

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

Minutes of the March 12, 2024

Regular Meeting

Hosted By Blossburg Fire Department

Call to Order

The March meeting of the Tioga County Fireman's association was called to order at 19:00 by President Kulish. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The address of welcome was given by Chief Andrew O'Connors, and the meeting briefly recessed for the serving of dinner. The three new Tioga County Commissioners introduced themselves and committed to advocating for us and helping us get the resources we need. They believe that with teamwork from our end and theirs that we can get a lot accomplished.

27 Present, 3 Guests (Commissioners)

Reading of the Previous Minutes

After the recess, the meeting was resumed at 19:10. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Secretary Alex Kulish. The minutes were read and approved.

Treasurers Report

The treasurer's report was read by Treasurer Sam Warren. Report is on file.

Officers

President: Kevin Kulish

Trustee: John Andrus

1st VP: Ben Phelps

FC1: Andrew O'Connors

2nd VP: Excused

FC2: Brian Davenport

Secretary: Alex Kulish

FC3: Lee Strange

Treasurer: Sam Warren

FC4: Ben Phelps

Trustee: Jim Shepard

FC5: Doyle Swetland

Trustee: Excused

Communication & Correspondence

No Communications.

Committee

DES

Trainings will be put up on the app regularly.

There were some newer municipal EMA directors that believe they had the authority to take over a scene Doug Wicks took care of educating them on their abilities and resolved it before it became an issue.

Still looking for a new CAD provider. Lisa reminded that if you add a member to your department's incident CAD texts, they must click on the opt in link.

Grant Reported that the LEPC and himself would be doing Hazmat walk-throughs on Hazardous waste producing facilities in the area.

Executive

Executive Committee will be digging into the by-laws with Sam Warren heading it up.

Forestry

Brian Plume reported that several prescribed burns will be in the area this spring. He emphasized the importance of reporting acreage burned, structures involved, injuries reported. If you need resources from forestry on scene, be specific in your requests.

Brian also explained that to bill for a wildfire response an investigation must start quickly.

Aircraft: April 6 the Helicopter will arrive in Wellsboro; Civil air patrol will be doing recon for fires. If private drones show up on a fire all state aviation resources will leave the scene.

Brian also reported that the Lawyers are trying to require contracts for VFA grants.

Standards

No Report

Communications

The communications committee has gone through the radio procedures manual and proposed some updates:

First, they updated some words, and phrasing that has needed done. Also removed from the manual was the dispatcher assigning fire ground (in Tioga County). Updated that the 911 center is operating under Act 78. Changed the name of the 911 Director, the address of the Comm Center, and added the additional tower sites.

Some of the bigger proposed changes:

No more daily OOS announcement, if approved it would be weekly. Monthly Siren and radio tests instead of weekly. With the addition of a Civil defense test monthly.

Standardize siren tones on accidents/rescues some departments have sirens but have requested they not be used for accidents, so the dispatchers aren't just referencing a sheet of paper.

Make the request for review form PDF fillable.

Training

Mobile Burn trailer isn't ready to go out to departments yet. Looking into getting a burn class at CAFCA.

Fundraising

Golf Tournament September 14th with a morning and afternoon flight if we have enough teams and so we don't have the golf cart rental expense.

Old Business

Class A's for Honor Guard: Rogers Uniform's prices ~\$1100 per uniform. A committee of Ben Phelps, Brian Davenport, Ryane Rumsey, Gary Cooper appointed to begin looking for funds to help make it happen.

Letter from Wellsboro Ambulance was being gone over by standards committee.

New Business

A motion was made by Lee Strange seconded by Andrew O'Connors to give the training committee a budget of \$2000 to get a burn lined up. Unanimously approved.

Ron Warren reported the Drone 50 has the capabilities to work on scene with other aviation.

A contract dispute between Nelson and Valley Ambulance over Farmington Township, Osceola. and Elkland boro was brought up. The executive committee will meet with them.

Good Of the Association

President Kulish thanked everyone for the good attendance and the Commissioners for their attendance.

Tri County REC puts grants out in the spring and fall watch their website for opportunities.

Motion for adjournment Andrew O'Connors seconded by Duane Marbaker.

Meeting adjourned at 20:45 hrs.

Respectfully Alex Kulish Secretary, TCFA