

## PALOMAR MOUNTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Minutes of the monthly meeting of The Board of Directors Saturday, August 6, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 A.M. by President Leininger. Board members present: Suzann Leininger, Michael Pique, Keith Ronchetti, Glenn Borland, Cliff Kellogg. Also present were CAL FIRE Chief Mike Good, CERT Coordinator James Ewen, and about 4 Palomar residents.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: Linda Fortney will speak later about the Appreciation Dinner.

Financial Report: Keith Ronchetti reported no major changes. (The report has been included as part of these minutes.) We received the final reimbursement of \$4350 from the SRA chipping grant. Current assets are \$109,900.71. The report was approved.

Minutes: The minutes from the 6/25/2016 board meeting were approved as presented by Michael Pique.

Captain's Report: Captain Good presented his written report, (included as part of these minutes). He says he is here on-station Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The county has been fast at sending up repair technicians when needed. The USFS has been conducting defensible space inspections, aided by Station 79. Our older water tender is still out of service. We saw 9 calls in June, 7 in July. The report was approved.

Staffing Update: we have 24/7 coverage of two CAL FIRE people in addition to our reserve staffing until July 2017. The two are from a pool of five permanently assigned plus others as "overtime".

Community Appreciation Dinner: Linda & Tom Fortney, Jim Walls, Cliff Kellogg, and Glenn Borland met at Mother's Kitchen. The Walls family will invite Palomar residents to the 21st annual Earl Walls Community Appreciation Dinner, under the auspices of the Community Center of Palomar Mountain, to be held at the Lodge, October 15, 4:00 to 9:00 PM. The PMVFD Board will pay the \$600 for rental of the Lodge.

CERT: James Ewen went to the SDG&E grant award event. CERT will have a booth at the September 3 Community Center festival, to inform and encourage residents to keep individual 72-hour emergency supply packs in their houses or cars. The Kit Fox outfitters will also have a booth offering packs and related emergency supplies.

Fire Safe Council: No report this month.

By-Law Review: Cliff Kellogg says the by-laws have a lot of things we don't need anymore. He suggests we begin in January to conduct Board business at quarterly meetings and work on the by-law update at monthly meetings.

Grants: The SRA Palomar Divide Fuel Break work is waiting for fire hazard and environmental conditions to improve; still hope to resume in September or October.

Board Elections: Three positions will be elected at the September 4 annual meeting. Nominations Chair John Lesac has received two nominations so far.

Amendment to Ground Lease: Cliff Kellogg says the county has proposed an amendment allowing the count to process directly payments for our insurance. A motion to authorize Suzann to sign this as President was approved (moved Pique, second Leininger, unanimous).

Administration Building Retirement: when the existing double-wide modular building is removed to make room for the new bunk rooms, we need to have all the Board possessions out. Cliff Kellogg itemized these as records (including years of personnel records), furniture, supplies, and memorabilia such as clippings and plaques. We, and CERT, also have equipment, tables, and chairs in the Conex shipping containers. The modular buildings themselves could perhaps be offered to the Community Center.

Community Outreach and Communications: Suzann says she will continue to update the FaceBook and NextDoor sites, which have about 200 followers. Bonnie Phelps has the most active community email list. Perhaps we should revive our own email list; Keith says a sign-up form is still on our web site. Keith will document for the Board how to send out a mailing to our list.

Liability Insurance: the Community Center will purchase single-event insurance for their September 3 event with the Board and the county listed as additional insured.

Adjournment: 10:51 A.M. 8/06/2016

The next annual general meeting is Sunday 9/04/2016 at noon.

The next board meeting is Saturday 10/01/2016 at 9:00 A.M.

- Michael Pique, acting Secretary

Minutes approved by PMVFD Board 10/01/2016