

The Palomar Mountain Community Fire Association

Minutes of the monthly meeting of The Board of Directors, February 4, 2023.

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 A.M. by President Robert Carlyle. Board members present in person at the Community Center (Station 79 grounds): Robert Carlyle, Tom Mendenhall, Michael Pique, Keith Ronchetti, Mark Thompson. Also present were Yvonne Vaucher, Joseph Sherwood, Community Center of Palomar Mountain board members Rosie Lopresti and Jack Weisgerber, CAL FIRE Engineers Mark Hanki and Todd Coyle, and CAL FIRE Battalion Chief Adam Gettman. Attending by Zoom teleconference (starting at 9:15) was Elizabeth Getzoff. CAL FIRE Captain Dean Kowalski was unable to connect to the delayed Zoom conference.

Pledge: At long last, we have an American flag in the meeting room. Robert led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: None offered

Minutes: The minutes from the 01/07/2023 board meeting were approved.

Financial Report: Keith Ronchetti's written report (available at palomar-fire.org) showed a balance of \$88,424.58 (plus \$2253.71 held for CERT). No recent expenses or deposit. The report was approved. The board approved unanimously a motion to remove Cliff Kellogg and to add Robert Carlyle to the list of approved signature authorizations for our account with California Bank & Trust in Valley Center. Keith Ronchetti and Michael Pique will remain on the list. Robert will have to stop by the bank once contacted to provide personal information to have signature authorization.

Station 79 Report: Engineer Hanki said that the US Forest Service is still doing burns in the Fry Creek area, so expect to see some smoke. Battalion Chief Gettman said that Captain Kowalski said not to worry about station 79 snow removal.

County Fire Advisory (CFA) Board, Cliff Kellogg: No report; next meeting is March 6.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT): Bill Leininger is today doing CERT academy training here at Station 79, delayed from last week by weather.

Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council (FSC) Yvonne Vaucher: The council has \$4484.99 in unrestricted funds. We expect soon to receive about \$20,000 from the state of California as reimbursement for our Stumpmasters payments. We continue to receive letters of support for a CAL FIRE Forest Health grant "phase 2." We need a full list of Palomar property owners to send letters to. Mike Pique will ask Realtor Bonnie Phelps if she can get that for us.

Our review of the community wildfire protection plan (CWPP) has not yet begun. Bill Leininger will order evacuation signs for the CERT trailer, but has not yet done that,

those are being paid for by the San Diego Regional Fire Foundation grant. The next dumpster will be in April. We have 10 dumpster weeks funded for the coming year.

We might ask for funds for cutting down trees killed by the Gold-Spotted Oak Borer (GSOB). Next FSC meeting February 25 at the new time of 9 AM. The FSC written report will be posted at palomar-fire.org.

Community Center of Palomar Mountain (CCPM): Rosie Lopresti said their postponed Annual General Meeting will be held today, immediately after this meeting. It will include election of officers for the 2022-23 board. Jack and Rosie are not seeking reelection for 2023-24: with the return of the Community Center building to the community, they have accomplished their mission.

Board Insurance: Robert Carlyle is still trying to obtain the Class A fire insurance the PMVFD/PMCFA needs to carry. The inspector for the California FAIR plan came and inspected two weeks ago but has yet to file his report.

Palomar Mountain Planning Organization (PMPO) Michael Pique (Secretary): next board meeting is Saturday February 25, 10 AM, following the Fire Safe Council meeting. The Annual General Meeting and Pancake Breakfast will be held Saturday 05/27/2023 (Memorial Day weekend) at 10 AM.

Adjournment: 9:34 AM 02/04/2023. The next PMCFA meeting is Saturday March 4, 2023, at 9 AM, at Station 79. We will probably not have Zoom or telephone call-ins available.

- Michael Pique, Secretary. Minutes approved by PMCFA Board 04/01/2023.