

UNION CENTER FIRE COMPANY
COMPANY MEETING

June 1, 2015

PRESENT: B. Dieffenbacher, D. Dieffenbacher, R. Bealo, M. Henry, B. Bealo, S. Bealo, K. Battaglini, M. Belensky, D. Hoeflein, J. Brown, H. Polhamus, B. Polhamus, T. Meschter, S. Meschter, G. Greenlee, J. Drotar, K. Miga, W. Miga

CALLED TO ORDER: 19:40

MINUTES FROM: 05/04/2015 **ACCEPTED:** K. Battaglini, seconded by J. Drotar

TREASURER'S REPORT

Activity checking: \$6055.70
General checking: \$32,763.13

Activity: \$2570.42
2% Money: \$3585.28

A lot of the money currently in the checking account will be used for the work being done at Station 2. We will be transferring some of our outlook funds to the checking account.

Motion to accept: J. Drotar, seconded by G. Greenlee

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS

We found the Little League sponsorship letter that we were looking for.

Thanks to G. Greenlee for donating part of his paycheck to UCFC through the IBM Employee Charitable Contribution Program.

Regarding FASNY membership, we have the option of registering as company members, individual members, or both. We have been signing everyone up as individuals in the past. It costs \$10 for a company membership (with all information being sent to UCFC) or \$3 per individual (with all information being sent to the individual's home). After some discussion, it was decided that we will continue to use the individual format; however, this year we will only be signing up ACTIVE members.

Back in November, C. Hoyt, J. Mann, and D. Hoeflein went to Hamburg, NY to help out during the snowstorm. We received an appreciation plaque for the assistance that UCFC provided, thanks to Chris, Jack and Dan.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

The board had an executive session and therefore there are no board communications.

OFFICER REPORTS

CHIEF:

- New MSA meter and calibration station were ordered, but have not been received yet.
- IBM grant was accepted; thanks to W. Miga for his work.
- Exxon Mobile grant was received; thanks to M. Wiley for his work.
- Call response manpower seems to be less than normal. If available PLEASE respond to any call types. Thanks to those who have been responding.
- The monument dedication went very well. Thanks to all who attended; it was a good showing. Thank you, A. Silvestri, for getting the work completed and for arranging the dedication.
- The parking lot at Station 2 is complete and it appears to be working out well; don't do doughnuts on it!
- Thermal imagers for the Rescue are in and will be mounted as time permits.

FIRST ASSISTANT CHIEF:

- Drivers and Officers, this is a reminder to attach Plymovent drops to apparatus.
- We are still waiting on some incentive items and we apologize for the delay. Lime beanies are in if you ordered one.

SECOND ASSISTANT CHIEF:

- Thanks everybody who helped with the monument dedication. I appreciate everyone taking the time to come.
- Thank you to everyone who came to the school function on Friday.
- Thanks to everyone who responded to the calls we had during the last couple of weeks.

DAY CAPTAIN:

- I would like thank everyone who went to the monument dedication. It was very nice to see so many members there.

NIGHT CAPTAIN: No report.

FIRST LIEUTENANT: No report.

SECOND LIEUTENANT: No report.

FIRE POLICE CAPTAIN: No report.

EMS:

- Airport drill is taking place this Saturday. We have four or five people for the EMS crew. Meet at 08:15 at Station 2. The drill starts at 08:45.
- I need to order equipment. EpiPens have expired on the brush truck and on the EMS. We need two pediatric and two adult EpiPens on each. The shelf life is 3 years maximum. I also need to get defibrillator pads for Station 1 and the rigs. I will order all of this for an amount not to exceed \$1000. (As this purchase is over \$500 we need a company vote, although most of it will be covered by the EMS budget.)

YES: 16

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

FIRE MARSHAL: No report.**SAFETY OFFICER:** No report.**MAINTENANCE:**

- We are waiting to hear from Har-Rob about annual service and pump test start date.
- I replaced the battery in the keyless entry remote for the Utility, but it still doesn't work. I will continue to work on it.
- Small vehicle service is starting this month, in the next week or so.
- The front bumper was fixed on the brush truck and reinforced.
- The seatbelt was replaced on the pumper tanker.

AIR/CASCADE:

- Everything is in service.

