

4/21/2011

St Lawrence County Fire Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

1900 hrs Chairman Bush called the meeting to order.

Members Present:

Jim Sullivan Jr, Jerry Wilson, Jon Putney, Author M. McRobbie, Martin J. Hassett, James F. Houmiel, Joe Finnegan, Jim Lowery, Augie Weiss, Jeff Hammond, Bob White, Tom Popham, Robert E. Kerr, Adrain Bush.

Members Excused:

Dan Basford, Kit Smith, Gary Lutz, Eric Morrow, Frank Burns, Steve Badlam, Bob Crowe, Craig Laplante, Joe Gallagher, Ron Streeter

Motion to suspense with the reading of last minutes was made by Chairman Bush, 2nd Jim Sullivan. Minutes were sent out via email.

Chairman Bush announced the resignation of Danna Patawanna from the FAB.

He also brought up the issue of adding new members to the FAB. He thanked Tom Popham for his help in providing updated information on districts represented and members identified for each district in the county. Discussion followed regarding membership, active and inactive members. Director Hassett mentioned the idea of setting time limits, adding Deputy Coordinators, sticking to geographical regions when selecting members for the FAB.

An application for membership from George Brouse, Massena FD was read. Motion by Scott McRobbie, 2nd Joe Finnegan to bring Goerge Brouse on the board, Motion passed all in favor.

Further discussion on membership followed. Jon Putney asked how names are submitted, and how you become a member of the FAB. Tom Popham added that only people who have interest and plan on staying active should be considered. Several current members names were identified as not being active, Frank Burns, Kit Smith, Steve Badlam. Chairman Bush asked if letters should be sent to these individuals verifying their interest of staying on the FAB. It was agreed. It was also mentioned that districts 2 & 8 should be canvassed for interest as there are open postions.

Director Hassett gave report on training. EVOG, FF1, FF2 underway. Some problems with registration still exist. 2- Auto Vehicle Extrication Training (AVET) courses coming. Swift Water classes in the Massena area also coming. He also mentioned the code compliance forms used by Chiefs when called to chimney fires. Forms are now back in use by the state. County HazMat Team will be going around trying to educate the departments. HazMat decon is an issue, departments interested in helping to perform DECON need to have HazMat Operations level training. It was also mentioned that a new 911 committee is being formed. Looking for ways to consolidate, upgrade.

Jon Putney reported on county resolution supporting the need for a new burn building at GEB. Resolution was approved. County can now seek help with grants, funding etc.

Bob White asked about EVOC classes from the state verses the insurance company. Brief discussion followed on the subject. Bob also brought up the issue of brush vehicle call signs. Issue with them being called engines, rescue etc. Director Hassett stated new brush vehicles will be a R- designation.

Joe Finnegan asked about the status of the new id tag system. Director Hassett stated several departments are using it. Parishville did all their member pictures for use with the system

2010 hrs – Chairman Bush asked if anyone had any other business for the good of the board. No other business. Meeting was adjourned, motion by Augie Weiss, 2nd Tom Popham.

Respectfully submitted Robert E. Kerr