

## PALOMAR MOUNTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Minutes of the monthly meeting of The Board of Directors Saturday, October 1, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by President Kellogg. Board members present: Cliff Kellogg, Michael Pique, Keith Ronchetti, Glenn Borland. Board member Robert Carlyle was present after the first hour. Also present were CAL FIRE Captain Mike Good, CERT Coordinator James Ewen, Palomar Fire Safe Council chair Yvonne Vaucher, and residents Suzann Leininger and Linda Fortney.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: none offered.

Financial Report: Keith Ronchetti reported no major changes. (The report has been included as part of these minutes.) We received the first invoice for the Palomar Divide work, from Kathleen Edwards. Current assets are \$112,527.46. The report was approved.

Minutes: The minutes from the 8/06/2016 board meeting were approved as presented by Michael Pique.

Captain's Report: Captain Good presented his written report, (included as part of these minutes). We saw 11 calls in September. Vehicles Patrol 79, WT 7552, and Utility 79 are all back in service. The USFS is scheduling 2017 defensible space inspections. Next month, November 5, will see a county-wide CERT drill. The county Department of Emergency Services can now activate CERT units up to 24 hours before an anticipated emergency such as flooding. Linda Fortney asked why no CERT member was stationed at the top of the South Grade two weeks ago when the road was closed near the bottom, causing residents to be turned back. Captain Good said that traffic control duties like that require extra training that our CERT team does not have. The report was approved.

CERT: James Ewen says he and Captain Good have confirmed that the CERT vehicle is owned by the PMVFD Board, who is paying registration, insurance, and maintenance. The fire crews will start it up weekly to make sure it is usable. Upcoming events include community fire extinguisher training, in cooperation with Valley Center CERT. Establishing our mutual aid plan with Valley Center requires about \$30-\$60 per person for background checks to cover Palomar CERT members who will be in the mutual aid program. Keith Ronchetti said to do it and request reimbursement. James is talking to Deer Springs and Julian CERTs about extending mutual aid to them. He noted the Red Cross offers shelter training, including a background check, which may save money.

Fire Safe Council: Yvonne Vaucher said September has been a big month: the Palomar council got its federal 501(c)3 status approved and the California approval is in

progress. A USFS grant for \$121,000 has been approved, with \$80,000 for free chipping and 50% cost-sharing pre-chip preparation. Other grants applied for are a \$200,000 SRA fuel reduction along private roads, a CCC proposal to clear the summit and the area below the Fire Station, and a \$2500 request to SDG&E for community education. Bonnie Phelps has set up a Palomar FSC web site. Yvonne said they have no information yet on any ISO insurance rating changes.

By-Law Review: Cliff Kellogg says every board member should take a pass at editing the by-laws, marking “keep”, “delete”, or “change”.

Planning for Storage Container Removal: Before the modular buildings are removed, the storage containers will have to be moved or disposed of. We need to plan what to do with the usable supplies and equipment such as the air unit, chairs, tables, grills, and the furniture now in the admin building. Michael Pique will check on permit requirements if we and the county agree to keep the storage containers on the property.

New Business:

ISO Rating: Despite a recent press release from Supervisor Jacobs’ office, no information is certain about any county-wide insurance rating improvement. Captain Good said he received an email from Chief Mecham but it lacked details. Suzann Leininger suggested that Cliff ask Chief Williamson about it. Suzann has heard that every property owner will receive some notice around the beginning of 2017 that their rating will be adjusted if they are within 1000 feet of water and 3 miles of a fire station.

Adjournment: 10:15 A.M. 10/01/2016

The next board meeting is Saturday 11/05/2016 at 9:00 A.M.

- Michael Pique, Secretary

Minutes approved by PMVFD Board November 5, 2016.