Collinsville Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

2011 Corporation Meeting Minutes

10/12/11

Meeting called to order:  7:10pm by President, Willi Matava

Minutes for the September 2011 Corporation meeting were accepted by Tom Gotaski and seconded by Wayne Goeben. Corporation members present unanimously accepted the minutes.

Thank you cards received from Marilyn Drs and Denny Lassen were read to the members.

Thank you’s were sent in appreciation for the honor of their names on the Memorial Bench during the picnic.

**Board of Directors**

Tom Gotaski reported that electronic devices and recordings are not allowed during meetings.

There is a recording secretary in place to take care of this responsibility. If there is a need for a meeting to be recorded, it will be discussed in advance. Taking phone calls during meetings is disrespectful to

those who have the floor. Members will be suspended from meetings if this activity continues.

**Fields**

Still need to finalize plans at the fields for the Green Monster and the office. Office can remain where it is as 50% of structures were not damaged. Need to be secured 5-6ft off ground or 8 foot berm built around them. Office can be moved to the upper field by putting it on pipes and moving it next to the Green Monster. It can be left there for the winter and decided in spring what next step should be.

Gates have been repaired/restored.

**Field Committee**

Work party is scheduled for Sunday, October 16th at 1:00pm to remove junk in Green Monster and move office. Picnic tables will be looked at during the work party. Suggestion made to purchase more manageable tables that will also be secured as a safeguard in case of flooding. Float for fountain will be

replaced in the spring. Tara will be asked to send out an email explaining that failure to attend means forfeiting recommendations/decisions regarding the fields.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Corporation is spending more money than what it is taking in.

Treasurer’s Report was accepted unanimously by members in attendance. Copies of report were

distributed at the Corporation meeting.

**Cheers and Tears**

Helen Deblock took a fall resulting in a broken hip that required surgery. Lift assist from EMS was called on for help. Helen is recuperating.

**Gas Card Drawing:**

**Ambulance**:

Exempt from drawing for September due to EMS attending town meeting. Drawings for September and October will take place at the November Corporation meeting.

**Fire:**

September: Tom Gotaski

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**2011 Holiday Party**

There is money budgeted for a party but it is up to the membership to decide what to be done with it.

Suggestion made to charge more money for tickets to offset costs and BYOB. Suggestion made to call motion at work party scheduled on October 16th. Motion based on use of Canton Volunteer Fire Department facility with ticket price set at $15.00 to offset costs. Wayne Goeben made motion that decision be made at the work party. Motion seconded by Scott Goeben. Unanimous vote by membership for a “tentative” party. Answer will be pronounced at the November Corporation meeting.

**Parade Marshall Association**

CVFD will rejoin during the year that a parade is planned. Annual fee is $35.00.

**Proposal for Town of Canton Technical Rescue Team**

Proposal posted asking for $700.00 to support the Town of Canton Technical Rescue Team to purchase boots. $700.00 will be split between Town of Canton and CVFD. Team members from CVFD are:

Jon Gotaski

Stephen Goeben

Matt Bilts

Juan Gonzalez

Tom Gotaski recommends paying the $700.00 for tech. team coming from the Active Membership Budget. He would like individual checks of $100.00 to be cut for each member with receipts coming back from purchases stating that they were spent on boots. Unanimous approval by the Corporation members that the $700.00 be paid. The remaining $300.00 will come from the miscellaneous account made out to the Technical Rescue Team with unanimous approval from the Corporation.

**Policies and Procedures**

No changes

**Old Business:**

No changes

**New Business**

A thank-you to the Ladies’ Auxiliary for its donation of $1,000 with money to be used toward purchase of a specific item. Suggestion came up for the purchase of a flag pole to be placed next to the bench at the fields. It will be noted that donation was made by the Auxiliary. Debbie Matava will report at the November Corporation meeting regarding this suggestion. Auxiliary meeting is scheduled on October 24, 2011.

Jeff Johnson will take care of getting courtesy lights installed at the shed so that the Town will allow heat.

Tony from amusements company is pushing for Father’s Day for 2012 Jamboree. May dates are better for making money. Motion made to go with the original May dates was unanimously accepted by the Corporation members. Structural requirements for the Jamboree need to be discussed – renting a construction trailer is relatively cheap and can be moved to the upper hill. Despite the affordability of renting it will be costly to install electricity and furniture.

New membership application received for Jerry Holland, member of Town of Canton Fire Department. He has already paid the $4.00 membership fee.

Applications also received for Wendy and David Gray from New Hartford, CT. Payment of $4.00 for each

needs to be paid.

Corporation unanimously voted all in as probationary members. Congratulations!

**Good of the Order**

Nothing to report.

Meeting adjourned: 8:30pm by Willi Matava

Date Typed:  10/24/11

By:  Dawn Guite, Secretary