

PALOMAR MOUNTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Minutes of the monthly meeting of The Board of Directors, October 3, 2020.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by President Kellogg. Board members present by Zoom teleconference: Cliff Kellogg, Glenn Borland, Keith Ronchetti, Michael Pique. Also on the call were Karen Fraser and Community Center of Palomar Mountain officer Rosie Lopresti.

Public Comment: None offered. Cliff Kellogg thanked Cecelia Borland for serving as Nominations Committee Chair..

Minutes: The minutes from the 08/01/2020 board meeting were approved.

Financial Report: Keith Ronchetti's written report (available at palomar-fire.org) showed a balance of \$102,634.20 (with \$13,948.68 held for CERT). No significant activity this past month. The report was approved. Upcoming expenses are \$5060 for annual Board liability insurance, a Doing-Business-As (DBA) fee of \$42, and associated DBA advertising about \$30.

Station 79 Report: Chief Reynolds is unavailable so no report; according to the crews at the station, he has been out on duty at many fires.

County Fire Authority Update: Cliff Kellogg reports all construction is now on hold, for reasons unknown. He has been trying to reach Royce Abalos at the county without success. It will not be possible simply to relocate the existing bathrooms' wall, so the two existing bathrooms will become one larger ADA-compliant one and the existing shower will be converted into a bathroom; details to arrive soon.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT): Bill Leininger's written report:

1) Palomar Mountain CERT has begun transitioning to being part of, and reporting to, the San Diego County Fire Authority. We'll still retain our individual Palomar Mountain CERT identity; we should get a better funding and supply stream, and your Program Manager (Bill Leininger) will likely have a few extra reporting requirements. But for the CERT members and Palomar Mountain community, you won't notice much difference.

2) CERT Trailer - we're just about to finalize the order for the CERT trailer, which will provide centralized storage and mobility for our equipment and supplies. All CERT members had a chance to provide input, and we're happy with the final version we've selected. Most of the funding will come from a California OES grant, and we expect delivery in January 2021.

3) CERT Academy - we're starting a new Academy to train new members. All community members are welcome to join. They can attend just for their personal training, and have no further obligations, or they can continue to volunteer with Palomar Mountain CERT in community-wide activities. If interested, look for the announcements on Next Door or contact Bill Leininger at Palomar.Mountain.CERT@gmail.com.

Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council (FSC): The FSC again has a dumpster in place today, supervised by Linda Thorne and Cecelia Borland. Linda Thorne is mailing letters to property owners along the easement roads to get permission to clear brush, funded from a recent grant.

Community Center of Palomar Mountain (CCPM): Rosie Lopresti says nothing new.

Old Business:

Name of the Board and of the underlying PMVFD 501(c)(3) Organization: The Annual General Meeting (Sunday September 6, 2020) approved the Board's filing a DBA (Doing Business As) statement with the county as the "Palomar Mountain Community Fire Association". Our legal name will not be changing. Cliff Kellogg has filed the DBA statement and it has been recorded at the County offices. The required four public notifications will appear in the Valley Center Road Runner beginning on October 8.

Adjournment: 9:21 AM 10/03/2020. The next meeting is Saturday 11/07/2020, at 9:00 AM, likely by Zoom.

- Michael Pique

Minutes approved by PMVFD Board December 12, 2020.