

WESTERN NEW YORK VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

CAMBRIA VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY
4631 CAMBRIA-WILSON ROAD (RTE 425)
LOCKPORT, NY 14094

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2015

Sergeant-at-Arms Donald Trzepacz Called the Association to Order and pointed out the exits. Past President Harold Wollaber Called the Meeting to Order at 2:00 p.m. Chaplain Alan Way offered the Invocation and Sergeant-at-Arms Donald Trzepacz led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Past President Wollaber welcomed everyone and thanked all for the support and assistance given to him and the Cambria Volunteer Fire Company during the past year.

Past President Wollaber then presented the Gavel to President Darrin Harter who assumed office.

Chris Pettit, Assistant Fire Chief at Cambria, presented a gift to Past President Wollaber on behalf of the Cambria Volunteer Fire Company.

A Motion by Kenneth Fuller, Seconded by Michael Delamere to accept the Minutes of the previous session. Carried.

Report of Secretary Timothy Tyrrell: A total of 146 fire companies have paid \$3225 in dues and 236 members have paid \$1623 in dues for a total of \$5129 in dues for the past year. There are 45 new members and 29 fully paid 20-year life members. Currently there are 442 individual dues paying members. 237 members were deleted in 2015 who were more than two years in arrears on their dues. Secretary Tyrrell presented 20-year fully paid life member certificates and cards to: Gerald Dunst; William Potter; Howard Whan and Robert Wilson. Motion by Alan Way, Seconded by Kenneth Fuller to accept the report. Carried.

Report of Treasurer Thomas McLaughlin: Account balances as of August 31, 2015:

Savings	\$ 4,957.34
Memorial Scholarship	1,554.74
Checking	60.95
TOTAL	\$ 6,573.03

Disbursements	\$ 7,736.33
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Motion by Kenneth Fuller, Seconded by Wayne Butts to accept the report. Carried.

Communications: Secretary Tyrrell: Received letter of endorsement from Cattaraugus County endorsing Dorothy Button for Cattaraugus County trustee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

First Vice President Bruce Mack assumed the Chair

Trustees Report: Chairman Ken Fuller reported 9 trustees present. They have audited the books and found everything in order. Need to audit the Queen's books. Okayed President and First Vice President to go to Albany in November for the FASNY Legislative Conference.

Bowling Committee: Chairman Thomas McLaughlin reported that envelopes for next years tournament would be stuffed at the November meeting and mailed in January.

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Budget Committee: Chairman Robert Walker submitted the proposed budget for the coming year.

Program Book: Chairman Edward Dysard submitted the final report. As of August 31, 2015, we are at 100.0% of the Budget goal. Gross Sales-\$85,000.00; Support Services of New York-\$68,000.00; WNYVFA-\$17,000.00. Let the Chairman know if you are conducting a fund raiser in your area. He will have the Solicitor stay out of your area.

Constitution & Bylaws: Chairman William Kerschner, No report.

Convention Committee: Chairman Michael Kislack. No report.

Local Committee: Chairman Howard Morgan. No report.

EMS Committee: Chairwoman Ronda Skelton, No report.

Explorer/Junior Firefighter Committee: Chairman Beth Warner. No report.

Fireman of the Year Committee: Member Ken Fuller reported that they were disappointed in the number of nominees received this year. Need to encourage Fire Companies to submit nominees for the various categories.

Fire Officers Committee: Chairman Tony DeMarco reported that events were scheduled for Friday and Saturday. Suggested that Saturday event be dropped as there were many other activities going on.

Fire Police Committee: Chairman Donald Trzepacz reported that Douglas Wright of the Community Fire Dept., Pavilion, NY was the Fire Police Officer of the Year Honoree. The Fire Police Seminar was held Saturday with Lt. James Hildreth and his dog from the Niagara County Sheriff's Department doing the presentation. There were no participants for the Fire Police/Training/Competition. He is suggesting that next year the Seminar and Training/Competition be held on Friday from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Fire Prevention Committee: Chairman Jonathan McKnight. No report.

History Committee: Chairman Frank Wilczak. No report.

