

PALOMAR MOUNTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Minutes of the monthly meeting of The Board of Directors Saturday, May 6, 2017.

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 A.M. by Vice-President Borland. Board members present: Michael Pique, Glenn Borland, Robert Carlyle. Also present were Cal Fire Captain Dean Kowalski, Cal Fire Battalion Chief Cal Hendrie, Fire Safe Council Vice-President Cecelia Borland, and Community Center of Palomar Mountain Chair Terri Sproul.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: none offered.

Financial Report: Keith Ronchetti's written report was presented. (The report has been included as part of these minutes.) Current assets, excluding CERT funds held by the board, are \$112,575.03. We received \$1,697 from the April 8 sale of surplus equipment. The report was approved.

Minutes: The minutes from the 04/01/2017 board meeting were approved as written by Michael Pique.

Station 79 Report: Cal Hendrie presented an oral report, introducing Dean Kowalski, who has been recently promoted to captain. Captain Kowalski will be on Palomar Thursdays through Saturdays. The Del Dios and Valley Center stations, closed for some time, have reopened. In June, an additional fire engine will be stationed at each of Rincon and Valley Center stations. Cal Fire will soon start property inspections under a San Diego County ordinance requiring 50% vegetation clearing from 50 to 100 feet away from structures. Our new water tender will not be four-wheel drive and may often lack a qualified driver. Chief Hendrie will help in identifying areas of safe refuge. When Cliff Kellogg gets back in town, he will show Captain Kowalski where the various station utility lines and tanks are.

Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council (FSC): Cecelia Borland said the community chipping and tree trimming funds still have 7 months to run. She encourages us to ask people to sign up. The program availability will be included in the doorknob-hanger information left by the Cal Fire inspectors. The FSC intends to conduct another urban-wildland interface fire training class and possibly a chainsaw class this summer. Captain Kowalski asked if funds could be used to clear driveways enough for fire engine access. He says many houses have only half the vertical clearance needed for the new fire engine. This work would probably have to be associated with a specific property for which the owner would pay 50%.

Community Center of Palomar Mountain (CCPM): Terri Sproul said the rental toilet is here, needs minor leveling, and (on Captain Good's direction) was placed well above the admin buildings, on the upper road. She and Captain Kowalski will look today for a

more accessible location. Terri will then arrange for Diamond to move the toilet before the May 26 PMPO meeting. The stage/bandstand needs to be resurfaced before the upcoming events (the July 1 movie night and the Labor Day weekend barbecue). The board agreed to spend up to \$1000 for new plywood or tongue-in-groove flooring and paint or anti-slip finish, to be coordinated by Robert Carlyle.

PMPO Newsletter: Cliff Kellogg has written and submitted the Fire Department article for the PMPO newsletter.

New Business:

To support the CCPM barbecue on Saturday September 2 (11 AM - 3 PM), consider moving the PMVFD annual meeting to that morning instead of the Sunday after. Is there a by-law problem doing this?

Adjournment: 10:19 A.M. 05/06/2017

The next board meeting is Saturday 6/3/2017 at 9:00 AM, to include by-law revision work. Cal Hendrie will be away.

- Michael Pique, Secretary

Minutes approved by PMVFD Board 6/3/2017.