

WESTERN NEW YORK VOLUNTTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 11, 2012
J.W. JONES HALL
354 LEICESTER ST.
CALEDONIA, NY 14423

President Anthony DeMarco Called the Meeting to Order at 2:00 p.m. Acting Sergeant-at-Arms Norm Eberle lead the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Chaplain Alan Way offered the Invocation.

President DeMarco pointed out the exits and welcomed everyone. President Stanley MacWilliams of the Caledonia Fire Department welcomed everyone to Caledonia, the hosts for the 114th Convention of the Western New York Volunteer Firemen's Association.

A Motion to accept the Minutes of the previous session was made by Alan Way, Seconded by Leon Randall and Carried.

Report by Secretary Tim Tyrrell: We have been working on preparing the post cards for mailing to the fully paid life members. We thank all of those who have helped us update the membership records and we have reduced the life membership list from 2100 to around 1550. The Website has been updated with the new solicitor information. If there is anything that you need to put on the website, let the Secretary's office know. We are preparing dues notices for fire service organizations and individual members and updating the files.

We received a call from the Pekin Fire Company inquiring about a way to pay for all members of the fire company to be members of WNYVFA. We think this is something that we should look into as a way to increase our Association membership. If there are others who would like to do this with their fire company's, let me know and we can put this into the fire company dues notices this year. It would save on some mailing costs. The 2012-13 Directories are available at the Secretary's desk.

Motion by William Busch, Seconded by Ross Corser to Accept the Secretary's report. Carried.

President DeMarco, noted that today, November 11, 2012, is Veterans Day. He asked that all Veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States stand and be duly recognized.

Report of Treasurer Tom McLaughlin: Account Balances as of November 11, 2012:

Savings	\$ 531.89
Checking	\$ 3,514.60
Scholarship	\$ 3,176.77
Total	\$ 7,223.26

Motion by Ken Fuller, Seconded by Bruce Atkins to accept Treasurer's report. Carried.

At 2:08 p.m. President DeMarco directed that all members of the various committees meet in individual groups to organize their plans for the coming year. The Regular Meeting to resume at 2:45 p.m. At 2:48 p.m. President DeMarco Called the Regular Meeting back into session as 2nd Vice President Harold Wollaber assumed the Chair.

Queen's Pageant Chairwoman Sarah Bobo introduced the WNYVFA 2012-13 Queen-Alyssa Anderson, daughter of William and Sarah Anderson of Caledonia, NY and Princess-Morgan Hallett, daughter of Mike and Megan Churchill of Caledonia, NY. The girls were crowned on September 15, 2012 by outgoing Queen-Marissa Rymer and Princess Sarah LaTona of Mount Morris, NY.

Communications: Secretary Tyrrell acknowledged a Thank You note from recently retired Home Trustee Norm Eberle, and a note from the Perry Fire Department announcing their Christmas Light Parade on December 1, 2012.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustees: Chairman Ken Fuller reported 8 trustees present and that Leon Randall would be Vice Chairman and Kathy Wright Secretary.

Bowling: Chairman Tom McLaughlin reported that the mailings to fire service organizations would be out soon and that the 2013 Tournament would be held at Bowl-O-Roll Lanes, 1560 Jefferson Rd., Rochester, NY on February 16, 17th, 23rd & 24th.

Budget: Chairman Robert Walker, No report.

Program Book: Chairman Edward Dysard reported: Week 10, ending November 5th, that we are at 22.69% of the Budget goal. Gross sales-\$17,019.95; Support Services of NY-\$13615.96; WNYVFA-\$3,403.99. To date, there have been no complaints about our Solicitor. Any Fire Departments having any fund raising in your area, let me know and the Solicitor will stay out of your area. (716) 946-1094.

By-Laws: Dan Evans reported that the committee has not received any suggestions/recommendations for Constitution and By-Law modifications or corrections.

Convention: Chairman William D'Angelo reported everything going well with Caledonia's Local Convention Committee.

Local Convention: General Chairman Ross Corser announced that Jeni Corser would be Co-Chairman and Heather Snyder would be Secretary. Tent City would be in front of the building and RV's along side of building. The Secretary's office would be in the back of the building on the fair grounds with exhibitors in the front section of the building.

EMS: Chairwoman Crystal Fisher: No report.

Explorer/Junior Firefighter: Forrest Skelton: No report.

Fireman of the Year: Ken Fuller reported that they would be doing a joint mailing with the Fire Police Committee. Nominations for the various awards are due by April 1, 2013. The EMS award will also be presented at the same time at the Convention in July.

Fire Officers: Harold Wollaber reported that their Seminar was scheduled for Thursday, July 25, 2013.

Fire Police: Chairwoman Jeni Corser reported 6 members present and that they would be stuffing envelopes in December.

