====== PALOMAR MOUNTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Minutes of the monthly meeting of The Board of Directors Saturday, June 27, 2015. These were taken in absence of the secretary so the format is different.

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 A.M. by President Leininger. Board members present: Suzann Leininger, Keith Ronchetti, and Mike Pique. Burt Johnson and Dave Robarts absent.

Also present were CALFIRE Chief Williamson, Retired PMVFD Chief Kellogg, CERT director Alan Serry, CCPM chair John Lesac, PMMWC board members Glenn Borland and Brett Hauser, PMVFD Nominations committee chair Suzie Kellogg, and Spring Valley fire Captain Andy Menshek. Chief Williamson was away on fire duty.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public comment - none offered.

The draft minutes of the 06/06/2015 board meeting were distributed. Correction and approval of the minutes were deferred.

Financial Report: Keith Ronchetti presented his financial report, included as part of these minutes. Our current balance is \$103,821.54 (including the CSA account).

Earmarked out of this is \$4730 from the SD Fire Foundation training grant, net assets \$99,091.54. Burt moved to accept, Suzann seconded and the report was approved.

Chief's Report: Chief Williamson's written report (included as part of these minutes) stated we now have 28 active firefighters.

Many of the calls have been in the State Park.

She is asking for a San Diego County email account, but we will be able to keep our local one in parallel as long as needed.

Brett Hauser will make sure PMMWC Operations Manager Mike Probert has Chief Williamson's contact information.

Captain Menshek will make sure Captain Jen (**?spelling), who is monitoring station staffing from the Del Dios CALFIRE station, is in email contact.

Keith moved to approved the Chief's report, Suzann seconded, unanimous.

CERT Report: Alan Serry reported he held a public review on June 13 summarizing the points covered in the wildfire survival class he attended.

He will email Chief Williamson about upcoming CERT events, including July 4 CCPM event with booths over at the USFS Group Camp, and a July 11 event where Bart from the Barricade gel company will present what should be done with expiring gel supplies. CERT had placed gel depots by Bruce Graves' and Robert Carlyle's houses and they need to verify their status. Alan said more Easement number and arrow signs are on-order to finish the Birch Hill work and is requesting \$125 reimbursement. On August 8, the city of San Diego director of geology will present a community program on earthquake preparedness. Alan said he will be retiring August 1 as CERT program manager. He has no replacement but hopes Bill Leininger might be approached this fall.

Keith Ronchetti noted that no one is updating the palomar-fire.org calendar for CCPM or Fire Board events.

Land Lease: The Board met yesterday, June 26, with CFA Fire Services Coordinator Kevin O'Leary and CALFIRE Division Chief Nick Schuler.

We today received a revised 50-year Lease document from the County, with our requested extension of "Allowed used" including "*TEXT*".

After discussion, the Board voted to decline the Sublease

(yeas: Ronchetti, Pique, Leininger; nays: none) and to authorize president Leininger to sign the revised Lease

(yeas: Ronchetti, Pique, Leininger; nays: none).

Vehicle Title Transfer: Suzann moved we sign title of our vehicles over to the County, in consideration of the county taking on maintenance costs; Keith seconded, unanimous.

The vehicles are #7719, engine; #7769, brush engine; #7759, water tender; #7789, rescue. Vehicle U-79, a 1999 Ford utility pickup, is also to be signed over; it seems to now be owned jointly by PMFD and the county.

Station Administrator Position: The applicants are to be informed that the board has decided not to hire anyone at this time. Moved by Suzann, seconded by Keith, unanimous.

Skid Steer Disposition: Captain Tilch estimates its resale value about \$1500. We have a current offer of \$500. Suzann moved we offer it at \$1500 or best offer, seconded by Mike Pique, unanimous.

New Business -

Need a volunteer to document the history of the department.

Barbecue/picnic options, ways to bring in community interest and involvement. Suzann suggests a quarterly "coffee with the firefighters".

Suzie Kellogg says that John Lesac did that with little success.

Suzann suggests trying it again, posting it on our new sign.

Suzie Kellogg mentioned the barbecue's firefighter games were very popular and perhaps could be conducted as part of a community event, perhaps as a picnic/potluck supplemented by inviting one or more commercial food vending trucks. If the games were held either before or after "fire season" it would be easier for crews to come.

Cliff Kellogg said the disposition of the admin car should be on the next meeting (August 1) agenda. Other upcoming events are the Firefighter Appreciation banquet (Friday September 4) and the Annual general meeting (Sunday September 6). Linda Fortney says the Walls family will again pay for the banquet food.

The "Hot Notes" newsletter will not be mailed out this year:

about 600 copies went out last year. Brett Hauser suggests we post pictures of all our firefighters on our web site.

Adjournment: 9:45 AM.