

Bennington Fire Department Association: General Business Meeting
March 2009

Meeting was called to order at 19:10

Roll Call was taken.

The following members were not present: Matt Hall, D.J. Warner, and Katie Warner.

The following Members were excused: Stan Lussier, Mike Roina, Joe O'Brien, Marc Mosher, and Dave Foster.

Lori O'Brien noted that the roll called was the Fire Department Membership list and that there are members of the Association that are not members of the Department. Rich Cahoon stated he would create a separate roll call list for the Association

Motion was made by Kristie French to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Second by Kathleen O'Brien-Motion passed.

Motion was made by Amy Wing to accept the minutes as corrected. Second By Lynn Heinzman-motion passed.

Old Business

Christie received new hand tools from N.E.E.E. but needs to order mounting brackets. There is money left over in the original allocation that may be enough to cover this expense.

Thanks were given to Kristin and Amy for purchasing games for family nights.

Kristen Jackson discussed pricing for dress uniform items. Motion was made by Amy to inventory what uniform items are already in member's possession so as not to purchase duplicates. Second by Alan Wilson-Motion Passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Bennington Fire Auxiliary to be members of the Association for ease of funding and other efficiency considerations. General discussion ensued, request from the Auxiliary candidates

what the expectations of the Association/Department will be. Two applications for association membership as Auxiliaries were put forward:

Sadie Cahoon. Motion to accept as member by Kristie French, Second by Alan Wilson, Motion Passed.

Annemarie Wilson. Motion to accept as member by Lynn Heinzman, Second by Alan Wilson, Motion Passed.

Rich Cahoon will supply these new members with a copy of the Association By-laws.

Remainder of the discussion tabled until after the Auxiliary candidates have their meeting scheduled for 3/12/2009.

Kristie French inquired about general interest of the membership in participation in an "Earth Day" clean-up project, date TBA. A positive response was given overall, with action to be determined at a later date.

Rich Cahoon inquired about sponsorship of fishing derby, it was determined that the derby is funded by the town and our sponsorship was not needed. Date of fishing derby TBA.

Mike Hoiriis to get pricing on screen printed utility shirts from local supplier for use at events like earth day. Current issued t-shirts are a combination of screen printed and embroidered, and are thus more expensive. A less expensive option might preserve our "nicer" uniform T-shirts for other department functions.

Chester Heinzman mentioned that the Association should consider setting aside money from fundraisers for both a scholarship fund and a memorial fund. He will present more information at the next meeting.

Bennington Sportsman's club game dinner is scheduled for May 16, 2009.

Fire and Iron Motorcycle club station 911 will be holding a Benefit Poker run on May 30, 2009, with the Starting point at the Firehouse.

Lynn Heinzman mentioned that the annual Bureau of Emergency Management drill is most likely going to be held on the first weekend in May. No further information is currently available.

Motion to adjourn by Rich Cahoon, Second by Kristie French-Motion passed.
Meeting Adjourned at 19:35.