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MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 2017 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The General Membership meeting was held at the Quinn Fire Academy, 558 W. DeKoven Street, on Wednesday September 27. Meeting was called to order at 7:34PM by President Ahrens with Twenty-seven Regular Members and one guest, Emily Robertson, present.

The minutes of the August General Membership Meeting were presented to the membership for review. Motion made by Ed Orolin, seconded by Mike Ahrens, to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried.

Treasurer Paige Van Vorst reported the treasury is solvent. Recent expenses included snacks and liquid/powered drink supplies for Support Unit 4-0-1, copies of the July meeting minutes, Club debit card purchases for replenishing support unit supplies, Club advertisements in the IFBA Convention and CPD Memorial Foundation's Candlelight Vigil Ad Book, supplies for Support Unit 4-0-5 which included ice chest coolers, folding serving tables, miscellaneous food snacks and registration fees/temporary decal stickers for Support Van 4-0-4. Income included contributions from the CPD Chaplains Ministry and member contributions to the Red Box Fund. Motion made by Jim Mallinger and seconded by Bob Altwasser to approve the report. Motion carried.

The following bills were presented to the membership for reimbursement: Harold Klein for copies of the September meeting minutes and baked goods/liquid creamer for the CFFU Local #2's Annual Memorial Service at Rosehill Cemetery; Gary Altwasser for the following bills: Liquid refreshments and fruit at Rosehill Cemetery, replacement 50qt cooler, new microwave installation, and two circuit breakers for Support Unit 4-0-2; ratchet tie-down straps, heavy-duty lock hasp, Flex Seal Tape for roof cracks and fold-up rear bumper step installation on Support Unit 4-0-4; rear door "T" style open latch assemblies for Support Units 4-0-1 & 4-0-2; diesel fuel fill-up for Support Unit 4-0-5 and baked goods for CPD personnel at a recent CPD HBT/SWAT incident; Sid Smith for an embroidered club polo shirt and transportation expenses. Motion made by Donna Van Vorst and seconded by Russell Harmon to pay the bills. Motion carried.

Club Officers and the **Board of Directors** met prior to the general membership meeting and discussed the following: SOP protocols for the club photographer; future locations for General Membership meetings; review/revise the club welfare policy to include awards for membership recognition and injury/death benefits for club members and their families; purchasing a two-unit portable restroom with trailer and cost/location of emptying the units; City vehicle stickers for the Support Service Units and the 2018 IFBA Executive Board Meeting.

Apparatus Maintenance Committee Chairman Gary Altwasser reported on the following: a gas generator which the Club had in storage will be taken to Bird Engines for inspection/evaluation/service, depending on repairs/cost, before being installed w/exhaust system on Support Unit 4-0-4; purchase of twin port-a-potty units and trailer. The manufacturer of the portable restroom has stated that external door locks, shelving, wall hooks and dispensers can be included at no extra cost. Extras needed to be purchased include installation of a trailer hitch w/ball on Support Unit 4-0-4, small electric heaters during cold weather use, rear-end trailer strobe lights for caution when towing along with brake, tail and turn signal lighting, CV license plates, Club signage/decals, toiletry/cleaning supplies and anti-freeze flakes for the restrooms in the winter. Waste dumping has been arranged at **no cost** at a Greyhound maintenance garage.

Archive Committee Chairman Chuck Bleck had no news to report.

Badge Committee Chairman Jim Mitidiero was unable to attend the meeting.

CFD/Fire Buffs of Illinois Liaison Jack Connors was unable to attend the meeting.

Publicity Chairman Mike Penchar had no news to report.

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Board of Directors: Due to liability issues motion made by VP Kuenstle, seconded by Mike Penchar, to eliminate appointing an official club photographer; The October General Membership Meeting possibly being held at Engine Co. 60's quarters if arrangements are finalized; Board members approved purchasing two portable restrooms w/trailer, trailer hitch, hazard lights, supplies and dump valve on a motion made by VP Kuenstle and seconded by Mike Penchar. Arrangements have been approved to empty the restrooms with Greyhound Bus Company; The generator for Support Service Unit 4-0-4 needs to be inspected and evaluated before installation; Gary Altwasser is still awaiting a response from the City Clerk's Office re city vehicle stickers; Due to construction work at the CFD Special Ops Building at 3950 S. Honore SSU 4-0-2 has been relocated to Engine Co. 60's quarters, SSU 4-0-5 was relocated from Engine Co. 18's quarters to the CPD'S 12th District station lot and SSU 4-0-4 has been relocated to the QFA; SSU 4-0-3 is currently located at Interstate Truck Repair awaiting modification work.

Corresponding Secretary Mike Penchar reported the club received a copy of the IFBA Convention Ad Book, a thank you letter from the CPD Memorial Foundation re club donation/advertisement in their Gold Star Candlelight Vigil Ad Book and a thank you letter w/donation from the CPD'S 6th District, 1st Watch, in appreciation for the Support Service Unit serving personnel at recent HBT/SWAT incidents.

