ending balance, \$3,350.00 for Checking, savings, \$303.35

Total Income \$3653.35

Total expenses \$2,584.61

We lost \$208.00 on the banquet.

Motion was made and 2nd to accept the report as read.

Committee Reports: Honor Guard, Still no static on it. Scott C. told Tom, Pelican is looking at ordering uniforms for the honor guard and that he should check into this.

Parade committee has been set up for the 4th of July. The members are as follows, Tom, Vicky, and Shelly Potter. Looking at doing a parade committee meeting here with in the next month. Anyone wishing to help out please contact Tom at 771-9238 or e-mail him at tom_white_secretary@charter.net.

UNITED WAY: We are going to be getting a check of \$2,500.00 from United Way. This will be paid quarterly. Hopefully next year, with more funds we can upgrade the fire safety house.

Wisconsin State Firefighters, Nothing to report.

Emergency Management, Nothing to report.



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Old Business: The website has been changed because we were going to be charged twice as much this year for the address we had. The new website address is www.ocfawis.com

New Business: Guest Speaker Andrew Gillis from the Muscular Dystrophy Association spoke about how MDA works close with firefighters in filling the boot. Andrew would like to talk to area fire departments to see if they would be interested in helping out and be a part of this fundraiser.

For more information please feel free to contact Andrew at 920-0564 or e-mail him at agillis@mdausa.org.

Need someone to take and give the robot a good charge. Monty talked to Steven Seifert of Newbold and he thinks that's all it needs.

The banquet when over great. Their where nothing but good things said about how great the evening was.

Rhineland Fire Department has agreed to do the maintenance of the fire safety house indefinitely.

Need to get the fire safety house out in the public more. Maybe like doing brat sales to help raise funds for the Association. Maybe doing a brat sale at the CITGO gas station on Lincoln St where there is more room to have the fire safety house at. And also looking at doing it at Wal-Mart. Tom and Shelly are going to check with the manager at CITGO to see if it would be ok do a brat sale there.

It was brought up if we should change the meeting to 1 or to 2 times a year. The reason we switched to 4 times a year was to try and get more people to show up. But since that has not happened, maybe we go back to the way it was before, or maybe even have just one ANNUAL meeting to discuss business for the year. It was talked to keep the meeting at The Red Cross Office as it is centrally located. A question was asked how much attendance improved since it has been switched to the Red Cross office. Tom said he will check the attendance records and bring it back to the next meeting.

It was mentioned that we should take the summer months off as it is hard to get more people to come to the meetings. And before each meeting, have an officer's meeting. And do a lot more at the meeting to spark more people to show up. Maybe bring the fire safety house to the next meeting and do training on it as it has been a while since this has been done. We need to update the list of who is allowed to run the safety house.

Tom is willing to do the training and also maybe contact Tom Waydick Jr to see if he is willing to help out on the training for it. Tom said he can e-mail Tom Waydick.

It was decided to table this until Tom can review the attendance and bring it up at the next meeting.



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Pat said Monty apologized for not being at the meetings as he had lost his business of over 8 years due to the economy, and has had to go over the road as a driver for a trucking company. He will be unavailable to attend the meetings. He will try to do the best he can from the road to keep the Association rolling smooth. And thanks everyone for the understanding at this time.

The next meeting date is July 28th, 2009 at the Red Cross office. There will be training on the fire safety house. Meeting will start at 7:00pm

Motion made and 2nd to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm

Tom White
Secretary