

# PALOMAR MOUNTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

**Saturday April 4, 2015**

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

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

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The forum was opened for any public comments. None were given.

The minutes of the March 7, 2015 PMVFD Board meeting were read with minor corrections noted. Keith moved to accept, Burt seconded. The motion to accept was approved.

**Financial Report:** Keith read over the current account balances. (The written report has been included as part of these minutes.) Burt moved to accept, Mike seconded, and the report was approved by the board.

**Chief's report:** Chief Kellogg read his written report to the Board. (This report has been included as part of these minutes.)

Two members of the PMVFD staff are currently staffing the Ranchita Station. This year's Fire Foundation Grant has been closed out. Cliff proposed that we not submit a request for the upcoming year.

The SRA Fire Prevention Fund proposal for brush clearance on the Palomar Divide fuel break has been approved. A motion was needed to give signing powers to Suzann and Cliff as representatives of the PMVFD Board of Directors as administrators of this grant. Burt made the motion, Keith seconded, and the motion was approved.

Cliff showed us the proposal and cost estimate for a new display sign to be erected at the Fire Station entrance. The cost would be about \$675. Dave volunteered to help put it up. Burt made the motion to purchase out of Board funds, Mike seconded and the motion was approved. Cliff suggested to the Board that we look into getting rid of the Chevy Suburban admin. vehicle, the costs are becoming prohibitive. Cliff said that La Jolla Fire may be interested in taking it. The CERT gel engine, #7739, will also be turned over to CALFIRE for disposition.

Alan Serry made a suggestion to the Board that we look into other ideas to submit for the Fire Foundation Grant. Alan will work with Cliff on this. Cliff will submit a topic for the upcoming PMPO newsletter. Burt moved to accept the Chief's report as given, Mike seconded and the motion was approved.

**CALFIRE report:** Chief Williamson reported that the Del Dios and Valley Center CALFIRE Stations will be staffed for fire season beginning April 13<sup>th</sup>. She also said that there still many transfers and promotions happening within the battalion.

**CERT report:** Alan Serry reported on his recent CERT training to earn his instructional certification. The next Palomar CERT training will be on documentation and will be held on April 11<sup>th</sup>. There is a para gliding event scheduled for May 7<sup>th</sup>. This will take place on Pala Reservation land off of the Nate Harrison Grade road. There is a SR15, wild land interface, class to be held in Valley Center on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

Alan proposed that we sell the Bullock's live fire trainer to the Valley Center CERT organization under the condition that we can borrow it when needed for our training. The warranty has expired and it has a history of costly repairs. They will be responsible for all maintenance costs under this agreement.

**Old business:** A number of resumes have been received by the board by candidates interested in filling the station admin. position. Some have been received late or incomplete. There was discussion on whether to accept these or not. It was decided to hold off making this decision until other matters were settled.

Cliff and Suzann met with Chief Niesen with Chief Williamson also present. He proposed an alternative to hiring a station administrator dependent on the PMVFD Board signing the 50 year lease with the San Diego County Fire Authority. This proposal will be decided pending a clarification and further discussion with the SDCFA.

A closed session of the PMVFD Board of Directors is scheduled for Sat. 4/11/15 at 0800.

The next regular scheduled board meeting will be Sat. May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Adjournment: 11:03