

WESTERN NEW YORK VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

LEGISLATIVE CLEARING HOUSE MINUTES

LIESEAR'S RESTAURANT

BIG TREE ROAD

LAKEVILLE, NEW YORK

SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

Past President Darrin Harter called the meeting to order for the Legislative Clearing House at 1210hr and turned the meeting over to Robin Schott.

Robin reported that all the bills that did not pass the last legislative session will have to be resubmitted due to the Election.

Robin went over the bills that had been submitted to the Legislature:

Those that passed both Houses and waiting to be sent to the Governor for approval or veto by December 31, 2016 are:

Increase Permanent Disability Benefits in VFBL/VAWBL

Volunteer firefighters from other states can assist fire departments in New York

Pertains to Brookhaven Fire District Extension

Prospect Terrace non-resident membership

Cut and remove fire danger on Staten Island

Powers and Duties of Fire Commissioners

Lease of state land for fire tower in Tioga County

Eliminates tax exemptions thru IDA

Pertains to the sale of surplus fire equipment

Authorizes emergency vehicles and tow trucks to travel on shoulders or slopes of controlled access highway

Establishes age sixteen as the minimum age for assisting in the conduct of any game of bingo.

Bills that passed one house:

Expanded Cancer

Prohibits flame retardant chemicals in furniture

Tax break for retired fire service instructors

Prompt payment of VFBL Death Benefit

Bills that are still in committee:

Illegal Modifications to Buildings

Fair Play cost recovery for Ambulance

Upholstered Furniture

Chaptered laws that pertain to the fire service:

Chapter 4 Amendments to the Smoke Detector Law

Chapter 25 Deals with operations of the Oneonta Fire District

Chapter 97 Amends the Move Over :Law

Chapter 171 Relates to the Flower Hill Hose Company property tax exemption

Robin then went over the bills to be brought up at the FASNY Legislative Conference in November for determination of support by WNYVFA:

Expanded Cancer Coverage.

Motion was made by Mike Wutz, seconded by Wendi Walker that WNYVFA be a sponsor of the Bill. Motion Carried.

Endangering the welfare of a First Responder by making illegal modifications.

Motion was made William Kershner, seconded by David Wolf that WNYVFA be a sponsor of the Bill. Motion Carried

The "Fair Play" cost recovery for fire department ambulance service.

Motion was made by Promo Biscaro, seconded by Ken Fuller that WNYVFA be a sponsor of the Bill. Motion Carried

Prohibits the use of chemical flame retardants on residential upholstered furniture

Motion was made by Mike Wutz, seconded by Penni Dyasrd that WNYVFA be a sponsor of the Bill. Motion Carried

Permit employment of retired firefighters as fire service instructors.

Motion was made by Mike Wutz, seconded by Wayne Butts that WNYVFA be a sponsor of the Bill. Motion Carried.

Prompt payment of VFBL Death Benefit.

Motion was made by Ken Fuller, seconded by Robert Carncross that WNYVFA be a sponsor of the Bill. Motion Carried.

Robin also stated that FASNY is looking into having LOSAP money be Federal Tax Exempt.

He also stated that more Volunteer Fire Companies need to apply for SAFER Grants instead of the grant going to the Cities.

A question was raised concerning awarding 5 points on a Civil Service Exam for Volunteer Fire Service. Robin stated that he will investigate this.

Session was adjourned at 1303hr.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES.

President Bruce Mack called the Executive Committee meeting to order at 1307hr.

The President explained the proposed budget to the Executive Committee.

The budget items were discussed.

The problems incurred with the Hemlock Convention were discussed at length.

Motion was made by David Wolf, seconded by Ken Fuller that the Executive Committee approve that any current outstanding bills from the Hemlock Convention be paid by the Association and that the Hemlock Convention Books be Audited.

Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Wayne Butts, Seconded by Ken Fuller to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 1352hr.

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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Sergeant-at-Arms Donald Trzepacz pointed out the exits.

Past President Darrin Harter called the meeting to order at 1406hr and turned the meeting over to President Bruce Mack.

Sergeant-at Arms Donald Trzepacz led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Assistant Chaplain Robert Carncross offered the Invocation.

President Bruce Mack welcomed everyone. President Mack also stated that since there is a lack of a quorum, no business can be conducted.

A motion by Ken Fuller, seconded by Doug Wood to accept the minutes of the previous session. Motion Carried.

Report of the Recording Secretary – no report.

Report of the Financial Secretary – Penni Dysard

Reported that the total dues collected to date are:

From 143 Fire Departments	\$3,405.00
From 289 members	\$1,500.00
For a Total dues collected of	\$4,905.00

Motion by William Kershner, seconded by James Dermody to accept the Financial Secretary's report. Motion Carried.

Report of the Treasurer – Tom McLaughlin.

Savings:	\$ 1,773.19
Checking:	\$11,182.38
Scholarship:	\$ 1,935.02
Total:	\$14,890.59

Motion was made by Michael Wutz, seconded by Doug Wright to accept the Treasurers report. Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

First Vice President James Miller assumed the Chair.

Trustees Report - Ken Fuller reported

There are five Trustees present for the meeting

With the Cattaraugus County Association dissolving there is no trustee from Cattaraugus County.

There are at this time no Trustee from either Cattaraugus or Steuben Counties.

This situation was discussed Will try to address this situation. May have to look into a By-Law change.

Bowling Committee – Tom McLaughlin

Tournament will be held either in Niagara Falls or in Lockport, this will be finalized by the Workshop on November.

