

## PALOMAR MOUNTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Minutes of the monthly meeting of The Board of Directors, June 1, 2019.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by President Kellogg. Board members present: Cliff Kellogg, Robert Carlyle, Glenn Borland, Michael Pique. Also present were Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council President Yvonne Vaucher and Secretary Cecelia Borland, Community Center of Palomar Mountain officer Rosie Lopresti, and Kathy Lande.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: None offered.

Minutes: The draft minutes from the 05/04/2019 board meeting were approved.

Financial Report: Keith Ronchetti's written report (included as part of these minutes) showing a balance of \$107,074.16 was approved.

Station 79 Report: Engineer Rodriguez is out on a call, but Cliff Kellogg has talked to Captain Kowalski. The Defensible Space Inspections are continuing on Crestline and Birch Hill. Yvonne Vaucher says it would be helpful if owners had a "reward" for passing, such as a reduction in insurance costs.

County Fire: Cliff says that James Pine, the long-time county fire marshal, has died of the flu at age 47.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT): Bill Leininger sent a report that CERT obtained an SDG&E grant for \$2500. A big CERT drill will be held on June 22.

Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council (FSC): Yvonne Vaucher: Dumpster for residence use today and every 1st Saturday. Robert Carlyle has printed flyers announcing the dumpster days and the chipping service availability. Chipping for residences to help owners clear their properties for fire safety - 5 days more available this summer - call Robert to sign up. Yvonne says the Pancake Breakfast yielded pledges of about \$40,000 in fire-clearance work hours and cash expenditures usable as matching funds in grant applications. Yvonne met with Gary Johnson, the new coordinator of Fire Safe Councils at the county Office of Emergency Services (OES). She is also talking to Steve Kirsch of the California Conservation Corps (CCC), which has funds to help clear brush. Apparently we need a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review to do 5-foot clearing along roadsides but she will ask if we can get an exemption. Robert points out that the roads under discussion include easement space typically 20 feet wide; would that eliminate the need to get permission or to file CEQA statements? Uncertain. Getting people to clear rural roads is tough, county-wide. CalFire turned down our last 32J-Conifer Road evacuation road improvement proposal. Cliff says he asked Tony Mecham about funding to implement evacuation plans - Chief Mecham says a major problem is

lack of written guidelines to go on. Unless we get CalFire Sacramento guidance, we can't put plans together. Finally, Yvonne needs to know the costs for installing and outfitting the two 2500-gallon tanks. Cliff will get fitting prices. Robert Carlyle says Mike Appelman on Crestline has offered his property for a tank. We do not know whether he will have to get a permit for the tank. Robert and Cliff will talk to him today.

Community Center of Palomar Mountain: Rosie Lopresti is trying to contact the US Forest Service to reserve the Crestline Picnic Ground (next to the Fire Station, on Summit Circle) for the August 31 Community Picnic. Yvonne suggests calling Tim Gray. Next picnic planning meeting 9:30 AM Saturday June 15.

Old Business:

Station Construction Progress: Cliff got email from David Beck, project manager for the new fire building, asking for data on reliability of water service. Cliff responded.

Kica Mik USFS Lookout Fireworks Threat: Mike Pique asks there is enough concern over illegal fireworks at the lookout (as in 2018) that we should arrange citizen patrols. Apparently not this year.

Adjournment: 9:50 AM 06/01/2019. The next board meeting is Saturday 07/06/2019 at 9:00 AM. Next meeting after that is August 3.

- Michael Pique

Minutes approved by PMVFD Board 07/06/2019