

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

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2014

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

President Harold Wollaber Called the Meeting to Order at 2:00 p.m.

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

Chaplain Alan Way offered the Invocation.

President Wollaber welcomed everyone to this first meeting of the 2014-15 year. He then introduced Howard Morgan, vice president of the Cambria Volunteer Fire Company and General Chairman for the 2015 Convention. Chairman Morgan offered welcoming remarks.

Motion by William Kershner, seconded by William Busch to accept the Minutes of the previous session. Carried.

Report of Secretary Timothy Tyrrell: About 225 members have been deleted from the membership list for failure to pay dues. We now have 470 dues paying members. Assistant Secretary Dan Evans has been working on address corrections/status of 135 Life Members for whom mail has been returned as undeliverable. They are removed from the mailing list. We have removed 35 fire companies from the mailing list for being many years in arrears on their dues. Our Organization mailing list contains 262 organizations. Our "Godaddy" account expired and was not renewed. It cost \$79.00 per month. Send your e-mails to me at jjrd@aol.com. General@wnyvfa.org is not in service. There is a list at the registration table to update my e-mail list. Directories are printed. Let me know if there are any corrections. We are working on next years dues notices for both organizations and individual members. We hope to get better results than last year. We have about 125 delegates from last year for whom we will be sending dues notices. Only three delegates from last year have become regular members.

Motion by Ken Fuller, seconded by Norm Eberle to accept. Carried.

Report of Treasurer Thomas McLaughlin: Account balances as of November 9, 2014:

Savings	\$ 3,297.70
Checking	11,993.41
Scholarship	997.63
TOTAL	\$16,238.74

Disbursements	\$ 6,155.65
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Motion by Alan Way, seconded by Robert Bitterman to accept. Carried.

Communications: Secretary Tyrrell listed the following:

1. Annual dues notice from FASNY

President Wollaber called upon Nominations Committee Chairman Forrest Skelton to Swear into office: Allegany County Trustee Wayne Butts and Orleans County Trustee John Totter.

The 2015 WNYVFA Convention Queen-Haillie Rotoli; Princess-Amanda Robertson and Junior Princess-Allison McIntyre were introduced and each spoke briefly about their connection to Cambria Fire Company.

President Wollaber then called a recess at 2:14 p.m. for the individual organization committees to have their reorganization meetings.

President Wollaber reconvened the regular meeting at 3:02 p.m.

First Vice President Darrin Harter assumed the Chair

Trustees Report: Chairman Ken Fuller reported 8 Trustees present. They were continuing to advise on the proposed Bylaw change regarding the abolishing of the Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer positions and establishing the Office of Financial Secretary. They had audited the Queen's Pageant Committee books and found everything in order. All financial books for the year have been audited. Bowling Committee: Chairman Thomas McLaughlin reported that they were preparing letters for mail out. The bowling tournament would be held February 21, 22, 28, and March 1, 2015 at Allie Brandt Lanes, Lockport, NY.

Budget Committee: Chairman Robert Walker. No report.

Program Book: Chairman Edward Dysard gave the 10 week report showing that 21.7% of the Budget goal has been reached. Gross sales-\$18,081.00; Support Services of New York, Inc.-\$14,464.80; WNYVFA-\$3,616.20. If your Fire Company has a fund raising event, let me know, and we will have the Solicitor stay out of your area. © 716-946-1094

Constitution and Bylaws Committee: Chairman William Kershner requested that a copy of the proposed change regarding the Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer and new position of Financial Secretary be e-mailed and placed on the website. He, also, read a proposed Bylaw amendment regarding organizations that are in arrears on their dues to the Association.

A proposed Amendment by President Wollaber: Article IV, Section 6: "The President, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary and Board of Trustees shall be empowered to appoint the chairman, co-chairman and members of all standing committees of the WNYVFA as indicated in Article V of the Constitution."

Convention Committee: Chairman Michael Kislack reported that everything was in order with the Local committee.

