

## PALOMAR MOUNTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Minutes of the monthly meeting of The Board of Directors, August 1, 2020.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by President Kellogg. Board members present by Zoom teleconference: Cliff Kellogg, Glenn Borland, Robert Carlyle, Keith Ronchetti, Michael Pique. Also on the call were Larry Groupé, Cynthia Lucia, Heather Beer, Lafe Ball, Community Center of Palomar Mountain officer Rosie Lopresti, Palomar CERT coordinator Bill Leininger, and Palomar Fire Safe Council president Yvonne Vaucher,

Public Comment: Larry Groupé asked how to sign up for chipping; he was informed to contact Robert Carlyle.

Minutes: The minutes from the 07/11/2020 board meeting were approved.

Financial Report: Keith Ronchetti's written report (available at palomar-fire.org) showed a balance of \$103,223.96 (with \$13,948.68 held for CERT). No activity this past month. The report was approved.

Station 79 Report: Chief Reynolds is unavailable so no report.

County Fire Authority Update: Cliff Kellogg has talked to Royce Abalos about construction progress; now planning a "late summer or early fall" start.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT): Bill Leininger says CERT helped out on traffic control at the fire station for the over 100 people arriving at the July 11 COVID-19 testing. A new hybrid online/in-person CERT training course is in the works. CERT has LISTOS California funds to buy a trailer for the storage and transport of CERT supplies. Cliff and Alan Serry have visited a trailer dealer. Some discussion of size and towing options.

Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council (FSC): FSC President Yvonne Vaucher reports the FSC has a dumpster in place today, supervised by Linda Thorne and Cecelia Borland. The FSC has \$6454 in cash and expects \$2500 soon from SDG&E. We will print 25 donation-request letters to send out. Our CCI grant (CalFIRE) will be funded in August; Cheyenne Borello is our contact. We need to get permission letters from Pedley Valley and Birch Hill residents to clear along their road easements. Robert Carlyle is going ahead with chipping: 6 days of chipping now scheduled, to be reimbursed in September. We have submitted a California Fire Safe Council federal grant proposal strictly for chipping days, requesting \$22,500 over two years. Cliff suggests Yvonne meet with Supervisor Jim Desmond after Yvonne returns from family business in New Jersey.

Community Center of Palomar Mountain (CCPM): Rosie Lopresti says nothing new. The CCPM will try a virtual meeting for their Annual Meeting; she is curious how other groups will hold their elections.

Old Business:

Name of the Board and of the underlying PMVFD 501(c)(3) Organization: The Annual General Meeting (Sunday September 6) will vote on filing a DBA (Doing Business As) statement with the county as the “Palomar Mountain Community Fire Association”. Our legal name will not be changing.

Elections Nominating Committee Chair: Cecelia Borland has reported Heather Beer and Cliff Kellogg have been nominated so far. Board members whose terms expire in September are Cliff Kellogg, Glenn Borland, and Robert Carlyle.

Adjournment: 9:25 AM 08/01/2020. The next meeting is the Annual General Meeting Sunday 09/06/2020, at noon, likely by Zoom.

- Michael Pique

Minutes approved by PMVFD Board 10/03/2020