

## PALOMAR MOUNTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Minutes of the monthly meeting of The Board of Directors, June 2, 2018.

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 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, Cal Fire Battalion Chief Cal Hendrie, CERT Coordinator Bill Leininger, Fire Safe Council vice-president Cecelia Borland, and Kathy Lande.

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). No notable deposits or expenses. Current assets, excluding CERT funds held by the board, are \$108,626.89. The report was approved.

Minutes: The minutes from the 05/05/2018 board meeting were approved as drafted.

Station 79 Report: Captain Dean Kowalski presented an oral report. The station has answered a couple of medical aid calls, one water-tender dispatch, and one engine dispatch. Have seen lots of fire-starts in the county but not yet the busy season. His crews have begun the annual defensible-space inspections, working east from the fire station. Some electronic problems with signal reception on the county-supplied data tablets. The county was here to plan repairs to the damaged large engine bay door. Cliff Kellogg says Liz at the county told him the repairs should be handled through the PMVFD insurance company.

Battalion Chief Hendrie says fuels are very dry. Last week a fire in the grove below Nate Harrison, yesterday one on Mesa Grande, two weeks ago in Agua Tibia. Be sure to do your brush clearing before 10 AM. On June 18, Cal Fire stations will go on peak staffing and equipment. SDG&E is supplying a big orange fire-fighting helicopter, to be based at Ramona.

AutoPulse and shed – possible purchases: Captain Kowalski is hoping to purchase an AutoPulse CPR stretcher. The AutoPulse applies chest compression and is, he says, a huge help when you have only 2 people on the crew. The county wants stations to purchase them with their own money; Chief Hendrie will get info on purchase and maintenance contract costs. The Palomar crews need a storage shed to reduce clutter in the equipment bay; it would probably need a gravel base and there was much discussion about where it would go, what permits might be needed, and how rats could be kept out.

CERT: The focus this year is on preparedness. CERT arranged for SDG&E meteorologist Brian D'Augustino to present at the May 26 PMPO annual general meeting about fire weather conditions and the Lilac fire. The next class on using Barricade fire-retardant gel will be held June 16. Cecelia Borland will inventory cases of Barricade held by her Birch Hill neighbors.

Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council (FSC): Cecelia Borland says the FSC is still discussing the PACE evacuation plan, with not much progress. Yvonne Vaucher is working on grant proposals due soon. The FSC will be placing a community dumpster on the fire station grounds this coming weekend, June 8 - 11, and will supervise its loading.

Community Center of Palomar Mountain (CCPM): The summer picnic/potluck/fair will be held at the county park on Saturday, September 1, from noon to 3 PM. A picnic planning meeting will be held on June 9, 10 AM, at Jack & Rosie's.

PMVFD Board Elections: Cecelia Borland agreed to serve as nominations chair for the election, to be held during the Annual General Meeting on Sunday, September 2.

#### Old Business

Administration Trailers Removal : Cliff reported that Lane Yule from the Christian Conference Center says a mover has come up and agreed to move the trailers, but he still does not have a price quote. The cargo container behind the trailers can't be moved until the trailers are.

ISO Rating: Chief Hendrie will ask who knows what our local ISO (Insurance Service Office) rating is. In the past, we've been told that the rating depends significantly on how much water can be delivered to a fire, and how quickly.

Adjournment: 9:50 A.M. 06/02/2018. The next board meeting is Saturday 07/07/2018 at 9:00 AM.

- Michael Pique, Secretary  
Minutes approved by PMVFD Board 07/07/2018.