

PALOMAR MOUNTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Board of Directors

Saturday, May 2, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 0810 by Board President Suzann Leininger.

Board members present: Keith Ronchetti, David Roberts Burt Johnson and Suzann Leininger. MikePique was absent.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The forum was opened for public comment. Community member Susan Hanson asked a question about the current status of the negotiations between the SDCFA and the PMVFD .

The minutes of the April 4th, 2015 were reviewed and corrections noted by the secretary. Burt made the motion to accept, Keith seconded. The minutes were approved.

Financial Report: Keith reviewed the current account balances. (The written report has been included as part of these minutes.) Burt made the motion to accept, David seconded and the report was approved by the board.

Chief's Report: Chief Kellogg read from his written report, (included as part of these minutes). He updated the board on the status of the recall on engine # E-7719. It will be brought to a designated repair facility to correct the problem with the driveline front cardin joint. Valley Center CERT has expressed interest in acquiring the gel engine. The EMS account will be closed and any remaining funds will be put into the Board account.

Alan Serry explained that he has filed for a grant request from the Fire Foundation to purchase an enclosed trailer for the Palomar CERT Team. The trailer will be kept stocked and ready for training and community emergencies.

The Chief's station 79 Suburban will be donated to La Jolla Fire. The tires and wheels will be swapped out to the CERT Suburban.

Cliff brought up his idea to sell the station's skid steerer. Its liabilities are is condition and CALFIRE's requirements regarding operator training. Greg presented his research and experience with a self-propelled snow blower as a replacement. The cost of a snow blower would be approximately \$800.

A new propane barbecue has been purchased for the duty crew's use; the old one was rusted out.

Chief Kellogg let the Board know that they may be a shortage of qualified driver/operators in the future. This is primarily through attrition and transfers. The Fire Authority cannot compel its fire fighters to obtain the necessary training to become licensed operators of the larger fighting apparatus.

Cliff expressed his concerns about the lack of local involvement in the Palomar Station if we do not hire an on-site administrator as proposed by the Board. He went on to explain his apprehensions about Battalion Chief Williamson's inability to be involved in the stations management on a day to day basis. She has three other stations to manage and is frequently assigned to out of county fire events. Cliff feels that there should be more onsite supervision for the relatively inexperienced staffing here at the PMVFD. A discussion was re-opened at this point among the Board members whether an onsite administrator is needed and to what their responsibilities would be.

This concluded Chief Cliff Kellogg's final report to the PMVFD Board of Directors upon his retirement.

Battalion Report: Chief Christina Williamson gave a brief summary of recent news and events. She said that the North County region had the most SRA funds allocated. She will attend the scheduled meeting with representatives of the SDCFA and the PMVFD Board on Fri. 5/9 in Escondido. The Fire Authority is aware of our need to have some very important questions answered so we can make informed decisions on the future of the PMVFD.

Christina stated that the outlook not very good for project participation by CALFIRE crews in the coming months due to an active fire season anticipated.

Residential fire inspections are starting up on May 7th. An organizational meeting was held to kick off the inspection cycle.

Chief Williamson conducted a meeting with her CALFIRE station Captains to explain their role in keeping an open line of communications with the PMVFD crew and to what her expectations were in their involvement and leadership were in Station 79's daily management. She also said to expect some speed bumps along the way in this time of transition.

CERT Report: Presented by Alan Serry.

The last Palomar CERT training was on documentation and record keeping. A neighborhood watch informational meeting is scheduled for May 9th 0800 at the fire station. The Bullock's live fire trainer has been transferred to the Valley Center CERT

organization under the conditions outlined in last month's minutes. Alan continues his efforts in pushing the community street sign program. He brought this issue up at the recent community center meeting held recently. The Community Center Board is proposing fund raising ideas to support their organization. Susan Hanson volunteered to put together a calendar of events to publicize the various Palomar organization activities.

New Business: The Board members, Greg, Chief Williamson and others expressed their gratitude to Chief Kellogg for his years of service to the PMVFD. An event will be scheduled to appropriately honor his retirement.

Old business: Suzann solicited the Board for the questions we need answered at the SDCFA meeting on Fri. May 8th. A list was put together and the Board came to an agreement on questions we have to the County's lease/sublease proposal.

Adjournment: 11:00