Budget & Program Book.

Budget: The proposed budget for the next fiscal year was presented to the membership present and explained. Since there is no quorum no action can be taken on the budget.

Program Book: Ed Dysard reported as of August 10, 2016 we reached 100% of our 2016 goal and received \$15,000.00. As of September 11, 2016 we have reached 3.91% of our 2017 goal and have received \$587.16.

Bylaws Committee: No Report.

Convention Committee, combined with the Local Convention Committee: Report given by Jennifer Harter.

There was a low attendance this year at the Convention. Only seven tents in Tent City. Those that attended had a good time.

Ems Committee: No Report

Explorer/ Junior Firefighter Committee: No report

Fireman of the Year Committee: No Report

Fire Officers Committee: No Report

Fire Police Committee: Donald Trzepacz reported that the Fire Police Seminar on Friday July 29th and thirty in attendance. The Fire Police Training did take place after

the Seminar with two members from the Pt. Pleasant Fire Dept. in a modified competition. With the help of two Deputies, Sammy Lewis took first place and Alan Lamphier took Second.

The Fire Police Officer of the Year was presented Saturday morning to Gordon (Jim) Mosher of the Brighton Fire Company, of Monroe County.

Fire Prevention Committee: Working on the contest.

History Committee: No Report

Investment & Finance Committee: Tom McLaughlin reported:

Scholarship	\$ 1,935.02
Savings	\$ 1,773.19
Men's Bowling	\$ 150.00
Women's Bowling	\$ 150.00
Past Presidents	\$ 460.00
America Bonds	\$20,000.00
Scholarship savings	\$14,550.30
CD – 102	\$20,305.33
CD – 106	\$ 2,615.87
CD – 107	\$ 5,681.96
CD – 109	\$ 9,582.27
FASNY Checking	\$11,182.38
Total Association Assets	\$88,386.32

Legislative Committee: Robin Schott

Reported that the legislative update was before the meeting.

Memorial Scholarship Committee: No Report.

Second Vice President Chris Pettit assumed the Chair

Nominations Committee: Forrest Skelton reported that he now has the letters of endorsement that were not available at the Convention.

Nozzle Practice – Doug Wright reported that there was a minimum of 200 spectators present to watch the tournament. There were six Fire Departments represented with seven Teams participating.

Winners were:

Hydrant Hook-up

1. Jamison Road
2. Dansville 3
3. Wrights Corners
4. Mt. Morris

Water Ball

1. Jamison Road
2. Mt. Morris
3. Cowlesville
4. Dansville Past Chiefs

Winner of the Hotchkiss Trophy was Jamison Road:

Parade Committee James Dermody reported that there were 5 marching units and 20 apparatus. Prizes awarded were: Best Fire Dept. Color Guard – Dansville, Best Antique – East Avon, Best EMS – Livonia, Best Pumper – Frontier, Best Utility – Perry Center, Best Rescue – Livingston County Haz Mat., Best Ladder - East Avon, Best Firemen’s Marching Unit (8-15) – St. Johnsberg, Furthest Distance – Frontier and the Daniel J. Miller Memorial Trophy – Dansville Color Guard.

Past Presidents Committee: Reported Nine Past Presidents present.

President Participation: reported that Cambria received the award for 2016.

Public Relations: Stan MacWilliams reported that information on the Convention has been sent to the State Magazine. Also keep sending in information.

Queen’s Pageant: No Report

Resolutions: No Report

Topics: No Report

2% Tax: No Report

Website:

Northern Central Liaison: Dave Sweet reported their next meeting is Sept. 25 at Wolcott – Legislative workshop at 1230hr, meeting at 1400hr. Their Banquet will be October 15 at Palmyra.

Southwestern Liaison: Doug Wood reported installation banquet at Little Valley on October 15th. Next years Convention will be in Westfield.

Steering: Mark Kasprzak Report given. A meeting will be scheduled in October.

Delegates to Southwestern: Report was read.

President Bruce Mack resumed the Chair.

Motion was made by Ken Fuller, seconded by Forrest Skelton to accept the committee reports. Motion Carried.

FASNY Firemen's Home: Trustee Dave Wolf gave a report.

The Capitol improvements have been approved – New Pavilion, and a new Entrance Canopy at the Home. Dave Schmidt is the President and Wayne Butts is Vice President of the Board of Trustees.

FASNY Director: No Report.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Need to look into the By-Law concerning the number needed for a quorum to conduct business. It looks like it needs to be lowered.

This was discussed. Will be investigated by the By-Laws Committee.

Good of the Organization:

The Executive Board Meeting proceedings were explained to the members present.

October 15 Penfield Fire Department will hold a 125 year celebration.

The Gueat list was read by second Vice President Chris Pettit.

Sergeant-at-Arms Donald Trzepacz reported the Attendance:

This meeting Thirty Members, the Legislative Clearing House Twentyfour.

The Excused List consisting of seven members was read by Recording Secretary Bruce Geschwender.

Motion was made by Doug Wright, seconded by William Kershner to accept the Excused List. Motion Carried

The Benediction was offered by Assistant Chaplain Robert Carncross.

Motion was made by Doug Wood, seconded by Mike Wutz to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 1501hr.

Respectfully submitted Bruce Geschwender, Recording Secretary.

Next Meeting will be November 13th 2016 at the Frontier Fire Hall 2176 Liberty Drive, Niagara Falls, NY 14304