

Tioga County Fireman's Association, Inc.
14 Main St. PO Box 746 Wellsboro PA,16901

Minutes of thwe May 13, 2025

Regular Meeting

Hosted By Wellsboro Fire Department

Call to Order

The May meeting of the Tioga County Fireman's association was called to order at 19:00 by President Kevin Kulish. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited an invocation was given by Gary Bisel. The address of welcome was given by Chief Josh McCarthy, and the meeting was recessed for the serving of dinner.

Reading of the Previous Minutes

After the recess, the meeting was resumed at 19:28. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Secretary Alex Kulish. The minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report

The treasurer's report was read by Treasurer TJ Riley. Report is on file. He requested to pay our accounting bill between meetings when it was received. A motion was made and seconded by Andrew O'Conner and approved.

Officers

President: Kevin Kulish	Trustee: Sam Warren
1 st VP: Ben Phelps	Trustee: John Andrus
2 nd VP: Austin Cooper	FC1: Andrew O'Conner
Secretary: Excused Gary Bisel	FC2: Brian Davenport
Acting	FC3: Doyle Swetland
Treasurer: TJ Riley	FC4: Ben Phelps
Trustee: Jim Shepard	FC5: Absent

Communication & Correspondence

A letter was read from Liberty FD requesting radio designation Squad 9-28 for a 2017 Ford Explorer to be used for QRS purposes. Motion made by John, 2nd by William Goltz and approved.

A letter was read from Wellsboro Fire Dept requesting the designation of Utility 1-29 for a 2025 Ford F350 crew cab primarily used to haul Rescue 1-48 as well as other specialty trailers. No fire suppression or rescue equipment will be primarily carried on this. Motion made by John and seconded by William Goltz and approved.

An email was read from Lacy Miles requesting financial assistance to cover transportation cost to have 18 students and chaperones for Fire Expo as part of the on-going Northern Potter/Cowanesque Valley HS first responder boot camp. Motion made by Andrew O'Conner 2nd by Mike and approved.

Committee

DES

Lisa Rice Reported that Bret Mathers is a new hire for DES. A reminder was sent out to chief'about updates to box alarms and assignments for the new CAD. 19 agencies still have not responded. If you don't have the proper information sent to the county don't complain about what is put in CAD.

Bloss repeater is up and operational as of today.

TCFA page – radio manual is updated.

Executive

Nelson FD signed a fire protection contract, still have a few issues to resolve. They have to provide documentation to the Township by June of 2025.

The executive committee also met with the other K9 group since the last meeting. We addressed some concerns and they were going to look into and address them. No further action is needed at this time.

President Kulish had also been contacted by Commissioner Sam Vanloon and Tri-County REC about the TCFA being a “requester” for several agencies that submitted to Tri-County REC for grants. By lumping them all together, their bank would provide a larger match. President Kulish told them we would act in that capacity.

Forestry

Scott Swift introduced himself as Brian Plums replacement

Standards

No report.

Communications

Next meeting is in June!

Training

N/A

Fundraising

Golf Tournament will be 9/13/2025. Flyers are prepared and going out. It was decided to send all proceeds to Crary Hose to off set costs for the new burn/training facility.

Coordinator Report

Coordinators will look into SOG’s for RIT and assemble a list of which departments meet the standard. Still and open item. Also Mutual Aid contract needs signatures from Departments 6,7,10,14,,16,19,20,47, D10A, D11A, ALS.

Old Business

None at this time.

New Business

Nelson Fire Update – see executive committee report.

Nelson Twp has contracted with Wellsboro Ambulance to supply staffing 7 days per week, 07:00 to 17:00.

Good Of the Associate

Lisa Rice informed the Honor Guard that a group could be set up for using the counties RAVE notification system. Just need to get a few people trained in its use. Ryane and Kevin will work with Lisa.

Dept 4 will host the December meeting since Wellsboro Fire helped them out with tonights meeting.

Motion by TJ to adjourn,

The meeting was adjourned at 19:55 hrs. Motion by John Barnes

Respectfully Gary Bisel Acting Secretary, TCFA