

The Palomar Mountain Community Fire Association

Minutes of the monthly meeting of The Board of Directors, June 3, 2022.

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 A.M. by President Kellogg. Board members present at the Station 79 Interim Community Conference Room: Glenn Borland, Robert Carlyle, Cliff Kellogg, Michael Pique. Also at the in-person meeting were Susie Kellogg and Palomar Fire Safe Council President Yvonne Vaucher.

Public Comment: none offered. Cliff notes for the record that the PMVFD owns the gas-fueled water pump, a generator, and a snow blower that are at Station 79.

Minutes: The minutes from the 04/02/2022 board meeting were approved.

Financial Report: Keith Ronchetti's written report (available at palomar-fire.org) showed a balance of \$89,641.92 (with \$2253.71 held for CERT); no noteworthy deposits or expenses. The report was approved.

Station 79 Report: Cliff reported that Captain Kowalski injured his hand on a skiing trip and will be off-duty for some weeks. Our water tender has been called off the mountain several times recently. Since the tender takes two firefighters with it, we then have only one firefighter/paramedic here until covering crew can be sent up here. During that time, the one here is restricted in what calls can be responded to.

County Fire Advisory (CFA) Board Update: Cliff says the Agricultural Pass program is "still being worked on" with the San Diego Cattlemen's Association. Ramona will be joining the San Diego County Fire District; that unincorporated area is currently under a cooperative agreement between CAL FIRE and the Ramona Water District. Fallbrook and Valley Center continue to be independent.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT): Bill Leininger is away. The next CERT academy training at Station 79 will be August 13 and 20. CERT will participate in a county-wide quarterly outreach program on Saturday morning July 16.

Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council (FSC) Yvonne Vaucher: The FSC ended April with \$8972 in unrestricted funds, now down to \$6285 after paying for dumpsters. She asks the PMCFA to consider funding an additional dumpster for the fall, \$700. Our California FSC grant was not funded; one problem is its needing 100% matching funds. The state of California is very slow getting us promised funds to continue Birch Hill easement road clearing. The USFS has full crews on duty now. They have burned the Fry Creek area and the High Point trail. Jeff Valley is cut and piled awaiting wet weather for burning. The PMFSC web site is progressing and she hopes it will launch to the public in July. Next meeting Saturday June 25, 10 AM, probably by Zoom.

Community Center of Palomar Mountain (CCPM): Cliff Kellogg continues to talk to Monica Toledo at the county about possible legal arrangements for the community to reclaim use of the small house. Monica has sent a draft license agreement that includes insurance requirements for groups using the house. Use would be restricted to use of the house itself with no license to use surrounding outdoor spaces. Under the license, the county would pay for maintenance and utilities. The groups' insurance would have to include Workers Compensation, Automobile, Bodily Injury, and Property Damage. The Fire Safe Council pays \$1700 a year for similar (but not identical) insurance coverage. We do not know if one organization (such as the PMCFA or the CCPM) could purchase insurance that would cover use by all of the community. Glenn Borland will get information about what insurance the PMPO and the Community Church have.

Palomar Mountain Planning Organization (PMPO) Michael Pique (Secretary): next board meetings are August 27, December 3, and February 25, all 10 AM. After that is the Annual General Meeting, Saturday 05/27/2023 (Memorial Day weekend) at 10 AM.

Adjournment: 10:15 AM 06/03/2022. The next board meeting is Saturday 07/02/2022, at 9:00 AM, probably at Station 79 with Zoom or telephone call-in available.

- Michael Pique, Secretary

Minutes approved by PMCFA Board 07/02/2022.