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MINUTES OF THE MARCH 2012 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The March 2012 General Membership meeting was held at the Robert J. Quinn Fire Academy on Wednesday, March 28th and was called to order at 7:45pm by President Ahrens. Fifteen Regular Members and one guest, Mr. Jon Cwick, were present.

The minutes of the January 2012 General Membership Meeting were presented to the membership for review. Motion to approve the minutes as written made by Bud Bertog and seconded by Harry Przekop. Motion passed.

Treasurer Paige Van Vorst reported the treasury is solvent and all current bills have been paid. Paige reminded members that dues for 2012 may be paid at any time up to the April meeting and a newly revised club radio repeater bill notice was sent to members with club radios. Motion made by Jim Mitidiero and seconded by Mike Kerr to approve the report. Motion passed.

Bills submitted for reimbursement from Harold Klein included the following: \$13.36 for copies of the Jan/Feb minutes, \$7.97 for a trigger spray nozzle for the water hose on SSU #1, \$7.58 for two cases of bottled water and \$92.56 for two 6-gallon San Jamar plastic ice totes w/lids for a total of \$121.47. A postage bill was submitted by President Ahrens for \$8.50. Motion made by Donna Van Vorst and seconded by Harry Przekop to pay the bills. Motion passed.

Club Officers and the **Board of Directors** held a meeting prior to the general membership meeting and discussed the newly designed club ID/Membership cards by Bud Bertog which have to be approved by Fire Commissioner Santiago. The 5-11 Club/Fire Buffs of Illinois Muster date for 2012 is Saturday, June 16 at the Quinn Fire Academy. Treasurer Paige Van Vorst has updated the club radio repeater list and will be sending final notices out to members regarding past due payments. Discussion was also held on club polo/t-shirts for members and Jim Mitidiero is still taking orders from interested members. The club's 60th Anniversary will be in 2013, and the May 20-21 NATO conference will be in Chicago. Chuck Bleck and Mike Penchar will be putting together a written history of the club. All plans from members for the club's 60th Anniversary must go thru the board of directors for approval. Two of the 5-gallon water containers on SSU #1 leak from the spigot. Motion made by John Divita and seconded by Jim Mitidiero to purchase two new 5-gallon water containers if the CFD'S Support & Logistics Division cannot repair or supply the club with new ones. The club received a renewal fundraiser letter from Chili's Restaurant and a reminder that every club member in good standing is considered to be a part of the Support Service Unit team.

Correspondence Secretary Mike Vanderwalker reported the club received the March edition of the Fire Buffs of Illinois *Joker Stand Journal* newsletter. Mike has also updated club membership and support service unit membership rosters. Also received was a newsletter from VFIS Insurance, an application from the *Visiting Fireman* for a club copy of the book and a thank you card from Barbara Lindstrom, sister of Jim Mitidiero's mother-in-law Carolyn Adams, regarding the club donation made in memorial to Carolyn who passed away.

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Activities Committee Chairman Dennis Ahrens/Jim Mitidiero reminded members the annual club muster with the Fire Buffs of Illinois will be on Saturday, June 16 at the Quinn Fire Academy.

Archive Committee Chairman Chuck Bleck had no news to report.

Badge Committee Chairman Jim Mitidiero had no news to report.

CFD Liaison Jack Connors was unable to attend the meeting.

Finance Committee Chairman Paige Van Vorst/Dennis Ahrens had no news to report

IFBA Committee Chairwoman Roz Dinoff reported that the IFBA'S 60th Annual Convention will be held in Toronto, Canada from August 14-18, 2012. Information on the event can be found at the Torcon2012.com website. Passports are now required by the Canadian government for persons entering Canada. The club's IFBA dues have been paid. The Moline 2nd Alarmers are hosting the IFBA'S Region 6 meeting on Saturday, May 12 at the Moline FD Emergency Center. For info contact Dave Coopman. The club received a letter from the IFBA regarding nominations for the annual Hank Wilwers Award and a motion was made by Mike Penchar, seconded by Chuck Bleck, to purchase a ½ page advertisement in the IFBA *Torcon 12* Convention booklet.

Membership Committee Chairman Mike Penchar reported Mr. John Cwiok has applied for Regular membership. John is a paramedic and medical student at the University of Chicago Hospital. Motion by John Divita, seconded by Harry Przekop, to accept the application. Motion passed. Also, Mr. Mike Bronk has applied for Canteen Benefactor Membership.

Publicity Committee Chairman Mike Penchar reported the latest club article for the CFD'S Local 2's Sounder newsletter has been submitted.

Support Service Unit Committee Chairman Jim Mitidiero reported the Support Service Units responded to the following runs: A 2-11 Alarm fire at 2880 West 48th Place on Feb. 27, a 2-11 Alarm fire at 8816 S. Houston on March 22 and a 2-11 Alarm fire at 2414 N. Marmora on March 23. Jim Mitidiero has installed the Motorola Astro Spectra digital radios in both support service units and radio reception has been good. The radios, donated to the club by Communications Consultants radio technician Kevin Naughton, are analog/digital and narrow banded to receive the new CFD system once it becomes operational. SSU #2 needs to be brought in to Protection Truck Repair for general maintenance and a possible broken spring. Also, city preparations continue for the G8/NATO Conference in May but the club has not received any info at this time regarding our services. Possible dates the club may be utilized are May 17-22. On March 27, President Ahrens, Jim Mitidiero and Harold Klein met with Fire Commissioner Santiago and discussed numerous items, one of which is getting Jim and Harold on the CFD messaging system to receive emergency notifications at the same time the CFD does.

Welfare Committee Chairman Russell Harmon had no news to report. Member Jim Mallinger is recuperating at home after undergoing heart surgery earlier this month and a CFD member from Engine Co. 23 suffered a heart attack while at a Still Alarm fire at 11 S. Whipple on March 26.

New Business: The 2nd Annual Chris Wheatley Golf Outing and Memorial Scholarship Fund will be held on June 20 at Cog Hill Golf Course in Lemont, Illinois. Motion made by Mike Penchar, seconded by Harry Przekop, for a \$50.00 club donation to the fund. Motion passed. 2012 SPAAMFAA Convention/Muster will be held in Frankenmuth, Michigan from July 25-28. On the *Visiting Fireman* website fire buff visitors now have the ability to update their personal/organizational listing online and the 2012 edition of the book will soon be available online. For persons without internet access the book can be ordered by mail. Chuck Bleck informed the members of a custom label bottled water program, which would promote an organization, from Gordon Food Services Marketplace stores.

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Unfinished Business: None reported.

Announcements:

- 1. The next Regular Membership Meeting will be on Wednesday, April 25, 2012 at 7:30pm at the Quinn Fire Academy located at 558 W. DeKoven Street. Board of Directors will meet at 6:30pm.**

Members “bucked up” for the Red Box Fund and \$13.00 was collected.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mike Penchar and seconded by Paige Van Vorst. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harold Klein
Recording Secretary
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