

Rocky Point Fire & EMS

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Board Members

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Bruce Harp

Rocky Point Fire and EMS Board Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 am in the bay of the fire station. Present were board members Bruce Harp, Sandy Handsaker, Greg Sullivan and Steve Jensen, as well as member elect, Dean Grieb. Fire Chief Diann and 21 guests were also in attendance.

Minutes of the previous meeting were presented. A motion by Sandy to approve, seconded by Greg, was made. Motion to approve passed unanimously. Secretary Steve Jensen presented to the Board the Minutes of the Executive Session held at the May meeting. Said Minutes were approved unanimously.

Steve Jensen swore in the newly-reelected members of the Board: Bruce Harp, Sandy Handsaker and Greg Sullivan, along with newly elected member, Dean Grieb. Election of officers was then held, and the results were:

Greg Sullivan, President

Sandy Handsaker, Vice President

Steve Jensen, Secretary

Dean Grieb, Treasurer

Bruce Harp – Sergeant at Arms/Member at Large.

Treasurer's Report – Motion was made by Steve and seconded by Greg, to approve the report. Said report was approved unanimously.

Board of Director's Report: Bruce informed the group that two fuel caps had been stolen off one of our vehicles. The caps have since been replaced. The Board also took this time to thank Bruce for his service as president, as well as thank Larry Duggar for his past service as a board member.

Mathew Trigg from Century Link addressed the Board with an update on the progress towards high speed internet for the community. Mathew stated he fully expects to have the new system up and running by the end of July. The price will be \$50 per month for unlimited data, \$15.00 per month for rental of modem or modem can be purchased for approximately \$200.00 with no contract to sign. Not all areas of our district will have coverage. Mathew can be contacted at: Matthew.trigg@lumen.com for those wishing to learn more.

Old Business: Our new ambulance, donated by Applegate Fire Department, is here and almost ready to go on line. New decals have been installed, and we are now waiting on the State ambulance license. The license is expected soon. The Aspen room is now available for use by the public. All requests for use of the Aspen Room are to go through Fire Chief.

New Business: Board President Greg Sullivan shared with the Board that he had spoken to the Greyback Forestry folks proposing to develop the former Solar Café/storage business into a business to house their new venture to assist firefighting efforts in our region. The plan is to house 10 firemen on site to respond to wildland fires when needed. They also plan to have two RV hookup sites for our department to use for out of area volunteers. After much discussion from the group, it was decided to show the Board's, as well as our Chief's support, and draft a letter to the county commissioners in favor of approving this new venture by Greyback Forestry. A motion was made by Steve to this effect, seconded by Dean, and passed unanimously.

Chief's Report: Chief Diann reported that for the past month our department responded to 8 ALS calls, 4 smoke reports, 4 MVAs and 1 brush fire. Once again, our department was on hand at Lake of the Woods to provide support for their 4th of July activities. She also reported that she and several volunteers drove around our area to ensure our community was safe. Evacuation agreements to use the property of Al VanHulzen, Cam Curtis, and the Wamplers, in case of an emergency, have been signed. Diann informed the Board that she was interviewing a possible new volunteer later in the day. Day Wireless has donated two radios for our new ambulance. A thank you letter will be sent to them for their generous gifts. She reported that she is in contact with Don Boyd, County Commissioner, and there is a possibility that COVID relief funds may be available to us. This money, should it become available, would be used for an addition to our building for training and sleeping quarters for out of area volunteers. More information will be forthcoming.

Good and welfare: Mata Rust, Strategic Planning committee member, asked if the Strategic Planning group could be re-named to drop the word "advisory" from the title as the group

functions as a planning committee, not an advisory committee. Rita Donato asked for clarification regarding whether or not the Aspen Room is open to the public. She was advised that it is. Please check with Chief Diann for availability.

BBQ Committee Report: BBQ co-chair, Sandy Handsaker, assured the group that the BBQ was proceeding without restrictions.

Volunteers' Association Report: A presentation of gifts to Captain David Reed and Chief Diann of fireman's helmets for their dedication and service to the department. There was also a presentation and gift to Linda Reed for her service. Linda Reed shared that the association will be selling challenge coins at the BBQ as a fundraiser. The coins will have Rocky Point Fire on one side and a tribute to 911 on the other.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is set for August 9. Motion to adjourn was made by Steve, seconded by Dean, and the meeting was adjourned at 11.13 a.m.

Submitted by Steve Jensen, Board Secretary