

PALOMAR MOUNTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Sunday, September 6, 2020

The meeting, held by Zoom teleconference, was called to order at 12:23 PM by Board President Cliff Kellogg.

Board members present by teleconference: Glenn Borland, Robert Carlyle, Cliff Kellogg, Michael Pique, Keith Ronchetti.

About 16 community members were in teleconference attendance including Cecelia Borland, Sharon Dall, Yvonne Vaucher, Bill Leininger, Rosie Lopresti, Elizabeth Getzoff, Teresa McCarthy, Tricia Lucia, Kathy Bates-Lande, Katie Michelmore, Heather Beer, Lafe Ball, Alan Serry, Diana Serry, Michael Walsh, and Susie Kellogg. Cal Fire Chief Robert Reynolds was present by telephone.

Public comments: Michael Walsh thanked the board for all the great work this past year. He notes the county has agreed to fund the new station quarters, which he called “a tremendous accomplishment”. Sharon Dall commended the board on its financial situation.

Approval of last annual meeting minutes: The minutes of the September 1, 2019, Annual General Meeting were approved.

Financial Report: Keith Ronchetti reported on the current financial status of the Department as submitted in his written report, available on our palomar-fire.org web site. Our current balance is \$102,633.50, down from September 2019’s \$107,111.54. Notable expenses were about \$4500 to install water tanks on Crestline Road opposite the Lodge. The report was approved.

Station 79 Report: Chief Reynolds said that the current hold on the station construction is for some plan corrections, and also that the contractor has three stations to work on at the same time. The Station 79 patrol vehicle has been in northern California, but a new Station 79 brush engine is in service. Incoming Battalion Chief Cody Eaves has met with Cliff Kellogg to learn our area.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) report: CERT Program Manager Bill Leininger says September is National Preparedness month; the recent fire in Alpine is a “heads up”. The CERT academy will be hybrid on-line and physical classes; he will send out email about the schedule. Contact palomar.mountain.cert@gmail.com to be placed on the mailing list.

Fire Safe Council (FSC) Report: Cecelia Borland said the FSC has \$3911 in the bank and has received a new 2020 SDG&E \$2500 education grant and a renewal of our Neighborhood Reinvestment Program (NRP) grant to pay for chipping and dumpsters this season. We filled yesterday's dumpster in one hour; another dumpster will be here in two weeks. If you need chipping done, call Robert Carlyle. We have about 15 cases of Barricade gel that residents can take to protect their homes. Cecelia is coordinating permissions from private owners for clearing alongside Crestline and Birch Hill roads. Yvonne Vaucher said that clearing in Pedley Valley is also possible if owner permissions can be worked out.

Community Center of Palomar Mountain (CCPM) report:

Rosie Lopresti said all functions are in limbo pending easing of COVID-19 restrictions. The CCPM has \$5110.81 in its treasury..

Old Business: Donation to Fallen Firefighter Foundation:

The board has approved donating \$500 to this charity in memory of former PMVFD chief Hank Vargas.

New Business: By-law Amendment regarding Doing-Business-As: (DBA)

The proposal to amend the PMVFD by-laws to authorize a "doing business as the Palomar Mountain Community Fire Association" was moved by Robert Carlyle, seconded by Lafe Ball, and passed by show of hands from the community members and the board.

Board Elections:

Nominations Committee Chair Cecelia Borland said that four nominations have been received for the three open board positions: Glenn Borland, Robert Carlyle, Cliff Kellogg, and Heather Beer (whose nomination was today seconded by Tricia Lucia). However, Heather Beer was not able to accept this nomination. The other three accepted, and were voted in by unanimous show of hands from the community members.

Next board meeting Saturday October 3, 2020.

Next Annual General Meeting Sunday September 5, 2021

Adjournment of general meeting 12:56 PM

Minutes approved at Annual General Meeting September 5, 2021.

Special Board meeting September 6, 2020; 12:57 PM

A brief meeting of the PMVFD Board members was held to elect officer positions. It was agreed that this would be as follows:

President: Cliff Kellogg

V.P.: Glenn Borland

Treasurer: Keith Ronchetti

Secretary: Michael Pique

Member-at-large: Robert Carlyle

Chief Reynolds thanked the board for its effectiveness and said it was an absolute pleasure coming into the battalion and working with the board. Yvonne Vaucher thanked the board for pursuing the DBA.

Adjournment of board meeting 1:02 PM