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MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 2017 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The General Membership meeting was held at the Quinn Fire Academy, 558 W. DeKoven Street, on Tuesday August 22. Meeting was called to order at 7:56pm by President Ahrens with Eighteen Regular Members and two guests, Harold Irving and Charlotte Wong, present.

The minutes of the July General Membership Meeting were presented to the membership for review. Motion made by John Divita, seconded by Gary Altwasser, to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried.

Treasurer Paige Van Vorst reported the treasury is solvent. July 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 July meeting minutes and baked goods/liquid refreshments for the CFD FF Blackmon Dedication Ceremony at the QFA; Gary Altwasser for the following bills: maintenance work on Support Unit 4-0-5 at Denny G's Auto/Truck Repair, food from Jimmy's Hot Dogs for CPD personnel at a recent SWAT incident where Support Unit 4-0-2 was utilized, two cases of ice bags and a fold-up serving table. 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; Jack Connors will chair a committee re challenge coins for the Club's 65th Anniversary in 2018; purchasing a two-unit portable restroom with trailer and cost/location of emptying the units; black over red paint scheme for future Support Service Unit 4-0-5 and white over red paint scheme for future Support Service Units 4-0-3 and Van 4-0-4; Support Service Unit 4-0-2 has been temporarily located to CFD Special Ops Building at 3950 S. Honore due to a bad water supply at Engine Co. 80's quarters; City vehicle stickers for the Support Units and purchase of an add-on flex-step to the high rear bumper on Van 4-0-4.

Apparatus Maintenance Committee Chairman Gary Altwasser reported on the following: a gas generator will be installed on Support Unit 4-0-3; an on/off battery switch has been installed on Support Unit 4-0-5 for safety purposes when parked in a firehouse; 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 will be installation of a trailer hitch on Support Unit 4-0-4 and small electric heaters during cold weather use, rear-end trailer strobe lights for caution when towing, Club signage/decals and anti-freeze flakes for the restrooms in the winter.

Corresponding Secretary Mike Penchar reported the club received a CFD Invitation to attend the June Paramedic Candidate Graduation Ceremony on August 29 at the Illinois Institute of Technology, 3241 S. Federal Street.

Activities Committee Chairmen Dennis Ahrens/Jim Mitidiero reported plans for the September 27th General Membership Meeting are tentatively scheduled to be held at Engine Co. 16's quarters at East 39th Street and South Wabash. Members will be notified via email/text once arrangements are finalized and approved.

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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 reported all is well with the FB of I.

IFBA Committee Chairmen Dennis Ahrens/Jim Mitidiero reported the IFBA'S Convention will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana from August 23-26. Club Delegate is President Ahrens and Alternate Delegate is Chuck Bleck.

Membership Committee Chairman Mike Penchar received an application for Regular Membership from Harold Irving for Regular Membership and Larry Klodit for Associate Membership. Motion by Jim Mallinger and seconded by Bill Claessons to approve Harold Irving's application. (Welcome back, Harold!) Motion carried. 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.

Publicity Chairman Mike Penchar had no news to report.

Support Service Unit Committee Chairman Gary Altwasser reported on the following: Support Service Van 4-0-4 has been put into service with 25 folding metal chairs the Club received on-board. The Club has been granted permission to house Van 4-0-4 at the QFA with 24hr access, but is currently housed at CFD Special Ops on 39th Street for in-house maintenance; Support Unit 4-0-1 has been relocated to the rear west bay at Engine Co. 106 behind Ambulance 48; Support Unit 4-0-2 has been relocated from Engine 80's quarters to CFD Special Ops on 39th Street until the CFD approves a firehouse on the city's Southside that has room for the unit and Andrew Holmes has been elevated to Coordinator of 4-0-2; in regards to applying for City vehicle stickers for the support units, Gary has found the city ordinance to be misleading re the cost of stickers and types of vehicles applying for them and is attempting to get clarification to resolve the issue; **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 location; **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. Members in violation will be referred to the Board of Directors; an orientation and drivers training was held on Saturday, August 12 at Engine 106's quarters with Support Unit 4-0-1. **At all CFD response scenes, a Club Officer or the senior member is REQUIRED to report to the ranking Incident Commander** to get permission to open the unit for serving; Members interested in becoming drivers on the Support Units who are 18 years of age or older, with a current drivers license and good driving record, should report when training notifications are emailed out; the Club is looking into procedures/approval to get Support Units 4-0-3, 4-0-4 and 4-0-5 into the City/Fleet Management fuel system; Plastic food handling gloves are to be kept in stock on the units and readily available for use when handling food; members turning in receipts for support unit expenses must have the receipt attached to a Receipt Info Report in order to get reimbursed; Lastly, any member who might be in the vicinity of Eng 106's quarters, or CFD Special Ops on 39th Street, is asked to take a few minutes of their time and check that the freezers contain plenty of ice bags. If not, kindly 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, unless responding on a run, 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.**

Welfare Committee Chairman Russell Harmon had no news to report. President Ahrens reported welfare policy updates are forthcoming.

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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 please 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: VP Kuenstle should be contacted if needed while Pres. Ahrens attends the IFBA Convention.

Announcements:

1. The CPD Memorial Foundation's Annual Gold Star Candlelight Vigil will be held at 7pm on Thursday, September 14 at Gold Star Memorial and Park directly east of Soldier Field on South Museum Campus Drive. The vigil honors/remembers 575 fallen Chicago Police Officers whose names will be read aloud during the service.

2. The next General Membership Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, September 27 at Engine Co. 16, 53 East Pershing Road (39th 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.

Members contributed to the Club "Red Box Fund" and \$36.00 was collected.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by VP John Divita and seconded by Jim Mallinger. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harold Klein

Recording Secretary,

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