

PALOMAR MOUNTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Sunday, September 4, 2016

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

Board members present: Glenn Borland, Cliff Kellogg, Suzann Leininger, Michael Pique, Keith Ronchetti.

Community members in attendance included Yvonne Vaucher, Brian Wagner, Linda Fortney, Robert Carlyle, Rosie Lopresti, Jack Weisgerber, John Lesac, Terri Sproul, and Susie Kellogg.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public comments: Rosie Lopresti noted that the PMVFD on-line event calendar shows two Community Center and Community Church events in December that are not at the Fire Station. Keith will correct and clarify these entries. Linda Fortney thanked the board for its work over the past two years. Robert Carlyle especially offered thanks to Suzanne Leininger, who took us through the negotiations with the county over the 50-year ground lease.

Approval of last annual meeting minutes: The minutes of the September 6, 2015, Annual General Meeting were approved as presented by Michael Pique.

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 \$112,476.82. Cliff Kellogg moved to approve the Treasurer's report, Suzann seconded; the report was approved.

Station 79 Report: Captain Good is on vacation so no report was presented.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) report: Linda Fortney said she is in discussions with the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) and the Office of Emergency Services (OES) to get higher levels of training here for CERT. She is working also with the San Diego Fire Foundation for more training, including survival training and equipment ("Go Bags"). We have 18 active CERT members. All may have to be fingerprinted and "live scanned", and to endure FBI and DHS background checks. CERT coordinator James Ewen is trying to get regular meetings going again, but at the last one, only two people showed up.

Fire Safe Council Report: Yvonne Vaucher said the Council is now reinstated by the federal government as a 501(c)(3) organization, back to February 2014. They are now dealing with the state of California. The U.S. Forest Service allocated \$120,000 to Palomar for 100-foot defensible space clearing, through the San Diego Fire Safe

Council and Resource Conservation District. This will fund chipping and some restricted preparation work. The grant runs until December 2017. We applied for CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) brush clearing work but we were not successful. We are applying for an SDG&E \$250,000 education grant. The Fire Safe Council board election is October 22 and there are four seats open.

Board Elections:

Suzanne Leininger announced she is leaving the board. Nominations Committee Chair John Lesac said that three nominations for the three open board positions have been received: Glenn Borland, Cliff Kellogg, and Robert Carlyle. All three were seconded, accepted their nominations, and were voted in by unanimous show of hands from the community members and the board.

Adjournment of general meeting 12:27 PM

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

President: Cliff Kellogg

V.P.: Glenn Borland

Treasurer: Keith Ronchetti

Secretary: Michael Pique

Member-at-large: Robert Carlyle

Upcoming business includes by-law revisions, inventory & disposition of equipment, handing over of personnel files to the County Fire Authority, and review of old checks & invoices now stored above the Station 79 communications room.

Next board meeting October 1, 2016

Adjournment of board meeting 12:50 PM

Minutes approved at Annual General Meeting September 3, 2017.