

## PALOMAR MOUNTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Minutes of the monthly meeting of The Board of Directors Saturday, February 4, 2017.

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, Robert Carlyle. Also present were CAL FIRE Captain Mike Good, CAL FIRE North Zone Battalion Chief Cal Hendrie, Palomar Mountain CERT Coordinator James Ewen, Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council president Yvonne Vaucher, and Palomar Mountain State Park ranger Jessica Murany.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Financial Report: Keith Ronchetti reported. (The report has been included as part of these minutes.) Current assets, excluding CERT funds held by the board, are \$111,344.19. The report was approved.

Minutes: The minutes from the 01/07/2017 board meeting were approved as written by Cecelia Borland.

Station 79 Report: Captain Good presented his written report. We saw 10 calls in January, including six for road hazards from rock slides, and two medical responses. We lost several trees on the grounds from storms but no other damage. Power door openers for the apparatus bay are 3/4 installed. We have a new "Engine 79" now. A new ground-level sign is coming, to be placed by the oaks facing the East Grade Road. Captain Good said the crews would like to have personal lockers in the bunk room since we are still in limbo for a new building. The report was approved.

Battalion Report: Chief Hendrie said a new building is not even in the funding stage. We will be upgraded with paramedic service by the summer. He has located a 30 KW generator to be moved up here for emergency power; we currently have only a small generator that can run the station but not the bunk house.

CERT: James Ewen says CERT conducted crowd management traffic safety training and next week will do a first aid class. Later they will be applying to the Department of Justice to get background checks so we can participate in mutual aid operations. We will be starting joint drills with Valley Center CERT and want to do a big joint drill up here on Palomar. The CERT vehicle needs maintenance work, but is still waiting in John Ferguson's queue in Julian.

Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council: Yvonne Vaucher presented the PMFSC written report. The Palomar council has now achieved California 501(c)3 status. Treasurer Gina Aven is getting advice from Cliff Kellogg about insurance. They are hunting funding to clear the brush on the slope south of the station, between the East Grade Road and the US Forest Service property below. The community chipping grant work is underway although slowed by weather. So far, 17 requests have come in for chipping and 12 for

pre-chip preparation. They are looking for ideas for workshops, such as last year's Urban-Wildland Interface fire class. Perhaps one on the gold-spotted oak borer? Jessica Murany suggests "chainsaw and tree-clearing safety" and "drought and weather". The PMFSC is interested in contingency evacuation routes from Crestline and Birch Hill. The Walls route is drivable, but starts too far west to really help eastern Crestline or Birch Hill. The 32J easement road through Borlands' has very sharp curves at the south end and some rough spots along its northern connection to Conifer Road. A boulder or two would need to be taken out to make the route acceptable. Next meeting: 9:30 AM Saturday February 25, at the Fire Station boardroom.

New Business:

Cliff Kellogg says the 2017 board insurance certificate arrived and is in the file cabinet. He has asked Chief O'Leary about how to complete a welfare-exemption form. We plan a public sale of our surplus equipment in April.

Ranger Murany says the 20,000 gallon water tank behind the school camp has been patched and will soon be filled by USFS trucks. The school camp may be leased by the Christian Conference Center this summer. Recent storms made Doane Pond a river with ice edges.

Adjournment: 10:13 A.M. 02/04/2017

The next board meeting is Saturday 3/04/2017 at 9:00 AM, By-law revision emphasis and possible presentation of crew "wish list" by Captain Good.

- Michael Pique, Secretary

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