Activities Committee Chairmen Dennis Ahrens/Jim Mitidiero reported plans for the October 27th General Membership Meeting are tentatively scheduled to be held at Engine Co. 60's quarters at 1150 East 55th Street. Members will be notified via email/text once arrangements are finalized and approved. The Northern Illinois Fire Museum will be hosting a fire-related Vendor Swap Meet on Saturday October 28 at the Mundelein High School, 1350 W. Hawley Street, in Mundelein, Illinois from 8AM to 1PM.

IFBA Committee Chairmen Dennis Ahrens/Jim Mitidiero reported the IFBA'S Executive Board Meeting will be held in Chicago in April of 2018. The board will be reviewing changes to, and rewriting, IFBA bylaws. Also, the 2018 IFBA Convention will be held in Racine, Wisconsin. President Ahrens was re-elected IFBA 1st VP at last month's convention.

Membership Committee Chairman Mike Penchar received an application/dues for Associate Membership from Christian Cannon of Dolton, Illinois. Mike has binders containing Club bylaws, Support Service Unit protocols, SOP'S and Club policies for new members. Contact Mike if you have not received a binder.

Support Service Unit Committee Chairman Gary Altwasser reported on the following: Support Unit 4-0-2 has been relocated to Engine Co. 60's quarters, Unit 4-0-4 has been relocated to the QFA and Unit 4-0-5 has been temporarily relocated to the CPD'S 12th District Station lot. Gary will be following up with a second letter/email re city vehicle stickers for the units; **All members are required to get permission** from a Club Chief Officer or Officer on the scene of a CPD incident before responding. This is a safety issue so Club members do not interfere with CPD operations or enter a Hot Zone. Members responding to a CPD incident will be advised to report to where the safe staging area is located and then escorted to the CPD designated rehab/serving area; **Videos and photos taken by Club members at CFD fire scenes/incidents and CPD incidents are STRICTLY FORBIDDEN** from being sold to any media outlet and used on live websites. **At all CFD response scenes, a Club Officer or the senior member is REQUIRED to report to the ranking CFD Incident Commander** to get permission to open the unit for serving. Lastly, any member who might be in the vicinity of Eng 106's quarters, or Engine Co. 60's qtrs are asked to take a few minutes of their time and check that the freezers contain plenty of ice bags. If not, please fill the empty 25lb ice bags from the ice machine and replenish the freezer so enough ice is readily available for the units when needed. **General Reminders: Whenever a Club vehicle is backing up a member must be in the rear to watch pedestrian/vehicular traffic and guide the driver. NO club vehicle is authorized to be worked on or to leave quarters for any reason without authorization from a Club Chief Officer unless it is an automatic response run. All members working/operating the Support Service Units at fires/special duty incidents are reminded to wear clean and proper club attire. Lastly, EMERGENCY LIGHTS/SIREN ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO BE USED** when responding to any CFD/CPD incidents.

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Welfare Committee Chairman Russell Harmon had no news to report. President Ahrens reported welfare policy revisions to include awards for membership recognition will be forthcoming.

Unfinished Business: Jack Connors will chair a committee on the design/cost for Club Challenge Coins to commemorate the Club's 65th Anniversary next year. Members interested in serving on the committee should contact Jack. Reminder, members who make an Amazon purchase are urged to use **smileamazon.com** for online shopping and select the 5-11 Club from the list of non-profit charitable organizations, as Amazon will donate .5% of the eligible purchase price back to the club. Lastly, when visiting the club website please click on one or two of the ads as each click helps to support the 5-11 Club's mission. Members were also urged to visit the Club Twitter account.

New Business: President Ahrens appointed member John Wong to head a social media technology committee to further advance the club's mission and notoriety. Members of the Axemen Motorcycle Group, Chapter I Chicago, are hosting a fundraiser for the 5-11 Club on Saturday, September 30 at O'Rourke's Office, 11064 S. Western Avenue, from Noon to 6PM.

Announcements:

1. Axemen Motorcycle Group Fundraiser for the 5-11 Club on Saturday, September 30 at O'Rourke's Office, 11064 S. Western Avenue from Noon to 6PM.

2. The Fire Museum of Greater Chicago is hosting a fundraiser on Saturday, October 7 at 115 Bourbon Street located at 3359 W. 111th Street from 4PM to 9PM.

3. The next General Membership Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, October 25 at Engine Co. 60, 1155 East 55th Street, providing plans are finalized. Board of Directors meeting will be at 6:30pm followed by the General Membership Meeting at 7:30pm. Members will be notified prior to the 27th if the meeting will be held at E60.

4. Northern Illinois Fire Museum hosting a fire-related Vendor Swap Meet on Saturday October 28 at the Mundelein High School, 1350 W. Hawley St, in Mundelein, Illinois. Doors open at 7:30AM. Admission is \$5.00

Members contributed to the Club "Red Box Fund" and \$24.00 was collected.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Mike Penchar and seconded by VP Kuenstle. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harold Klein

Recording Secretary,

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