

## PALOMAR MOUNTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Minutes of the monthly meeting of The Board of Directors Saturday, December 3, 2016.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by President Kellogg. Board members present: Cliff Kellogg, Michael Pique, Keith Ronchetti, Glenn Borland, Robert Carlyle. Also present were CAL FIRE Captain Mike Good, CAL FIRE North Zone Battalion Chief Cal Hendrie, Palomar Mountain CERT Coordinator James Ewen, Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council vice president Cecelia Borland, Community Center of Palomar Mountain president Terri Sproul, and former Fire Board president Linda Fortney.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Financial Report: Keith Ronchetti reported. (The report has been included as part of these minutes.) Two reimbursement requests for the Palomar Divide grant have been submitted for a total of \$23,485. Current assets, including the formerly earmarked training grant, are \$111,692.30. The report was approved.

Minutes: The minutes from the 11/05/2016 board meeting were approved with corrections as presented by Michael Pique.

Station 79 Report: Captain Good presented his written report. We saw 11 calls in November, including road hazards from debris on the South Grade, a small vegetation fire at the Christian Conference Center, and one CPR response. A white pickup with automatic transmission has replaced our old red Utility 79. A new guidebook for new members is in preparation. A new station sign will replace ours to achieve a "uniform" county-wide appearance. The report was approved.

Battalion Report: Chief Hendrie said they are working to extend the limit for ISO 3 (instead of 3X) rating from the current 3 miles to 5 miles from the station. The county is getting water supply data from the Palomar Mountain Mutual Water Company to support the rating improvement application.

Station Upgrade Preparation: Cliff Kellogg has discarded old books and catalogs from the admin building.

CERT: James Ewen says the community fire extinguisher training planned for November 19 has been rescheduled for December 10. The CERT vehicle needs maintenance work, which John Ferguson in Julian will do in exchange for some of our surplus equipment. Cliff and James will review the storage containers for gear CERT can use.

Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council: Cecelia Borland presented the PMFSC written report. The Palomar council expects to get California 501(c)3 status by mid-January. A \$5,000 SDG&E grant for community education has been received. Robert Carlyle is coordinating with the USFS on the current \$121,000 chipping grant. Cecelia says the gold-

spotted oak borer (beetle) is now infesting trees all up Birch Hill and all along State Park Road. Next meeting: 10:00 AM Saturday January 28, at the Fire Station boardroom.

Community Center of Palomar Mountain: Terri Sproul announced today's 6 PM party and dessert/appetizer potluck at Mother's Kitchen, and plans for 2017: a Mothers' Day tea party, a Labor Day weekend barbecue, and movie nights perhaps monthly. The church has moved out of the admin building and the CCPM will clean that area soon.

New Business:

By-Law Revision: the Board discussed and made revisions to drafts.

Adjournment: 10:36 A.M. 12/03/2016

The next board meeting is Saturday 1/07/2017 at 9:00 AM, By-law revision emphasis.

- Michael Pique, Secretary

Minutes approved by PMVFD Board January 7, 2017.