

Rocky Point Fire & EMS



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Board Members

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Greg Sullivan
Larry E. Dugger

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Meeting was called to order and pledge of allegiance was led by President Bruce Harp at 10:00am.

Board members present were Bruce Harp, Steve Jensen, Greg Sullivan and Larry Dugger. There were ten guests.

Motion to accept the minutes from last meeting was made by Steve, seconded by Greg, and vote to accept was passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report (made by Chief Walker-Pope)

- \$9,971 had arrived from grant reimbursement and put into equipment account.
- There is an outstanding balance of approximately \$23,000 in ambulance services billed.
- It was also reported that there was an outstanding balance of \$4 to \$6,000 from EF recovery.

Greg inquired about a 200K figure in our grant budget, and Diann explained that if all grant monies were received that had been applied for, having that figure in our budget will keep us from having to submit a supplemental budget.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Larry, seconded by Greg, and was passed unanimously.

Board of Directors' Report by Bruce Harp:

Bruce mentioned the outstanding efforts of the volunteers.

Joint Task Force with Chiloquin and Sprague River Fire Departments was attended by Bruce, Diann, and Greg. Chiloquin offered to loan us a Zoll Rhythm Simulator for training purposes. A joint Fire Fighter 1 and Extrication class was mentioned. A time for those classes has not been set and this could be helpful with acquiring grants with mutual aid.

Another item mentioned was Article 69: Providing assistance to those outside our district area.

Next Item: Burn permits. Whether or not permits will be required for our district is still an item of discussion.

An invitation was extended for a board training class to be hosted by Chiloquin Fire Department. A time for that meeting has not been decided. There was discussion concerning attendance at the Joint Task force meetings, and Greg felt having different members attend subsequent meeting did not allow for a smooth transition from month to month. A motion was made by Greg and seconded by Steve to make Greg the permanent member to attend and the other four board members would rotate. Motion passed unanimously.

Larry reported that Josephine County Fire may have excess recovery equipment that may be available to us free of charge. Larry to follow up.

Good and Welfare

Judy mentioned that she trained both Marcie Menon and Linda Reed to take over operation and control of the RP Fire web page. It was also mentioned that there were errors in the letterhead which had been corrected.

Marcie will now be included in emails for a copy of minutes.

David Reed stated he had heard negativity from community members regarding the operation of the fire department and wanted to point out that he feels it is unwarranted.

Tom brought up the fact that he, too, had heard negativity but feels everything was great at the department. He also took time to demonstrate an SCBA unit.

Old Business

Larry reported that George Gregory from Lake of the Woods Resort has stated that at this time Lake of the Woods Homeowners' Association members are not interested in discussions regarding becoming part of the RPFD district.

Chief Diann reported that she had been told a mysterious person, described by Klamath County employees as a short, older fellow with a beard, had shown up at the Klamath County Tax Office and stated Rocky Point no longer offered medical services and he wanted to omit "EMS" from our name. Surveillance video did not capture this person and no further action is pending.

Greg reported that Lake of the Woods annexation, if it were to happen, would currently generate \$24,000 of additional income for the department. He also looked into the possibility of housing equipment at the ODOT building near Lake of the Woods as that was once offered to us. Shawn Stevens of ODOT said currently that option is no longer available.

Larry added the idea of perhaps putting up a building at ODOT. That option could be explored should negotiations with Lake of the Woods move forward in the future.

Steve discussed progress with the Strategic Plan. He would try to arrange a time to meet with the Chief and Board President Bruce to continue their work.

Bruce said work on the Chief's job description was to be a topic of discussion for next month's board meeting.

Greg presented a draft of a Fire Chief's job description to the Board for review and consideration.

Larry requested that a meeting be held prior to the next scheduled board meeting to work on the job description. It was suggested it be an Executive Meeting, but whether or not the subject matter qualified for an Executive meeting was not determined. Steve suggested talking to SDAO Legal about this first before a decision would be made. Greg volunteered to contact Legal.

New Business

Chief Diann stated that material for training props (ventilation and forcible entry) will be donated as well as the labor to erect the training props.

Larry reported that the chairs for the BBQ have been acquired.

Larry offered a Collectible Firearm as a fundraiser item for the BBQ. Various ways to make the Firearm available for auction or raffle were discussed and ultimately it was decided to turn this over to the Volunteers' Association to handle.

Chief's Report

FireFighter 1 class has 10-12 people attending. Additional training offered the 1st and 3rd Mondays between 10-12:00.

There were (2) automatic fire alarm calls, (2) public assists and (1) medical call for the past month.

There are four new volunteers added (3 locals).

How the Fire Department will handle calls related to the Corona virus was addressed.

It was reported that our area is in a State of drought.

Gov. Brown's State of Emergency was discussed and its effects on our department.

Next Regular Board Meeting is April 13th .

Steve made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and said motion was seconded by Bruce.

Motion to adjourn was passed unanimously at 11:31am.

Respectfully submitted:

Anita Forry Moonshadow