Investment & Finance Committee: Chairman Thomas McLaughlin reported:

Savings	\$ 4,957.34
Scholarship	1,554.74
Past Presidents	430.00
Bowling-Men & Women	300.00
Certificates of Deposit (6)	74,945.75
Checking	60.95
TOTAL	\$82,248.78

The Association received a donation from Past President Harold Wollaber, the gift he received from Monroe County Volunteer Firemen's Association for the Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Legislative Committee: Chairman Robin Schott held the Legislative Conference from 12:00 noon until 1:00 p.m. on pending Legislative Agenda items, that include:

- Upholstered Furniture Fire Safety Standards: S.5585 & A.-not introduced.
- Require Long Life Batteries in Smoke detectors: S.2696A & A.3057.A
- Expanded Cancer Impairment: S.3891 & A.5518
- Seat Belts: S.4187 & A.7315
- The Fair Play Ambulance Recovery For Fire Departments: S.1914 & A.3721
- Endangering the Welfare of Fire and Emergency Personnel: S.1188A & A.5539A
- Extend the Volunteer Firefighters' Lung Benefit: S.4149 & A.6242. Signed into LAW
- Extend Volunteer Firefighters's Heart Benefit: S.4148 & A.6950. Signed into LAW
- Reoccurring NYS Budget Monitoring.

- Consolidated Amendments: S.2400 & A.4992

- 2015 IRC Building Codes:
- VFBL/VAWBL Reform
- Extend VFBL Benefits
- Implement the New York Propane Education and Safety Act
- Increase to Tax Credit
- Prohibit Sky Lanterns
- Add Cancer Prevention Training to the existing OFPC State Firefighter Training
- Not For Profit Revitalization Act of 2013

-Jurisdiction Response Law. The Local Governing Body (City, Town, Village) MUST APPROVE a resolution to OPT-IN to this Law so that a volunteer firefighter or ambulance worker is covered if they provide emergency service outside of their regulation jurisdiction. Otherwise, they will not be covered under the VFBL or VAWBL.

Memorial Scholarship Committee: Member Daniel Evans thanked Past President Harold Wollaber for donating the check he received from Monroe County Volunteer Firemen's Association to the WNYVFA Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Second Vice President James Miller Assumed the Chair

Nominations Committee: Chairman Forrest Skelton reported that there was one (1) nominee, Penni Dysard, for the new position of Financial Secretary. There were no nominees for the new position of Recording Secretary.

Nozzle Practice Committee: Chairman Douglas Wright submitted his report from the Convention. (See report in July Convention Minutes). The committee will review their rules to be sure that participating fire companies are members in good standing with WNYVFA before being allowed to participate.

Parade Committee: Chairman James Dermody. The Convention Parade Prizes: Sanborn Fire Co. Band-\$525; Bergholz Fire Co.-\$500; St. Johnsburg-\$175; St. Johnsburg Auxiliary-\$100; Shawnee Junior Firemen-\$75; Wilson Fire Co.-\$75; Shawnee Fire Co.-\$50; Frontier Fire Co.-\$50; South Wilson-\$35; Miller Hose Fire Co.-\$35;

Past President's Committee: Chairman Wendi Walker reported on the Past President's dinner held during the Convention. Harold Wollaber now assumes Chairmanship of this committee.

President's Participation Award: Chairman Greg Robertson. The Award will be presented at the November 15th meeting in Dansville.

Public Relations Committee: Chairman Stanley MacWilliams reported that he is always looking for information and photographs for "The Volunteer Firefighter" magazine.

Queen's Pageant Committee: Committee member Wendi Walker reported that the Queen for the coming year has been selected and will assume duties at the November 15th meeting.

Resolutions Committee: Chairman Michael Delamere. No report.

Topics Committee: Chairman Donald Gavenda: No report.

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

Website Committee: Chairman Timothy Tyrrell reported everything is up to date. He will have the 2015-16 meeting scheduled placed on the website.

Northern Central Liaison: David Sweet reported their schedule for the coming year. September 20th-St. Paul Exempts-Thomas Rd., Irondequoit; October 10th-Banquet-Palmyra VFW-Rt. 31; January 17th-Fairville Fire Dept.; Saturday, April 9th-Ontario County Training Center-Canandaigua; June 3 & 4-Convention-Brockport Exempts-243 West Ave.