Local Committee: Chairman Howard Morgan introduced the members of the Cambria Volunteer Fire Company Convention Committee. Documents regarding the Convention will be on the: CAMBRIA FIRE COMPANY website.

EMS Committee: Chairwoman Ronda Skelton reported that the Traveling Trophy was being updated and they were working on increasing the number of teams participating in the annual competition at the convention. Location for the competition has not been determined.

Explorer/Junior Firefighter Committee: Getting updated information together for a later mail out.

Fireman of the Year Committee: Chairwoman Barbara Barber. Co-chairman David Evans reported that the committee was updating information for the cover letter in preparation for mailing.

Fire Officers Committee: Chairman Tony DeMarco reported that on July 24th, the Niagara County Sheriff's Department Mobile Command Center would be on display for a demonstration and a Certified Mercy Flight Training Class would be presented.

Fire Police Committee: Chairman Donald Trzepakcz reported that they were modifying their information in preparation for a mail out after January 1st. We need to get more Fire Police involved.

Fire Prevention Committee: Chairman Jonathan McKnight reported that they were waiting for schools to send back student essay's for evaluation and scoring.

History Committee: Chairman Frank Wilczak had a copy of the 1957 Convention Receipt given out to Convention registrants—57 years ago! He was continuing to look for fire company Installation Program Books and Anniversary Books to add to the History file.

Investment & Finance Committee: Chairman McLaughlin read off the list of names of last years Essay winners who have not cashed their prize check. He then listed the Financial condition of the Association as of November 9, 2014:

Savings	\$ 3,247.70
Scholarship	997.63
Past Presidents	479.40
Checking	11,993.41
Certificates of Deposit (6)	78,512.51
TOTAL	\$95,234.65

Legislative Committee: David Sweet reported that the FASNY Legislative Committee had met in Albany the previous week to set this years Legislative Agenda. He will have updated information at the January 2015 meeting. He reported on the following bills:

Sex Offender bill was signed into Law. It does not apply to existing members of a Fire Company. A Fire company should consult with their company attorney on this. And, refer issues to the governing Body (Board of Fire Commissioners, Village or City Council).

LOSAP Award bill was signed into Law. There will be no New York State Income Tax.

Job Protection bill was signed into Law. This will prevent a volunteer from losing their job if they are Called out for a State or National State of Emergency. The individual must submit a written notice to Their employer, that they are a volunteer, in advance.

Still waiting for Governor to call up the bill regarding Out of Jurisdiction Response.

Memorial Scholarship Committee: Chairman Tim Wolfanger reported 5 committee members present. Applications would be available in January. Applications for scholarship assistance for children of WNYVFA members in good standing. Deadline for submission of applications and supporting documents are due April 1, 2015.

Second Vice President Bruce Mack assumed the Chair

Nominations Committee: Chairman Forrest Skelton reported the need to come up with people interested in serving in the various association offices.

Nozzle Practice Committee: Chairman Douglas Wright reported that the competition would be held at 12:00 noon on Saturday, July 25, 2015 behind the Cambria Fire Hall.

Parade Committee: Marc Kasprzak reported that they were continuing to work on various arrangements.

Past President's Committee: Chairman Wendi Walker reported 7 Past President's were present today.

President's Participation Award: Chairman Greg Robertson. No report.

Public Relations Committee: Chairman Stanley MacWilliams reported that he was continuing to gather information and taking pictures. Information is due by December 5th for the next edition of "The Volunteer Firefighter."

Queen's Pageant Committee: Chairwoman Barbara Eddy introduced the Queen, Princess and Junior Princess and that they would be selling raffle tickets at the meeting.

Resolutions Committee: Chairman Michael Delamere. No report.

Topics Committee: William McGuire. No report.

2% Tax Committee: Chairman Carl Veltri. Nothing new to report.

Website Committee: Chairman Tim Tyrrell reported that he was working with website master, Jewel Mack, to post information on the website.

