

PALOMAR MOUNTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Minutes of the monthly meeting of The Board of Directors Saturday, August 5, 2017.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by President Kellogg. Board members present: Cliff Kellogg, Keith Ronchetti, Michael Pique, Glenn Borland, Robert Carlyle. Also present were Cal Fire Engineer Alexandro Rodriguez, CERT Coordinator Bill Leininger, PMPO Board Member Alan Serry, and Fire Safe Council President Yvonne Vaucher.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: none offered.

Financial Report: Keith Ronchetti presented his written report (The report has been included as part of these minutes.). Current assets, excluding CERT funds held by the board, are \$111,583.45. The \$2500 SDG&E CERT check has been deposited. The report was approved.

Minutes: The minutes from the 07/01/2017 board meeting were approved with the correction that we are getting clarification on who can drive the CERT Suburban.

Station 79 Report: Engineer Alexandro Rodriguez presented an oral report. All equipment is in working order except for water tender WT79, which is at the Monte Vista shop. We saw 25 calls in July, up from 15 in June. Most were vegetation fires with the water tender rolling: one was on Hight Point. Our water tender has been assigned off-the-mountain a lot - no one knows what happened to our 2003-era 3200-gallon water tender, which left the mountain to be fitted with baffles and has not returned. Cliff Kellogg will informally look into when we might get our promised second water tender.

Cliff had lunch with Kevin O'Leary last week, telling him that the septic system work had still not been started by the county. A letter from Cal Hendrie says there's no roll-out date yet for the paramedic. Chief Hendrie wants a timeline for getting rid of the containers and the modular buildings.

Cliff noted that Gene Owens, a former member of the department, died last week. He was a big asset to the mountain.

CERT - Coordinator Bill Leininger attended a mid-July county-wide meeting of emergency services organizations. SDG&E has installed weather cameras in many locations now. Last week's CERT meeting reviewed emergency response mobile phone apps, checked the CERT radios, and planned the CERT booth at the upcoming CCPM Fair. Captain Kowalski is checking on whether and how Cal Fire might help insure and maintain the CERT Suburban.

Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council (FSC): Yvonne Vaucher says July was busy. FSC received \$2500 from SDG&E for education. The FSC board is working on

insurance to cover volunteers working on FSC projects. The wildland-urban interface fire training class will be held on August 25. The Barricade fire-retardant gel stored at Yvonne's house on Crestline has been rehabilitated by George Lucia's shaker. The FSC has a contractor proposal and owner permission for both the 32J Easement Rock removal and the Conifer Road roadside clearing. They are now searching for funding.

Community Center of Palomar Mountain (CCPM): no report. The PMVFD and CERT will have tables at the September 2 Fair.

New Business:

PMVFD Board Election Nominations Committee: Yvonne Vaucher will chair.

Administrative Office Trailers - The Palomar Christian Conference Center has selected a contractor to move them when the time comes. Cliff will ask Cal Hendrie for storage buildings for the community tables and chairs. Some people have asked if we are intending to sell the two sea containers.

Motorcycle Safety Letter - Glenn Borland will make minor revisions and get it signed.

Adjournment: 10:55 A.M. 08/05/2017

The Annual General Meeting is Sunday 9/03/2017 at noon. The next board meeting is Saturday 10/07/2017 at 9:00 AM.

- Michael Pique, Secretary

Minutes approved by PMVFD Board 10/07/2017.