

# **PALOMAR MOUNTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

## **Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Board of Directors**

**Saturday January 18, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 0800 by Board President Leininger.

Board members present: Burt Johnson, Suzann Leininger and Mike Pique. Dave Robarts and Keith Ronchetti were absent.

CALFIRE Chief Christina Williamson and CERT representative Alan Serry present.

All stood for the Pledge of allegiance.

Corrections were made to the minutes of the meeting from Saturday's, 12/13/14 meeting of the Board of Directors regarding the date and Chief Kellogg's statements about reimbursable expenses. Mike seconded. The minutes were approved.

**Financial Report:** Chief Kellogg read from Keith's report in his absence. (The report **has** been included as part of these minutes). Mike moved to accept, Burt seconded and the minutes were approved.

**Chief's Report:** Chief Kellogg went over his written report, (included as part of these minutes). The 3 year extension of the SDCFA contract with the PMVFD has been signed. This brings the renewal date to June 2018. Cliff reported on the January 5th visit by San Diego County General Services Administration staff, evaluating the stations equipment and buildings. He intends to submit two SRA grants for firebreak maintenance and community chipping days. He investigated the supply snags from the CALFIRE service center. The supplies had been delivered to Palomar but had been overlooked and not logged. The Board approved reimbursement for flower expenses for the funeral of Captain Tillich's father. Burt moved to accept the Chief's report. Mike seconded. Report approved.

**CERT Report:** Alan Serry said that Palomar CERT Team members would participate in a "Reach Air" helicopter landing training exercise at the helipad next Saturday afternoon. CERT members are installing more easement signs on Birch Hill today as part of a community service project. Alan plans to introduce a new numbered easement road; he and Suzann will coordinate updating the maps in the department vehicles as needed.

**CALFIRE Report:** Chief Williamson reported that of that two of the three county fire stations closed recently by SDCFA were in her battalion. Engines at station 78 on highway 76 are being rotated out for maintenance but at least one four wheel drive will

always be in service there. The help that our department is offering to the Ranchita Volunteers has been recognized by the SDCFA. January's snow event resulted in many stuck trucks and towed vehicles all along the Hwy 76 corridor, along with downed trees impeding traffic trying to reach both mountain and desert destinations. Chief Kellogg complemented both the CHP and San Diego County SO on their efforts on those days.

**New business:** The 50 year lease agreement between the PMVFD and The SDCFA should, we expect, be ready for review later this Spring. Mike Pique suggested that the PMVFD Board of Directors ask the Palomar Mountain Planning Organization (PMPO) for help informing the community when the draft becomes available and helping fund a mailing. The Board informally agreed to this proposal.

**Web site and public communications:** The Palomar-fire.org site is operational but needs updating. Mike Pique will contact Keith Ronchetti and Brian Wagner to make progress on this.

**Adjournment:** 10:00 AM, 1/18/2015

**The next PMVFD Board meeting is scheduled for Saturday 2/7/2015 at 8:00 AM.**