

The Palomar Mountain Community Fire Association

Minutes of the monthly meeting of The Board of Directors, August 3, 2024.

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 A.M. by President Robert Carlyle. Board members present in person at the Community Center (Station 79 grounds): Robert Carlyle, Tom Mendenhall, Keith Ronchetti, Mark Thompson. Also present in person were Yvonne Vaucher and (near the end) CAL FIRE Captain Dean Kowalski. Elizabeth Getzoff, Jim Hamerly, Lafe Ball, and Board member Michael Pique joined our Zoom teleconference.

Pledge: Robert led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: none offered.

Minutes: The minutes from the 07/06/2024 board meeting were approved with correction from RCCSD to RCDS.

Financial Report: Keith Ronchetti's written report (available at palomar-fire.org) showed a balance of \$91,265.66, with an additional \$1220.29 held for CERT. The report was approved.

County Fire Advisory (CFA) Board. Cliff Kellogg is away, no report. The next meeting is August 12.

Station 79 Report: Captain Kowalski says a fire on Observatory Pointe off of Conifer Road last week was put out by a big Chinook helicopter.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT): Bill Leininger away, no report.

Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council (PMFSC): Yvonne Vaucher. We have \$26,207 of which about \$15,000 is unrestricted. The US Forest Service is busy. They are waiting to award a contract for Aguanga and the Palomar Divide, and for 71 acres of clearing on Birch Hill above Kica Mik. They have applied herbicide on 71 acres near the Palomar Divide Next year they plan to clear 200 acres in Jeff Valley. Our San Diego County Regional Fire Foundation grant is funding our third dumpster of the season today, and \$10,000 for dumpsters and chipping to get us through this summer. Next PMFSC meeting 9 AM August 24; Yvonne will be away but on Zoom.

Community Center of Palomar Mountain (CCPM): Robert Carlyle, Chair. For the August 31 "Hoedown", Tom Mendenhall will arrange the food and do some carpentry work on the stage.

Board Insurance: no update.

Palomar Mountain Planning Organization (PMPO): The next PMPO Board meeting will be Saturday August 24, at 10 AM immediately following the PMFSC meeting.

New Business:

Nominations for the three open Board Positions. We need to appoint a (non-board member) Nominations Chair to solicit and collect nominations for the three open seats (now held by Robert Carlyle, Tom Mendenhall, Mark Thompson). Keith Ronchetti will ask Cliff and Susie Kellogg

Adjournment: 9:58 AM 08/03/2024. The next PMCFA meeting will be the Annual General Meeting (AGM) at Noon on Sunday September 1 2024 at the Community Center. We expect to have Zoom call-ins available.

Michael Pique, Secretary

Minutes approved by PMCFA Board 09/01/2024.