

The Palomar Mountain Community Fire Association

Minutes of the monthly meeting of The Board of Directors, August 7, 2021.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by President Kellogg. Board members present by Zoom teleconference: Cliff Kellogg, Michael Pique, Glenn Borland, Keith Ronchetti, Robert Carlyle. Also on the call were Lafe Ball, Karen Fraser, CERT Coordinator Bill Leininger, Palomar Fire Safe Council Secretary Cecelia Borland, and Community Center of Palomar Mountain board member Rosie Lopresti.

Public Comment: None offered.

Minutes: The minutes from the 06/05/2021 board meeting were approved. No meeting was held in July.

Financial Report: Keith Ronchetti's written report (available at palomar-fire.org) showed a balance of \$97,732.24 (with \$6,280.73 held for CERT). CERT spent 6,280.72 for trailer and supplies. The report was approved. Keith has verified that our PayPal donation link is still working; PayPal fees are 2.2% plus \$.030 per transaction.

Station 79 Report: Captain Dean Kowalski has been north at the Dixie fire, as is Chief Eaves. Chief Reynolds is on vacation. Cliff Kellogg reports that new engineer Justin Holt is managing Station 79 during Captain Kowalski's absence. Cliff said the crew quarters construction is proceeding rapidly and the Defensible Space Inspections (DSI) have been going on. The San Diego county CAL FIRE is very strapped for staffing, especially with the Dixie fire requiring 6000 personnel.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Bill Leininger: The dual-fuel (gasoline and propane) electrical generator is here and soon be installed in the CERT trailer. The trailer will be on display tomorrow afternoon at the Lodge's community safety event. Easement number and house signs will be available at the event at the CERT tent. Scheduling of the next CERT academy depends on Station 79 construction and official COVID policies.

Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council (FSC) Robert Carlyle (Vice-President): Robert Carlyle says he needs Captain Kowalski to mark the trees that are the highest priority for clearing along the Crestline & Birch Hill roads so the crews hired under the grant can work without delay once the funds are in-hand. Cliff says Captain Kowalski expects to be here next weekend before returning north. Cecelia Borland notes that the property owners need to be alerted to be present. She says she has 2/3 of the permission letters needed. No dumpster this weekend because demand has dropped off over the summer. The SDG&E grant has been funded for \$2500, but this year comes with significantly more reporting requirements.

Community Center of Palomar Mountain (CCPM): Rosie Lopresti says no one responded to her email about a meeting date. We need a contract agreement for when we get the house back; Cliff says we do not know yet how the county will administer the house after the crews move to the new building.

Palomar Mountain Planning Organization (PMPO) Michael Pique (Secretary): next meeting is 09/18/2021 at 10 AM, probably by WebEx. Next after that is 12/04/2021.

PMVFD Nominating Committee: Cecelia Borland will again serve. Two board positions are open: those currently held by Keith Ronchetti and Michael Pique.

Old Business:

Land Donation: Cliff Kellogg reports that he's heard nothing since last month.

Insurance: Cliff Kellogg has received preliminary lien notices on the current property triggered by the construction. He sent our insurance paperwork to the agent.

Mission Statement: Still open for discussion; the following five candidate revisions will be discussed at the upcoming Annual General Meeting:

- a. The Palomar Mountain Community Fire Association coordinates fire and emergency preparedness to protect life and property and preserve the Palomar Mountain quality of life.
- b. The Palomar Mountain Community Fire Association dedicates itself to helping our community provide fire resiliency, protecting life and property, and preserving the Palomar Mountain quality of life.
- c. The Palomar Mountain Community Fire Association dedicates itself to supporting professional fire service organizations in their efforts to protect life and property and the Palomar Mountain quality of life.
- d. The Palomar Mountain Community Fire Association dedicates itself to supporting professional fire service organizations in their efforts to mitigate fire danger, educate the public, and protect life and property and the Palomar Mountain quality of life.
- e. The Palomar Mountain Community Fire Association supports professional fire service organizations in their efforts to mitigate fire danger, educate the public, and protect life and property and the Palomar Mountain quality of life.

Adjournment: 09:50 AM 08/07/2021. The next meeting is the Annual General Meeting, Sunday 09/05/2021, at noon, location to be determined. The next board meeting is Saturday 10/02/2021, at 9:00 AM, also location to be determined.

- Michael Pique

Minutes approved by PMCFA Board 11/06/2021.