

# Saratoga County Officer's Association

## Monthly Meeting Minutes

Arvin Hart Dec 6, 2013

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1. Call to order by: President Bruzdinski

Executive Officers Present	President Ron Bruzdinski	<u>  x  </u>
	Vice- Pres Tracey Pommer	<u>  x  </u>
	Treasure Andy Jensen	<u>  x  </u>
	Secretary Don Baldwin	<u>  x  </u>

2. Chair led group in the Pledge

3. Moment of Silence in remembrance of departed emergency service members

4. Opening Prayer by Chaplin Jeff Mahar

5. Roll call and Attendance Sheet

a. Departments represented: 11

b. Attendance: 26

6. Report of Officers

Minutes of previous meeting read and accepted by Arvin Hart seconded by Stillwater all in favor, passed.

B Treasures Report

10/1 \$6561.55

Deposits .28

Withdrawal 124.76 fair expense –Tracy Palmer

End BAL 6427.17

Nov deposits .26 withdrawal 150.00 wreaths across America,

  Accepted as read      MOTION BY Burnt Hills second by Vishers Ferry all in favor

C Vice President n/a

7. Report from Fire Advisory Board

- Sherriff Mike Zullo attended meeting and looked forward to working with him.
- thanks to Paul Lent on his retirement.
- forcible entry prop will be submitted as soon as the purchases orders are open.
- training on new radio policies and procedures going well and continuing.
- there was to be a fireman's conference in December at which they will be picking the new ff1 curriculum.

Please see web site for the complete minutes.

8. Fire Coordinator's Report

- Forcible entry simulator will be here soon
- still working on the cad system
- ff 1 refresher is starting soon
- Paul Lent retired

9. EMS Council Report n/a

10. Special Committees (Bill Mehan Report) n/a

11. Special Programs None n/a

12. Old Business

13. New business

Held elections for 2014 officers and board of directors

2014 Board of Directors

- Bill Mehan
- Tom Tracy
- Phil Brousseau
- Bob Wood
- Les Bonesteel

All ran unopposed secretary cast one ballot motion made and accepted

President there was a vote between Tracy Pommer, Ron Clauson, and Andy Jensen

Andy Jensen was elected president

President Andy Jensen

Vice-President Tracy Pommer ran unopposed

Secretary Don Baldwin ran unopposed

Treasure Jeff Goyer ran unopposed

Secretary cast one ballot for pres, vice pres, and treasure motion made and accepted

President cast one ballot for Secretary Motion made and accepted

Fire coordinator Swore in the new officers

14. Open Discussion Guest Speaker

15. **Presenting:** Mike McEvoy will discuss the topic of Firefighter Behavioral Health by presenting a newly developed NYSAFC program called "Keeping Firefighters Happy"

This presentation was developed by the New York State Association of Fire Chiefs under a grant from the NYS Department of Labor to address the hot topic of Firefighter Behavioral Health. We know that firefighters are great problem solvers - the public calls us to manage every crisis imaginable. As such, exposure to traumatic events and "bad" runs happens. Firefighters are also human, with families, homes, bills to pay, and people to answer to outside of the firehouse. As a profession, the fire service has higher rates of divorce, alcoholism, substance abuse, and suicide than civilians. This talk is about what you and your department can do and should do to protect the physical and mental wellbeing of your members. Keeping firefighters happy and protecting our own is an inside job!

16. Good and Welfare

-Thanked Ron for his service to the organization and wished him luck in future.

16 Adjournments motion made by Burnt Hills seconded by west crescent all in favor approved

50/50 Raffle

Respectfully Yours

Donald H Baldwin

Secretary SCFOA

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