

PALOMAR MOUNTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Board of Directors

Saturday February 7, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 8:08 by Board President Leininger.

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

Captain Tilch. Alan Serry, Linda Fortney, Chief Kellogg and Brian Wagner were also in attendance.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The forum was open for public comments. None were given.

A Plaque was given to Linda Fortney in appreciation for her service to the PMFD both as Board President and as Barbecue Chairperson. There was a brief pause in the proceedings for refreshments.

The minutes of the PMFD Board meeting of January 2, 2015 were read. Keith made the motion, Suzann seconded. The motion to approve the minutes was accepted.

Financial Report: Keith read over the current figures. (The report has been included as part of these minutes.) Burt moved to accept, Mike seconded, and the motion was approved.

Chief's Report: Chief Kellogg went over his written report. (The report has been included as part of these minutes.) He gave an update on the current status of the International fire engine drive line recall. The PMVFD will be receiving a new type six engine. This will be a Ford F550 and is expected to be here in April. Cliff noted that the water consumption by the Department had increased substantially over last year because of the increased staffing at the station. He said that we are trying to keep the annual use to less than 100,000 gallons. Cliff will try to attend A PMMWD

Board meeting soon and address their concerns. Burt moved to accept the Chief's report, Keith seconded. The report was approved by the Board.

CERT Report: Alan Serry gave a brief rundown on recent Palomar CERT activities and training. There was a helicopter training session with the local air ambulance provider at the helipad. Photos of the exercise were passed around. The signage project on Birch Hill / Crestline Roads is almost complete. There are still some problem areas that need to be addressed by arrows and number sequencing.

Old Business: The issue of having an online provider of document storage and posting was discussed. Drop Box was brought up as an option although that would require a monthly fee for service. Suzann and Brian Wagner discussed other possibilities for ways to post information on the PMVFD's website.

New Business: Suzann reported on the quarterly Chief's meeting she and Cliff attended on January 15th. They met with CAL FIRE Chief Meachum. ((Unit chief for San Diego County). Among the issues discussed at the meeting were; the growing pains within the SDCFA, the volunteer chiefs not being included in the hiring interviews for prospective recruits, the SDCFA Service Center will be supplying not only medical supplies but other station supplies as well and the preferred method of communications between the various Volunteer Fire Departments B.O.D's and the SDCFA should be by e-mail.

Pre-planning for the annual barbecue was brought up for discussion. Other options than an annual event were talked about. The idea that there should be a "welcome wagon" for recent new property owners was proposed.

Cliff let the Board know that he intends to retire from his position as Chief of the PMVFD as of May 1, 2015. He intends to focus his remaining time on streamlining bill payments with the SDCFA, getting rid of outdated equipment, managing grants and personnel management

Closed session: Personnel issues.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2015.

