

PALOMAR MOUNTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Minutes of the monthly meeting of The Board of Directors Saturday, June 3, 2017.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by President Kellogg. Board members present: Cliff Kellogg, Keith Ronchetti, Michael Pique, Glenn Borland, Robert Carlyle. Also present were Cal Fire Captain Dean Kowalski and Fire Safe Council President Yvonne Vaucher.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: none offered.

Financial Report: Keith Ronchetti presented his written report (The report has been included as part of these minutes.) We have just paid our 2016 taxes: \$995 for preparation, \$10 filing fee. Current assets, excluding CERT funds held by the board, are \$111,571.39. The report was approved.

Minutes: The minutes from the 05/06/2017 board meeting were approved as written by Michael Pique.

Station 79 Report: Captain Dean Kowalski presented an oral report. We had 8 calls in May, including one where a 6-year-old child was bitten by a rattlesnake in the State Park. Another was by an elderly man doing mining way beyond the High Point lookout: a rock rolled and broke his collarbone. It took our firefighters 90 minutes to get to him. Our engine, water tender, and patrol are all in service. The most urgent news is that the station's septic system has failed. The county is funding about \$60,000 for rapid repairs and replacement of the leach field pipes. Until the system is replaced, the tank will be pumped weekly and a second portable toilet brought in. Cal Fire has begun property inspections under a San Diego County ordinance requiring 50% vegetation clearing from 50 to 100 feet away from structures. This has enormous time demands, and it has turned out to be difficult to get correct mailing addresses for the cabins that need clearance work. He said that Sunshine Summit, Mount Laguna, and Shelter Valley have gone "career": served by Cal Fire instead of the San Diego County Fire reserves. Only Deluz and Ranchita are still staffed by reserves.

CERT - no report. Cliff Kellogg previously asked new CERT coordinator Bill Leinger about the CERT vehicle, which needs to be driven monthly. New California regulations make it hard to find legal drivers now, a problem that Captain Kowalski says he's familiar with.

Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council (FSC): Yvonne Vaucher says they are planning three workshops. The first is another urban-wildland interface fire training class, the second a chainsaw safety class, and the third on use of the Barricade fire-retardant gel. George Lucia got grant funding for gel for Vista residents and is willing to help us submit an application for funding. We need an applicator and 200 units of gel. We still have clearing and chipping funds available in our grant.

Community Center of Palomar Mountain (CCPM): Cliff Kellogg says he's talking to Terri Sproul about fixing up the bandstand and relocating the rental toilet. The bandstand needs materials and a work party. Glenn Borland will talk to John Lesac about availability of audio amplifier and loudspeakers for the CCPM Movie Night.

New Business:

Motorcycle hazards letter: Alan Serry has distributed a draft letter to CHP detailing our need for better enforcement, particularly on the South Grade road during weekends. Cliff Kellogg will work with Alan and Glenn Borland on the letter.

Adjournment: 10:15 A.M. 06/03/2017

The next board meeting is Saturday 7/01/2017 at 9:00 AM, to include by-law revision work. Cal Hendrie will be away.

- Michael Pique, Secretary

Minutes approved by PMVFD Board 07/01/2017.