

TIOGA COUNTY FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the November 13, 2018 Meeting

Hosted by Wellsboro Fire Department 1

Call to Order

The regular monthly meeting of the Tioga County Firemen's Association, Inc. was called to order by President Ben Phelps at 1900 hours, followed by the Pledge to the Flag, and Prayer given by Harry Colegrove. Welcome was given by Lonnie Campbell, Chief of the Wellsboro Fire Department.

Reading of Minutes

Minutes were read and approved with one change/ addition in the Good of the Association; Gary Cooper gave a moment of silence for the death of Denny Junquist. Approved with addition.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report read by Andrew O'Connors, motion to accept and pay bills by Kevin Kulish, 2nd by Harry Colegrove all in favor, motion carried.

Bills for Payment

Listed on Treasurer's report

Roll Call of Officers

Brian Davenport, excused; Dutch Bloom not here.

Communication and Correspondence

Elkland Volunteer Fire Department request a radio change from Squad 3-18 to Rescue 3-8 which is now a 2016 F-450 rescue body with a 6 bottle cascade system and an air compressor that will fill up to 6000 psi. Motion to accept by Kevin Kulish, 2nd by Lonnie Campbell. All in favor, motion carried.

Letter read to the Tioga Honor Guard from Terry Hill's family thanking them and donating \$100 to go towards equipment for the Honor Guard. Motion to accept by Bill Preston, 2nd by Jim Shepard, all in favor, motion carried. Terry Hill was a former Lindley Fire Chief.

Department of Emergency Services

Notice of a meeting scheduled for November 15, 2018 at 6pm, this is a meeting for all Departments and DES. There was no attendance from DES at this meeting.

Fire Coordinators Report

Kevin Kulish asked if there were any key issues that need addressed for the Meeting at the DES on November 15, 2018. He is the spokesman for the TCFA at this meeting. Lonnie Campbell stated we really need Benton Best here at our meetings. Things could be addressed here. If you go to the Wellsboro Home Page, Benton has stated information that is not correct. We need to know where the information came from because it didn't come from anyone in this room. We can start getting to the bottom of it by as many of us going to this meeting, that they have called. We may have financial or personal issues but so does every other organization, including theirs, and they need to start cleaning up theirs before trying to clean up other organizations.

Training: Kevin Kulish; The October 27 class only had 60 in attendance, way down from last year about 40%. What do we need to do to get people there? These are scheduled months ahead of time. If any ideas let Kevin know.

Door simulators are available per Ben Phelps. What would we charge for letting another company/organization use them. Let them choose donation amount. Motion by Gary Cooper, 2nd by Andrew O'Connors. All in favor, motion carried.

Standards: None

Fundraising: Andrew O'Connors brought up doing a fundraiser selling T-shirts to departments maybe annually. Motion to do more research by Kevin Kulish, 2nd by Harry Colegrove. All in favor, motion carried. Golf tournament was well attended. Thanks to all that had a part and helped that day. There were 96 golfers. Kevin Kulish motioned to continue next year 2019, 2nd by Bill Preston. All in favor, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Kevin Kulish motioned to continue with the AFG Grant and hiring a grant writer, 2nd by Gary Cooper. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion carried. Mutual Aid Agreement is here lets get it signed.

NEW BUSINESS

None

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

Meetings for 2019:

January 8, 2019 - Morris

March 12, 2019 - Blossburg

May 14, 2019 - Galeton

July 9, 2019 - Millerton

September 10, 2019 - Liberty

November 12, 2019 - Wellsboro

December 10, 2019 - Middlebury

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Next meeting will be December 11, 2018 at the Nelson Volunteer Fire Department. Motion to adjourn by John Andrus, 2nd by Bill Preston. Motion approved.

Rose O'Conners, Secretary

Ben Phelps, President