Northern Central Liaison: David Sweet reported that they had their annual banquet recently. Their meeting schedule for 2015 is:

January 18th at Barnard Exempts – 2:00 p.m

April 19th at Solvay – 12:00 noon Legislative Conference & 2:00 p.m. meeting

June 12th & 13th Convention at Ramada Inn, Liverpool, NY

Southwestern Liaison: Wayne Butts reported that their next meeting will be:

November 16th at West Valley Memorial Hall – 2:00 p.m.

NOTE: Effective with the January 25th meeting, the meeting time is moved up to 1:00 p.m.

Steering Committee: Chairman Marc Kasprzak reported that Western was endorsing the following individuals for FASNY Office: Director-Edward Tase for a second 5 year term. Director-Diana Pfersick for a 5 year term; Trustee-Wayne Butts for a second 5 year term. The committee also requested that

anyone having a strong interest in serving on a FASNY committee to get their updated resumes to Marc as soon as possible. The committee wants information on hand as positions may open at anytime.

President Harold Wollaber resumed the Chair

Motion by William Kershner to accept Committee reports. Seconded by Tony DeMarco. Carried.

FASNY Firemen's Home: Trustee Wayne Butts reported that Home Trustee David Wolf was a home recovering from back surgery. That the Firemen's Home census is now 72 and that the new Home Administrator has assumed his duties.

FASNY Director Edward Tase thanked everyone for supporting him on his first 5 year term as a FASNY Director and is looking forward to serving another 5 year term. The EMS Seminar will be March 7th & 8th at Montour Falls. EMS Provider of the Year applications are available. The FASNY Legislative Program is moving forward. FASNY Convention for 2015 will be Thursday through Saturday at Albany, NY.

Training Day will be on Friday; Awards will be on Saturday; Past President's Dinner will be on Wednesday. He also reported that starting in 2016, the FASNY Convention will always end on the 2nd Saturday of August. FASNY Firefighter games will be February 6, 7, 8, 2015 at Cortland, NY.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: Motion by Tony DeMarco, Seconded by Norm Eberle to endorse Edward Tase for FASNY Director; Diana Pfersick for FASNY Director; and Wayne Butts, FASNY Home Trustee. Carried.

MILITARY VETERAN HONORED

President Harold Wollaber, noting that Veterans Day would be November 11th, requested that all those who had served in the Armed Forces of the United States to stand and be recognized with a round of applause.

Good of the Organization: A number of corrections and adjustments were made to the 2014-15 Directory: Harold Wollaber's phone number is: 716-523-8198; Bruce Mack's email is: chiefmack@gmail.com; Terry Snyder's phone number is: 716-498-0410; William Kershner's email is: wkerschner50@gmail.com; Barbara Barber is Chairman of the Fireman of the Year Committee, phone number is: 585-519-3810; John Totter's phone number is: 585-704-9275; David Evans is added to the Fire Police Committee; James Dermody is Chairman of the Parade Committee and Marc Kasprzak is Co-Chairman; Marc Kasprzak is Chairman of the Steering Committee.

Chaplain Alan Way is starting the Necrology List. When a firefighter passes on, send the information to Chaplain Way at: acway@rochester.rr.com

Trustee Ken Fuller requested that the Cambria Convention Committee get out a time line for the 2015 Convention events.

Guest List read by Second Vice President Bruce Mack.

Sergeant-at-Arms Donald Trzepakz reported that 78 delegates, members and guests had signed in.

Excused list was read by Secretary Tim Tyrrell. Motion by William Kershner, Seconded by Jerry Gehrig to accept. Carried.

Benediction was offered by Assistant Chaplain Robert Carncross.

Motion by Ken Fuller to Adjourn at 4:03 p.m. Seconded by Alan Way. Carried.

IN MEMORY

Walter Lang, Past Treasurer of WNYVFA (9 years) and Past Trustee to FASNY Firemen's Home passed away on September 12, 2014 at age 90.

NEXT MEETING

Sunday, January 11, 2015

2:00 p.m.

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