

UNION CENTER FIRE COMPANY
COMPANY MEETING

April 1, 2013

PRESENT: M. Henry, B. Dieffenbacher, A. Green, K. Miga, D. Kerila, T. Mason, B. Smack, D. Hill, M. Belensky, F. Trzcinski, G. Roberts, R. Serowik, J. Hardik, K. Serowik, D. Hoeflein, A. Holton, M. Wiley, W. Miga, B. Gazdik, J. Drotar, J. VanKuren

CALLED TO ORDER: 19:32

MINUTES FROM: 03/04/2013 **ACCEPTED:** A. Green, seconded by D. Kerila

TREASURER'S REPORT***

Activity checking:
General checking:

Activity:
2% Money:

Total checking:

(***Bill forgot to bring his report with him so I will fill in the numbers before this is posted on the web site.)

We have plenty of money in Activity and 2%. Our budget is complete from last year and we are starting out with the new budget for this year.

Motion to accept: F. Trzcinski, seconded by W. Miga

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS

K. Miga changed her status from firefighter to business member only.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

A. Green is going to take a look at the door at Station 2, which is apparently still not working.

M. Henry ordered the new gear rack for Station 2, but it has not been delivered yet.

For those members who are in need of physicals this year, please have them done prior to 05/31/2013.

We will be signing paperwork for the land deal this evening; following this the land deal will move towards closing. Thanks to A. Silvestri for his assistance with this.

OFFICER REPORTS

CHIEF:

- THANK YOU to those who have been putting EMS "IN SERVICE". It has been in service multiple times this month with a few overnights included. EMS Capt. is updating BOG for taking EMS home; until complete make sure to send the chief officer a text that you are taking it.
- Workload is starting to get spread out, but there are still many areas where additional help is needed. Will have a list of needs or areas where you can help in the future. Thanks to those who ran errands and have already stepped up this month.
- Appointments were discussed at the officers meeting and all agreed on appointments below:
 1. Fire Marshal - Bob Bealo
 2. Safety- Ken Battaglini
 3. EMS Lieutenant - Jean Hardik
 4. Fire Police Lieutenant – to be determined.
 5. Training officers: Gazdik, Vankuren, and Battaglini (all officers should assist with drills and any member is encouraged to conduct drills also).
- Thank you to Ken Battaglini for the great hands-on SCBA drills this month.
- PRACTICE YOUR MAYDAY REPORT.

FIRST ASSISTANT CHIEF: No report.

SECOND ASSISTANT CHIEF: Vacant.

DAY CAPTAIN: No report.

NIGHT CAPTAIN:

- Make sure the top of the training sheet is filled out, including the hours.

FIRST LIEUTENANT: No report.

SECOND LIEUTENANT: Vacant.

FIRE POLICE CAPTAIN: Vacant.

EMS:

- Tonight is the last call for the Saturday, 04/20/2013 UHS trauma teaching day at company expense. Please let me know right away if you would like to attend.
- Today is the deadline for all BLS personnel and EMTs to complete the new regional life support protocols. Anyone who is still in need of this training cannot act as a crew chief

until this is completed. I will find out what opportunities for this are available; if there are none I will schedule training this month if necessary.

- Training this month will be a joint training with UVES and possibly Maine Ambulance on 04/18/2013. Time and location to be determined, taking weather into account. It will be hands-on rehab training. There is a lot of interest in our program. I have revised the rehab manual to standardize it with the regional protocols.
- We had training awhile ago on equipment we now have available, like the T-Pod pelvic binder, humidified oxygen, etc. There is a complete list available. See me if you missed this training.
- The EMS vehicle needs to be inspected and this will be done shortly.

FIRE MARSHAL: No report.

SAFETY OFFICER: No report.

MAINTENANCE:

- You cannot use the preset button for the pump on the Squad. It has an electrical problem. Be aware that you have to manually set this until it is repaired.
- We are going to start preventative maintenance in May; we are not behind on this. Let me know if there is anything that needs to be addressed immediately.
- Chainsaw from the brush truck should be back by the end of the week. It is still being repaired.

AIR/CASCADE: No report.

TRAINING:

- Training will take place at Vestal on Saturday.
- Saturday training is going well.
- There are still a couple of people who need to have fit testing; C. Hoyt is going to see if West Corners can help with this.

HEALTH/SAFETY: No report.

AUDIT: No report.

PARADE:

- Apalachin Fire will be having their 100th anniversary on 06/08/2013.

AUXILLIARY: No report.

BYLAW:

- Proposal for Article VIII, Section 10 (Education requirements for Lieutenant position. After a discussion regarding the importance of education and the value of experience, the members agreed to condense the three proposals into the following proposal:

Must have completed NYS Introduction to Fire Officer or NYS Fire Officer 1 or equivalent course, or have served one full year as a lieutenant or higher within the Company within the past three (3) years. If the NYS Fire Officer 1 course is not completed within 1 year of election date, the person shall not be eligible for office until the class is completed.