TRAINING:

(J. VanKuren)

- Saturday training is going great. I would like thank everyone who helped me with the air consumption course for the Firefighter 1 class that T. Meschter is taking. You guys are great.
- At Saturday training we will be doing a lot of probie stuff as we have a lot of new members.

(D. Hoeflein)

- We are sending the pumper tanker to boot camp on Tuesday, 06/14/2015. The pumper tanker needs to be there from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. If you are a driver and want to donate a half day or a full day, please let me know. They are also looking for EMS providers on 06/06/2015, 07/14/2015, 07/15/2015 and 07/16/2015 starting at 9 a.m.

HEALTH/SAFETY: No report.**AUDIT:** No report.

PARADE:

- Apalachin Field Days parade is 06/06/2015. Meet at Station 2 at 17:00. Tell me or drop me an e-mail if you are interested so that I can figure out which vehicles to take.

SOCIAL: No report.

AUXILIARY:

- I want to thank A. Greenlee, K. Greenlee, C. VanKuren, D. Dieffenbacher, and D. Glover for going to buy flowers and for planting them. Thank you D. Dieffenbacher for driving.
- We had a meeting to discuss the chicken BBQ; minutes were sent out.
- The guidelines for the Auxiliary will be updated to reflect the new callout procedure.
- Important dates:
 - BBQ Saturday, 06/20/2015 at 11 am until sold out.
 - Inventory of supplies, 06/10/2015 at 7:30 pm.
 - Shopping for supplies, 06/11/2015. Meet at Station 1 at 6:30 pm.
 - Coleslaw will be made 06/16/2015 at Station 1 at 6:30 pm.
 - We are increasing the number of chicken halves from 320 to approximately 350.
 - We still need a second grill for Station 2. It was suggested we get the blocks and see if we can borrow Maine's racks.
 - Signs were put out in front of the stations and publicity was sent to TV and radio stations.

BYLAW:

- We do not have any new proposals. W. Miga asked if anyone would like to propose a bylaw? There was general complaining about the all of the extra time it was taking to vote using paper ballots rather than just a show of hands. The bylaw committee will formulate a proposal regarding voting by a show of hands versus paper ballots. During the discussion there were suggestions made regarding voting on personnel matters such as membership and elections using paper ballots and money/business matters by a show of hands unless stated otherwise by the President.

B. C. FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION:

- Next meeting is this Friday, 06/05/2015, at Town of Binghamton.

WEBSITE:

- We are doing routine updates, adding pictures, and advertising the chicken BBQ.

RETENTION/ RECRUITING/ MEMBERSHIP:

- S. Meschter's vote for coming off probation is postponed for another month because the officers did not submit his evaluation paperwork.

- The three people voted in last month (J. Jimenez, I. Espada, and R. Fiori) are now probationary members as all background checks were favorable.
- Everything came back favorably for Scott Drake. He is recommended for probationary membership. All paperwork releasing him from his former department has been received.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

- Scott Drake:

YES: 15

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 1

MEMBERS COMING OFF PROBATION:

- S. Meschter will be coming off probation next month after his evaluation paperwork is complete.

SUNSHINE: No report.

OLD BUSINESS

The hallway door at station 2 that has been broken for months has been repaired.

The parking lot at Station 2 is finished, until we save enough money to pave it.

We bought a lawnmower and G. Greenlee has been taking care of the lawn at Station 1 (thanks, Gordie!) There are two new weed-eaters at Station 1 that are in need of new strings, but one can be taken up to Station 2 to help with lawn maintenance there.

W. Miga will be trying to fix the IAMRESPONDING computer at Station 1. Use Chrome on the one in the radio room and keep it on IAMRESPONDING until he can fix it. It will not work with Internet Explorer.

J. Brown asked if there is a BOG coming out regarding OSHA training on CentreLearn. He would like to see a list of all required classes as he feels that the CentreLearn website is not easy to navigate. G. Greenlee suggested that R. Bealo make a list for each membership class and send it in PDF form to the website committee so that it is available on the website.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

REFRESHMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING: W. Miga

NUMBER ATTENDING: 18

VOTING: 16

TIME ADJORNED: 20:34

NEXT MEETING: 07/06/2015

Respectfully submitted by Assistant to the Secretary, *Karen S. Miga*