Fire Prevention: Jonathan McKnight reported 5 members present and that they would be sending letters to schools in October. They will be looking for a new judge. They are waiting for essay's to be returned to be judged and Alan Way will be Vice Chairman.

History: Chairman Frank Wilczak is continuing to collect information on fire companies. Requested that program books for anniversaries, installations and other events be brought to him or sent to him.

Investment and Finance: Chairman Tom McLaughlin reported:

Scholarship account	\$ 3,176.77
Savings account	\$ 531.89
Past President's account	\$ 427.07
FASNY Credit Union CD's (7)	\$ 87,003.10
Checking account	\$ 3,514.60
Total	\$ 94,653.43

Legislative: Chairman Robin Schott reported: There are 18 items on the FASNY legislative agenda for this year. 23 members from Western were at the recent Legislative Conference in Albany. FASNY is supporting Federal legislation HR376, Senate bill 1911 and need the Western area Congressmen to sign-on to support these bills. There is over \$4 million available in the New York State Low Interest loan fund.

Memorial Scholarship: Chairman Tim Wolfanger. No report.

Nominations: Chairman Forrest Skelton. No report.

Nozzle Practice: Chairman Doug Wright reported: Competition was all set and would be held out on the driveway.

Parade: Chairman Jack Hurlburt reported: Everything was coming together.

Past President's: Chairman Gerald Gehrig reported: 5 past president's present and that a \$50.00 donation had been made to the Firemen's Home in Memory of Past President John O'Neil's wife.

President's Participation: No report.

Public Relations: Chairman Stanley MacWilliams will be taking picture's of officers, trustees and committee chairman for the program book at the January 13, 2013 meeting.

Resolutions: Dan Evans: No report.

Topics: No report.

2% Tax: Chairman Carl Veltri: No. report.

Website: Chairman Tim Tyrrell reported: That information on the Solicitor, and Queen and Princess photographs and Convention information updates would be placed on the Website.

Northern Central: Liaison David Sweet reported: Their next meeting would be on January 20, 2013 at Barnard Exempts.

Southwestern: Doug Wood reported: Their next meeting would be on December 2, 2012 at Bolivar.

Steering: Chairman William Nichols reported: That the Hospitality room at the FASNY convention would be the same as this past year. Letters of nomination for any FASNY position must be submitted prior to the FASNY Board of Director's January 2013 meeting.

President Anthony DeMarco resumed the Chair

Motion by Ken Fuller, Seconded by Wayne Butts to accept Committee reports. Carried.

FASNY Firemen's Home: Trustee David Wolf reported: FASNY Past President Bernard S. Boulio was admitted to the Home recently and the census is now 71. There will be a joint meeting of both the FASNY Board of Directors and the Home Trustees in December. They are starting to set-up for the Holidays. Trustees Phil Grella, William Murry, Ted Rosko, Steve Goodman and Past Trustee Steve Klein wish to thank all who called or e-mailed and to all of Western New York for your support.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None.

FASNY: Director David Sweet thanked those who attended the recent Legislative Conference in Albany. Reported that a “Train the Recruiter Class” will be held at Little Valley on November 13th. Materials available for download @FASNY.com. 2013 FASNY Awards and Scholarship applications are on line. Fire Prevention and Life Safety contest entries are due November 30th.

SAFER Grant: Fire Companies must fill out form and submit to FASNY, information on all individuals who have joined the fire company since August 2011. New recruits also have a form to fill out, but have the company check to make sure it is sent in.

HELP-tuition reimbursement up to 100% at Community College’s for volunteer firefighters.

The 2013 FASNY Convention will be held at the Albany-Desmond Hotel, Albany, NY.

Good of the Organization: Treasurer Tom McLaughlin reported that the 2011 Federal and State tax forms had been prepared and filed by the CPA. Trustees are to develop a plan to provide for all company membership with the possibility of providing a discount to have all members of a fire company join the Association. And, find a way to update and correct information in the annual Directory.

Guest List: Read by 2nd Vice President Harold Wollaber.

Acting Sergeant-at-Arms: Norm Eberle reported 52 delegates and members and 1 guest present.

Excused List: Read by Secretary Tim Tyrrell.

Benediction was offered by: Chaplain Alan Way.

Motion by Ken Fuller, Seconded by Norm Eberle to Adjourn at 3:39 p.m. Carried.

Officers, Trustees and Committee Chairs are reminded to submit their reports to the Assistant Secretary prior to the start of a meeting so that information is accurately recorded in the Minutes.

NEXT MEETING
Sunday, January 13, 2013
2:00 p.m.
J.W. Jones Hall
354 Leicester Street
Caledonia, NY (585) 538-4626

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel K. Evans
Assistant Secretary

Timothy Tyrrell
Secretary

