

PALOMAR MOUNTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Minutes of the annual meeting of the Board of Directors

Sunday, September 6, 2015

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

Board members present: Keith Ronchetti, David Robarts, Burt Johnson, Michael Pique, Suzann Leininger. Cal Fire Battalion Chief Cristina Williamson was present.

There were 24 members of the community and one dog in attendance.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public comments: Rosemary Johnston suggested everyone from the audience introduce themselves. This was done.

Question from Yvonne Vaucher about the Fire Safe Council status. Suzann didn't have any information from the board.

Robert Carlyle responded that the program is dormant and he would not be taking part in this program any longer personally; bureaucratic roadblocks had discouraged him . Chief Williamson gave her input from her experience and offered to facilitate.

Approval of last annual meeting minutes. Burt moved and Suzann seconded; approval with correction of the station number from 76 to 79.

Financial Report: Keith Ronchetti reported on the current financial status of the Department as submitted in his written report, included as part of these minutes. Net assets are \$109,330.68. Burt moved to approve the Treasurer's report, Suzann seconded; The report was approved.

Chief's Report: Chief Williamson reported. A lack of drivers is still an issue. However, the station has not been left uncovered even with equipment moved north and the recent spate of wildfires. The admin vehicle has been sold and its exempt plates taken off. A code key box has been installed at all county fire stations for access by out-of-area firefighters. See written report for administrative topics. A snow blower purchase has been requested for station use. 1000 sandbags and sand to fill them have been ordered for community use this fall and winter.

Grants:

1. The Palomar Divide firebreak grant from the SRA Fire Prevention funds has a contractor assigned and Chief Williamson hopes it will be completed by October.
2. Chipping days. Options are to bring material to the chipper or to bring the chipper to prearranged locations. Probably this coming winter and spring.

On Wednesday, September 16, Cliff Kellogg is being honored at a “local heroes” event.

The calendar is being put together to schedule events for use of the station grounds and facilities. Burt moved to approve the chief’s report, Suzann seconded; the report was approved.

CERT Report: Alan Serry is interim manager. He noted that the Barricade gel material purchased in 2008 should be replaced. Even if kept in a controlled environment and periodically mixed, it will go bad.

Upcoming CERT events:

August 8: Rob Hawk talk on earthquake preparedness

September 12: CPR and AED class, \$30 per person

October 10: meeting on El Niño preparation

Old Business:

The administrative vehicle and the skid steer have both been sold.

New Business:

Three nominations for the two open board positions have been received:

Michael Pique

Kelly Snyder, who was not present and received no second.

Glenn Borland.

Michael Pique and Glenn Borland accepted the nominations and were voted in by unanimous show of hands from the community and the board.

Burt Johnson, outgoing member, gave a short speech thanking his fellow board members.

Linda Fortney said that the Walls family would continue the appreciation dinner tradition.

Adjournment of general meeting 1:15 PM

A brief meeting of the PMVFD Board members was held to assign positions. It was agreed that this would be as follows:

President: Suzann Leininger V.P.: Michael Pique Treasurer: Keith Ronchetti

Secretary: David Robarts Member-at-large: Glenn Borland

Next monthly board meeting will be October 3, 2015.