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TIOGA COUNTY FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC. MEETING MINUTES



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Minutes of the January 13 , 2015 Regular Meeting Hosted by the Blossburg Fire Department

CALL TO ORDER

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Tioga County Firemen's Association, Inc. was called to order by President Jeffrey Quick at 1904 hours, Followed by the pledge to the flag and a moment of silence was observed.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

Address of Welcome was given by Shawn Carey, Fire Chief of the Blossburg Fire Department. Meal following meeting.

President Jeffrey Quick asked Kevin Kulish to fill in for secretary, Kevin accepted.

President Jeffrey Quick stated that on January 8, 2015 Secretary Cale Mead resigned. At this time President Jeffrey Quick ask for nomination from the floor for secretary. Robert McCarthy Jr. nominated Bill Preston, Bill Preston declined. Bill Preston nominated Lee Strange, Lee accepted and no other nomination from the floor. Cast ballot was unanimous.

READING OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT

No treasurer report was given. Current treasure Matt Watkins was unable to get with previous treasurer Cale Mead to transfer books. The trustees with present their review of the books at the March meeting.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT

No presented

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS

OFFICERS ATTENDANCE IS LISTED BY: *Present (P) Absent (A) Excused (E)*

P	PRESIDENT – Jeffrey Quick
P	1 st VICE PRES. – Jon Androus
P	2 nd VICE PRES. – Duane Marbaker
P	SECRETARY – Lee Strange
A	TREASURER –Matt Watkins
P	TRUSTEE – Kevin Kulish
P	TRUSTEE – James D. Shepard

P	TRUSTEE – Byron Wright
P	FIRE COORD. – Gary Cooper
A	DEP. FIRE COORD. – Louis Bloom
P	DEP. FIRE COORD. – Bill Preston
P	DEP. FIRE COORD. – Buster Philips
E	DEP. FIRE COORD. – Robert B. McCarthy

COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communication – Lisa Rice

Radio Manual was sent out by the TCFA, with many stating that they received it.

Tioga County Fireman's Radio and Communication Manual

- Discussion was held on the Ladder vs. Tower with Lisa Rice and Jeffrey Quick both stating that this should be taken back to the Standard Committee. Referring to Westfield new apparatus.
- Jeffrey Quick read the Standard for the Tioga County Fireman's Association.
- Gary Cooper brought up that a letter needed to be brought to the TCFA for approval.

Kevin Kulish made a motion to approve **Tioga County Fireman's Radio and Communication Manual** with Keith McLean second. **Roll call vote and approve.**

CAD system is install. Lisa Rice would like to meet with the chief in a region format for the new build within the CAD system.

Training – Ian Durretto – Ran through the local training opportunities. There has been at least 8 departments that met with Ian on classes and would like to meet with the rest as well. See the county website or smart phone app for upcoming classes. List provided at meeting as well.

John Erich stated that Wellsboro was hoisting a Clandestine Drug Laboratory class. He spoke highly about the class and that is very informative.

C.O.G.E.N.T – is having another class at the Knoxville Fire Dept on Feb. 7th. The last class was very well attended.

Coordinator Report – Gary E.Cooper II

Chief meeting is scheduled for Feb. 10th at 7 pm at Wellsboro Fire Dept upstairs.

OLD BUSINESS

Turbo Draft Project- were handed out to all the departments that participated. Discussion by Bryon Wright (D13) which used their at a call already and stated that you really need to practice with this unit prior to just using it. Kevin Kulish added that dept. 16 trained with theirs and that is definitely will help but need to practice setting up and using it.

Last month Dan Rice brought to the Association a letter requesting radio designation for the following units Ambulance 11-7, Ambulance 11-6, Chief 11-60, and Chief 11-70, and also requesting membership to the TCFA. A roll call vote was taken with a unanimous Yes for approval. A motion was made for their acceptance into TCFA with Duanne Murbaker seconded, with roll cast vote. Yes approval.

NEW BUSINESS

Doylestown Fire Dept. has several nozzles and things that they are looking to sell, contact Jim Shepard if interested.

Jim Weiskopff – spoke about Act 13 gas money, First responded Scholarship at Mansfield University for EMS/Fire/Police. A yearly amount of \$50,000 has been set aside for this grant. Currently there are 5 students that qualified and are receiving this grant. If the \$50,000 is not used very year it does roll over. Qualified individuals must meet a certain GPA to maintain the grant. Dave Empet from Mansfield University was present. He spoke about the curriculums that were approved for receiving this grant but stated that anyone attending MU should apply. Several questions were asked about departments that belong to the TCFA but happened to live outside the Tioga County and the limited curriculums. Dave encouraged all to apply and that he would take these concerns back to board of directors. Packets where left on the front table.

Ian Druetto- Firefighter 1 challenge prep class has been set up in Nelson, dates are Feb 21st, March 14-15. Need to know ASAP to make sure enough for class.

Fire Weekend- 4-5 classes at the same location, Ian was willing to work on if enough departments were interested. Gary Cooper talked about the cost of the old Tioga County Fire College Weekend. Spoke about CAFCA and Firefighter 1 program. Andrew O'Connor stated that Liberty Fire Dept. signed up with CAFCA for \$400 per year and can get any class they want.

Jeff Quick brought the Elkland FD Bell, Jeff's Dad made a wooden box for the protection of the bell during transportation. Roosa Engraving from Knoxville donated an engrave plate. Thank you cards will be sent to both. This was also at the head table for display.

Kevin Kulish stated that Brian Coon from Lawrenceville Dept 8 is willing to teach dept free of charge the Globe Harmonization class.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Kevin Kulish, seconded by Bryon Wright and carried. Meeting adjourned at 2019Hours.

Lee Strange – Secretary

Jeffrey Quick - President