

The Palomar Mountain Community Fire Association

Minutes of the monthly meeting of The Board of Directors, March 2, 2024.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by President Robert Carlyle. Board members present in person at the Community Center (Station 79 grounds) or by Zoom teleconference: Robert Carlyle, Tom Mendenhall, Michael Pique, Keith Ronchetti, Mark Thompson. Also present in person was Cliff Kellogg. Yvonne Vaucher, Rosie Lopresti, Jim Hamerly, and Elizabeth Getzoff joined our Zoom teleconference.

Pledge: Robert led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: Jim Hamerly will be distributing and planting redwood tree seedlings on April 20-21.

Minutes: The minutes from the 02/03/2024 board meeting were approved.

Financial Report: Keith Ronchetti's written report (available at palomar-fire.org) showed a balance of \$89,263.28, with an additional \$1220.29 held for CERT. Keith has filled out and submitted several government forms. The report was approved.

County Fire Advisory (CFA) Board, Cliff Kellogg: Marc Regier, Assistant Director for County Fire, responded by email to Cliff's plea at the February meeting for Station 79 to be plowed when there is snow. Marc thanked Cliff for letting him know, and that the County Road Department will meet in a week. Marc thanked the local residents who brought in tractors to plow the station. Tom Mendenhall says he has a pickup with a plow blade and can help too.

Station 79 Report: Captain Kowalski is not on-line; no report.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT): Bill Leininger is away; his written report is that CERT will do a radio communications class on March 16 at Station 79.

Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council (FSC), Yvonne Vaucher: FSC has cash of about \$19786, we have to pay about \$1200 in taxes soon. Our CCI road clearing grant requires a CEQA report, for which we budgeted \$8000. Davey Resources now estimates the CEQA cost will be \$19,000 so we will have to reduce the area to be worked on, chiefly by dropping Mendenhall Valley roads. We hope to have the CEQA done by June so we can start work in July. We hosted the Last Chance Survival Simulation Workshop on February 17, organized by the Fire Safe Council of San Diego, lots of new attendees. We've not heard back from the USFS whether we can place a portable toilet (offered by Diamond Environmental Services) at Summit Circle; Cecelia Borland said that Dana Barre would follow up. Similarly, no reply yet from CAL FIRE Battalion Chief Gettman to approve a spot next to our CONEX boxes. USFS is doing prescribed burns in Jeff Valley now; next fall they expect to do thinning, limbing, and herbiciding in Birch Hill. Our CWPP (community wildfire protection plan) needs redoing every five years and that is now. Yvonne will be away in March as usual. Elizabeth

("Libby") Getzoff has joined the FSC board. Our website is palomarfiresafecouncil.org. The FSC written report will be posted at palomar-fire.org. Next meeting 9 AM March 23; Robert Carlyle in charge.

Community Center of Palomar Mountain (CCPM): Rosie Lopresti has been working on all the government forms and paying the CCPM taxes. She has reached out to her board members: Dylan Healey wants to stay on. John Washburn has "retired as Treasurer". Amanda Thompson has not responded to emails. Bonnie Spear is leaving. Robert Carlyle says other community members want to be on the board. We will try for a CCPM meeting on April 6, after the PMCFA meeting. Elizabeth Getzoff asks for a copy of the CCPM charter and by-laws; Robert Carlyle has a paper copy he will send her to be scanned into text. Michael Pique offers to help do that part.

Board Insurance: Robert Carlyle says the two agents he contacted about our Directors & Officers insurance are all tied up with fire insurance cancellations and non-renewals; "the carriers can't be bothered with us." Yvonne Vaucher said Valley Center Insurance found D&O for the FSC from Prudential for about \$400 per year.

Disposal of Surplus Equipment: We sold the Honda generator for \$500 and the snow blower for \$250.

Palomar Mountain Planning Organization (PMPO): The PMPO Annual General Meeting will be on May 25, 2024.

Adjournment: 9:43 AM 03/02/2024. The next PMCFA meeting is Saturday April 6, 2024 at 9 AM, at the Community Center. We expect to have Zoom call-ins available. Michael Pique will be away and probably unable to join the Zoom.

Michael Pique, Secretary

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