YES: 14

NO: 2

ABSTAIN: 3

- Proposal for Article VIII, Section 9: (Education requirements for Captain) This proposal was made as it will now be addressed by the new lieutenant requirement above.

Remove **Completed NYS Fire Officer 1 or equivalent course.**

YES: 13

NO: 3

ABSTAIN: 3

- Proposal for Article VII and VIII:(Qualifications for Directors and Line Officers) After a discussion about checks and balances, the membership agreed to the following wording for this proposal:

No person may serve as a board member and a line officer at the same time, with the exception of the Fire Marshall, Safety Officer, Fire Police Lieutenant, EMS Lieutenant, and the Chief, who is an Ex-officio member of the Board.

YES: 18

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 1

- Proposal for Article VII, Section A1: (Qualifications for Directors). The membership decided to leave this bylaw unchanged, allowing immediate family members to serve on the board concurrently and require only a 2-year membership in the company.

YES: 18

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 1

B. C. FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION:

- Meeting on Friday at Port Crane Station 1.

WEB SITE: No report.

RETENTION/ RECRUITING/ MEMBERSHIP:

- Barrilyn Polhamus (Henry Polhamus's wife), who is interested in being an Auxiliary member. She is recommended for membership.
- Tomas Meschter, a 20-year-old who is interested in firefighting and Fire Police. He is recommended for membership.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

- Barrilyn Polhamus

YES: 19

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

- Tomas Meschter

YES: 18

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 1

SUNSHINE:

- Sympathy card to Logan and Lance Egan of Maine Fire for the death of their grandmother.
- Congratulatory card to Jim and Marissa Brown for the birth of their daughter.
- Thank you to G. Greenlee for the donation to UCFC through IBM Hearts and Hands Together Program.

ELECTIONS:

- The nomination board was opened and this is what it looked like:

2nd ASSISTANT: D. Hill and A. Silvestri (due to bylaw changes approved earlier, A. Silvestri met the new requirements).

2nd LIEUTENANT: W. Miga

FIRE POLICE CAPTAIN: T. Mason

BOARD: G. Greenlee (T. Mason declined the nomination).

- Two tellers were appointed (thanks M. Wiley and G. Roberts) and the nomination board was closed. Votes were counted (19 voting members) and here are the results:

2nd ASSISTANT: D. Hill: 6 **A. Silvestri: 11** Abstain: 2

2nd LIEUTENANT: **W. Miga** running unopposed: 18 Abstain: 1

FIRE POLICE CAPTAIN: **T. Mason** running unopposed: 19 Abstain: 0

BOARD: **G. Greenlee** running unopposed: 18 Abstain: 1

OLD BUSINESS

(This is carried over from the February business meeting as we did not reach New Business during the interrupted March meeting)

Thank you to Cindi VanKuren for handling food order for the annual meeting.

After having disbanded all committees, new committees were formed as follows. If anyone wishes to volunteer for a committee, please let K. Miga know. Only the bylaw committee is restricted to only three members. The social committee has been disbanded as the Auxiliary has taken over its responsibilities.

- AUDIT: J. Drotar, F. Trzcinski
- PARADE: B. Bealo, S. Bealo
- BYLAW: T. Mason, W. Miga, R. Serowik
- BROOME COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION: B. Bealo
- WEBSITE: M. Belensky, W. Miga
- RETENTION/RECRUITMENT/MEMBERSHIP: D. Hoeflein, A. Holton, J. VanKuren
- SUNSHINE: K. Miga

C. Hoyt says that the flag up at Station 2 is having problems. It needs new rope and hardware. T. Mason and M. Belensky will work on this.

NEW BUSINESS

This is a vote for sponsorship of the Little League team and a sign at the field for \$350, which we have done in past years.

YES: 19

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

If you are interested in being on the committee for purchasing the new brush truck, please e-mail D. Hill, R. Serowik, or C. Hoyt.

This is a vote for obtaining more thermal imagers; we can get more lower-cost thermal imagers. A vote is necessary because this expense is more than \$5000.

YES: 19

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Engine 98 is going to run on Friday (we have a crew already).

W. Miga, who is hungry, would like to know ahead of time if refreshments are going to be served at the monthly meeting or not. This way we will all know whether we should eat dinner prior to attending the meeting. M. Henry said that he will provide the refreshments for the May meeting.

REFRESHMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING: M. Henry

NUMBER ATTENDING: 21

VOTING: 19

TIME ADJORNED: 21:30

NEXT MEETING: May 6, 2013

Respectfully submitted by **Karen S. Miga**