

**PALOMAR MOUNTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**Saturday March 7, 2015**

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

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

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The forum was opened for public comment. None were given.

**Financial Report:** Keith read over the current figures. (A copy has been included as part of these minutes.) Keith commented on the fact that Debbie Thickston is retiring from her tax accounting service and this would be the last time she would be preparing the taxes for the PMVFD. Burt moved to accept the report, Suzann seconded, report approved.

**Chief's Report:** Chief Kellogg went over his written report. (A copy has been included as part of these minutes.) Fire Fighter Doelman has transferred to the Ranchita Station and is no longer with PMVFD. Suzann and Cliff will attend the 3/14/15 monthly meeting of the Palomar Mountain Mutual Water Co. to discuss water usage issues and to clear up misconceptions about the SDCFA "takeover". The extractor washer and dryer permit has been approved and they should be installed soon. The PMVFD is still sending excess staffing over to the Ranchita Station. Cliff commented on Battalion #5 not following protocol in the shift approval process. The SDCFA evacuation map meeting was held 2/18/15 at the Valley Center substation. Christina Williamson reported on the fact that neither CALFIRE, federal, or other fire agencies were consulted when drawing up this map. This plan was about to be implemented until a protest was made by the other impacted agencies. It is currently being reevaluated. Chief Kellogg met recently with representatives of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, (IAFC) and Volunteer and Combination Officer, (VCOS), members while visiting the Palomar Station. These organizations are mainly east coast based but are trying to expand more in the west. Chief Kellogg has contacted the SDCFA Administrative Analyst to clarify some of the reoccurring cost expenses. Cliff was wondering if it would be worthwhile to transfer some of these for payment by SDCFA. After some discussion, Cliff suggested it might be better to keep the bookkeeping in house rather than possibly complicating matters by getting another party involved. Keith made the motion to approve the Chief's Report. Burt seconded. The report was approved.

**Battalion #7 Report:** Chief Williamson reported on the many transfers and promotions taking place recently. She said that Volunteer Reserves will now be doing ride alongs with the various CALFIRE Stations before being assigned to their duty station. She also reported on actions taken at the recent "standards of coverage" meeting and what her input was future equipment needs are for the PMVFD.

**CERT Report:** Alan Serry on the communications training session for CERT members conducted by Captain Tilch. The next training will be on HAM amateur communications and on what role they play in emergencies. There will also be a county wide disaster exercise on April 4<sup>th</sup> for any members who want to refresh their training.

**Old Business:** Suzann brought up for discussion the hiring process to fill the position of a Station Manager to fill Cliff's vacancy when he retires. The job announcement and duty statement will be posted ASAP and an interest list started for possible candidates. Christina suggested that we put in a request to the SDCFA to appoint an interim CALFIRE Captain to fill in until a person is selected.

**New Business:** Fire Fighter Mike Sweeney was promoted to Engineer in a brief ceremony attended by the PMVFD fire fighters on duty. Chief's Williamson and Kellogg pinned on the new badge. New fund raising ideas were discussed to replace the annual barbecue. The need to open up a discussion with the Palomar community was emphasized.

**Calendar Check:** The next PMVFD Board meeting is scheduled For April 4, 2015 8:00 AM at the Fire Dept. admin building. There is a meeting for all board members next Saturday at 9:30 AM to get the station manager hiring process started.

**Adjournment:** 10:15 AM.