



Oneida County Firefighters Association

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Meeting Minutes

July 28, 2009

Meeting held at the Haz Mat Building CTY K

Attendance: Little Rice, Pelican, Pelican Lake, Pine Lake, Three Lakes, Sugar Camp, Oneida County Emergency Management, Newbold

Tom Called the meeting to order as Patrick was ill and was unable to attend. Meeting came to order at 7:11pm

Minutes of last Meeting: Minutes were read with a motion made by Andy of Three Lakes and 2nd by Scott from Newbold to accept the minutes as read. Motion was carried.

Treasure's Report: Checking account. April - \$1,765.99. Mid Wisconsin Bank Service Fee Assessed 0.12. No expenses for May, June, July 2009. Total Expenses -\$1,766.11. Income - Deposit of \$450.00 Department Dues. Ending balance from checking account \$2,112.75. Saving Account Balance is \$304.01

A motion was made by Andy of Three Lakes to accept the report with a 2nd motion by Scott of Newbold. Motion was carried.

Committee Report: Parade went over great had a nice turn out of people helping out and everyone had a lot of fun. Tom thanked those who came out to help for the brat sale. Tom will try to get in contact with the manager at Citgo and try to get this information at the next meeting.

We will be receiving more funding from the United Way next year.

Wisconsin State Firefighters: There was no report

Honor Guard: Tom talked to Dave from Pelican regarding the Honor Guard. The Honor Guard that is forming with Pelican, Pelican Lake, Pine Lake and Newbold has nothing to do with the Association. Scott from Newbold advised that they will wear the patch of the Association on their uniforms. There will be a meeting held on August 11, 2009 at Newbold Fire Department.

Tom took the robot home and gave it a full charge, when it was tested, the head on the robot did not do a 360. The helmet is now in the tow vehicle. A strong reminder to please not give it out.

On regards of getting the fire safety house out more in public. Try to get it spread out evenly throughout the County If anyone knows of an event and is willing to take the Safety House out for it. Please set up a time with Rhinelander Fire Department.



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Old Business: Monty is still on the road and now has access to a laptop. If you need to contact him please feel free to do so.

The question was brought up at the last meeting if we should shorten the meetings or add more meetings or what. Tom read thru the past attendance report.

There was discussion on how we can get more to attend the meeting and should we have training after the meetings. After a good look into the past and to try to set up training after the meeting a motion was placed to keep the meetings 4 times a year and to keep the meetings at the location of the Red Cross Office.

Motion was made by Andy of Three Lakes and 2nd motion by Scott of Newbold to keep the meetings and location as they are. Motion was carried.

New Business: Tom got a letter asking if the Association would like to help out with the MDA telethon on Labor Day. If anyone is interested please e-mail Tom.

Monty requested that the Association donate \$100.00 to the Red Knights to give to the Wisconsin Firefighters Memorial. Motion was made from Scott of Newbold and 2nd by Greg from Pine Lake to make the donation. Motion carried.

There were a couple of issues regarding reported damage to the Fire Safety House and regarding the position of Secretary.

1. Tom got an e-mail that the handle on the Fire Safety House was damaged by another department. Members of the Associations also addressed this issue and said this is the reason for the check sheets to be filled out. Tom said he looked at the handle, and it was not broken, a screw was missing and it was fixed and repaired by Tom.

Monty felt the matter needed to be addressed, as the people doing the accusing were members of the Board. And Monty thought it was inappropriate behavior from a board member to accuse others before any proof was made that department actually did ANY damage.

2nd There was talk of removing Tom from his position as secretary. Tom stated the reason why he resigned from Pelican Fire Rescue was due to personal reasons. The By-Laws state that as long as Tom left the Department in good standing, there is no reason for him not to remain as Secretary.

Some members stated Tom has been doing an outstanding job and has gone beyond his duties for both the Oneida Firefighters and Oneida County Fire Chief's. And there is no reason to remove him from his position according to the By- Laws of this Association.



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Pelican Fire Rescue had a training regarding logging accidents. It was on WJFW Channel 12 News and there were a few departments that wished they knew about it, as they would have liked to be part of it. It was real interesting.

The question was asked to have departments that have training like this please let other departments know so they can participate in the training as well. If they can contact Tom, he can forward an e-mail on to those departments.

Tom said that he is more than happy to forward any kind of training information onto other departments.

Three Lakes will be having a picnic on August 15th, 2009.

They are selling tickets. Please see Andy after the meeting.

A motion was made by Scott of Newbold and 2nd by Andy of Three Lake to adjourn the meeting. Motion made and carried to adjourn at 7:51 pm.

Special Thank you from Tom to Vicky for taking the minutes of the meeting while Tom chaired the meeting.