

## **PALOMAR MOUNTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Board of Directors, November 4, 2017.

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 A.M. by President Kellogg. Board members present: Cliff Kellogg, Glenn Borland, Robert Carlyle, and Keith Ronchetti. Also present were Captain Dean Kowalski, Kathy Lande, CERT Coordinator Bill Leininger, CCPM board member Rosie Lopresti, and Fire Safe Council Vice-President Cecelia Borland.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: Kathy Lande asked about the possibility of using the chain link fenced area as a temporary kennel for lost dogs. Discussion pursued on notification of animal control, feeding of the dogs, responsibilities, etc.

Rosie Lopresti asked about the road clearance letter being written by the PMPO. Will the fire safe council add their name to the letter? Glenn commented that the letter should be ready in a couple weeks. This is after the next PMPO meeting 11/18/17.

Minutes: The minutes from the 10/07/2017 board meeting were approved with three changes.

Financial Report: Keith Ronchetti presented the written report (The report has been included as part of these minutes.). Current assets, excluding CERT funds held by the board, are \$104,821.50. This includes \$421 revenue from sales at the September 2 CCPM Fair. Our payment of \$4776 for liability insurance is expected to be reimbursed by the county. The report was approved.

Station 79 Report: Water tender was towed off the mountain – bad shape. We have a second water tender that works well. Captain Kowalski is the only driver now. He leaves one EMT at the station when he leaves so we are covered 24x7 on medical coverage. County sent expert to check out our cascade air compressor system. It seems ok but it cannot be used for CALFIRE bottles which are a different size.

The County wants a modified site plan from the Christian Conference Center to document the trailer placement on their property. Cliff made a suggestion to contact a tow company to move the conex boxes. They are large and weigh 8000 pounds.

Calls have been quiet after the fires up north. We were stripped down to core personnel since resources were providing mutual aid to the fires to the north.

Our wi-fi is provided by Western Broadband. There was concern about reaching other cabins.

CERT - Coordinator Bill Leininger reported that training for earthquake preparedness occurred. They have lots of Barricade to distribute to the community so they will be posting notices.

Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council (FSC): Cecelia Borland reported the council has \$15,270.42. They received two grants for Barricade Gel and two power washers to remove gel post fire. They now have liability insurance. Full report attached to see more details.

Community Center of Palomar Mountain (CCPM): Rosie Lopresti reported that most items out of the trailer. They want to get rid of everything so having a furniture and other stuff sale 11/18/17 after PMPO meeting. Concrete bags need to be removed. Jessica Murany wants the two rocking chairs.

New Business:

None.

Old Business:

All stuff in the administrative trailer needs to be moved to ready the unit to be relocated to the Christian Conference Center.

The discussion about having a December board meeting resulted in cancellation and a work party will occur instead. We already have plastic boxes to store items. Motion by Robert and second by Glenn. All approved.

We received a raffle approval letter. No action required since we no longer have raffles sponsored by PMVFD.

Adjournment: 9:55 A.M. 11/04/2017. The next board meeting is January 1/06/2018 at 9:00 AM.

- Robert Carlyle, Acting Secretary for the day.  
Minutes approved by the PMVFD Board 01/06/2018.