Southwestern Liaison: Doug Wood reported their reorganizations meeting will be September 20th at the Firemen's Memorial Exhibit Center, West Seneca, NY.

Steering Committee: Chairman Marc Kasprzak. No report.

Delegates to Southwestern Association of Volunteer Firemen: Dan Evans and Tim Tyrrell attended the 107th annual convention, August 6th at Derby, NY. Gave a report on the 116th WNYVFA Convention and expressed appreciation to their officers and committee chairs for the kind courtesies they had extended to us. Their President for 2015-16 is William Pratt, Cattaraugus County.

President Darrin Harter Resumed the Chair

Motion by Ken Fuller to accept Committee reports. Seconded by Forrest Skelton. Carried.

FASNY Firemen's Home Trustee: Wayne Butts reported the Home census at 81. The new administrator has assumed his duties.

FASNY Director Edward Tase thanked everyone for their support in his reelection to a second 5-year term. Thanked retiring Director David Sweet for his many years of service to FASNY. The FASNY membership now stands at 45,968. The Fall training schedule is out. Showed a video on "Fighting Cancer in Firefighters." It is very important to: Wash Turnout Gear; Use SCBA; and get an Annual Physical.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: Motion by Marc Kasprzak, Seconded by William Busch to adopt the 2015-16 Budget. Carried. Motion by Trustee Ken Fuller, Seconded by Wayne Butts to approve President Harter and Vice President Mack to attend the Legislative Conference in Albany in November. Carried.

Special Election of Officers: Nominated for Financial Secretary was Penni Dysard. Motion by Donald Trzepacz, Seconded by Alan Way to have Holdover Secretary Tim Tyrrell cast one ballot for Penni Dysard as Financial Secretary. Carried. Nominated for Recording Secretary Pro-Tem was Wendi Walker until a permanent Recording Secretary is selected. Motion by Wayne Butts, Seconded by Douglas Wright for Holdover Secretary Tim Tyrrell to cast one ballot for Wendi Walker as Recording Secretary Pro-Tem. Carried.

Good of the Organization: It was reported that Past President John O'Neil was ill and hospitalized in Rochester. A card was available at the Sergeant-at-Arms table for all to sign.

Guest List was read by Second Vice President James Miller.

Sergeant-at-Arms Trzepacz reported attendance at 54 for both the Legislative and Regular meetings. Excused List was read by: Secretary Tim Tyrrell. Motion by Ken Fuller, Seconded by Harold Wollaber to accept. Carried.

Benediction was offered by Chaplain Alan Way.

Motion by Ken Fuller to Adjourn at 3:27 p.m. In Memory of Past Trustee and Past Sergeant-at-Arms, Leon Randall and Bowling Committee member William Sturgis. Seconded by William Busch. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel K. Evans
Past Assistant Secretary

Timothy A. Tyrrell
Past Secretary

NEXT MEETING
 Sunday, November 15, 2015 – 2:00 p.m.
 Moose Club, 6 Main Street, Dansville, NY 14437

2015-16 MEETING/EVENT SCHEDULE

Chili Cook Off-Fund Raiser J.W, Jones Hall	November 14, 2015 366 Leicester Rd.	1:00 – 8:00 p.m. Caledonia, NY 14423
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Meetings:

Moose Club 6 Main St. Dansville, NY 14437	November 15, 2015 (585) 335-7948	2:00 p.m.
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Harrison-Lee Legion Post 3850 Federal Rd. Livonia, NY 14487 (585) 346-9663	January 10, 2016 April 10, 2016 June 14, 2016	2:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. * 2:00 p.m.
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Convention Hemlock Fairgrounds 7370 Water St. Hemlock, NY 14466 (585) 367-3370	July 28 – 30, 2016	9:00 a.m.
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Testimonial – TBA	September 10, 2016	6:00 p.m
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Meeting – TBA	September 11, 2016	2:00 p.m. *
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*Legislative Conference/Update will commence at 12:00 noon

Meeting

Frontier Fire Hall 2176 Liberty Dr. Niagara Falls, NY 14304	November 13, 2016	2:00 p.m.
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