

Rocky Point Fire & EMS

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Board Members

Bruce Harp
Greg Sullivan
Sandy Handsaker
Steve Jensen
Larry Dugger

Rocky Point Fire and EMS Board Meeting

May 10th, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am in the bay of the fire station. In attendance were all 5 board members, Chief Diann via phone, along with 25 guests.

Minutes – Bruce made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Greg. The Minutes approved unanimously.

Treasurers and Financial report – Greg made a motion to approve the report as presented, seconded by Steve. The report approved unanimously.

Board of Directors report – None

Strategic Planning Committee – Two members of the Strategic Planning Committee, Dean Grieb and Eric Krueger, presented the work compiled over the past several months by the committee. A detailed visual display was presented, along with comments from both men, as to the findings, recommendations, and actions suggested by the Committee for Board review. Included in the recommendations is a 17-point plan for community and Board involvement. Additional agencies, to name a few: ODF, Forest Service, Klamath County Sheriff's Department, and neighboring fire departments, are all a part of this ongoing plan to further the readiness, assets and future planning of this fire department. An additional meeting of the Committee is

planned in the near future to finalize the Committee's work and will then be presented to the Board.

Old Business – Use of the Aspen Room by community members was again discussed. Volunteer Jim Derra stated he has been informed by OSHA they recently made permanent their assessment that the Aspen Room cannot be used by the community as long as volunteers are staying in it overnight to provide coverage for the Department. He stated that this order would remain in effect until rescinded by OSHA. This will be monitored for changes.

The security policy for the department was presented for approval. This policy covers such things as security for computer, emails and other department communications. Passage of a security policy gives the department a 2% reduction on insurance rates through SDIS. Sandy made a motion to approve the policy, seconded by Steve. The security policy was unanimously approved.

A grant for a new ambulance has been submitted. Currently the department has on hand \$100,000 to be used to purchase a used ambulance should we not receive the FEMA grant. Applegate Fire Department may donate one of their ambulances to us. This ambulance is two-wheel drive but will obviously be accepted with open arms to hold us over until the need for a four-wheel drive unit is necessary and/or we receive the FEMA grant.

New Business – The Budget Committee met on May 5, 2021 to finalize the upcoming budget. The final version will be presented at the next Board meeting for approval.

Greg presented his findings on a security system for the fire station. He presented a quote from Klamath Alarm and Basin Alarm. Each came with an upfront cost along with a monthly maintenance fee. Another system utilizing four cameras and a hard drive was donated for our use. Greg asked Sheriff Chris Kaber, who was in attendance, if he cared to offer any opinions on the options presented. He shared what he thought were the positives of each. After discussion, the Board decided to utilize the donated camera system and add window alarms and an audible alarm should someone enter the building without permission. Sandy made the motion, seconded by Steve, and the motion passed unanimously.

Chief's report – Chief Diann reported that the volunteers responded to 3 smoke calls, 1 call for mutual aid, and 5 medical calls. She reported that deadbolts had been added and all locks had been changed in the fire station. All doors now lock automatically when shut. She had submitted 2 grants, one for wildland fire gear and one to replace fire hoses and FF1 work books. 2162 was now working after the repair of a broken pump. She stated that it's very possible we will see an early call to fire season. The meeting with the Chiloquin Fire, Sprague River and Rocky Point Join Task Force is set to resume on June 2nd. The task force meetings have been on hold since the Covid outbreak in early 2020. One new EMT has joined our department, Stephen Stacy. He also shares his time with Chiloquin. An EMT class may be offered in the near future, and it is hoped this class can be condensed to allow students to complete the training in 2 months instead of 6.

Good and Welfare – The community has two new residents, Mike and Karen Kerrebijn. Both expressed the desire to become involved with our department and have also volunteered their time to help with the upcoming BBQ. Mata Rust asked if anyone knew of persons for hire to help residents clean up around their property. Linda Reed offered that anyone interested can call her to arrange for people to help. Diane Grieb presented a donation of \$100 from an anonymous donor to be used towards the ambulance fund. Eric Krueger of the Forest Service stated that the Forest Service had once again made available the area at the Cold Springs gravel pit for dumping yard debris. He urged everyone to adhere to the rules and dump yard debris only. No burnt debris, stumps, household garbage, etc. or the site will be closed for our use. If you have questions of what you are allowed to dump there, please call the fire department office. Sheriff Kaber reported that there were no leads in the vandalism of our ambulance and most likely wouldn't be.

BBQ Committee – The next meeting of the BBQ Committee is June 15th and will serve as the last date for determining if this year's event will take place. As it is now, it looks like it's a go. Sandy reported that volunteers have stepped up for the kitchen and parade but the Committee would welcome any additional volunteers to step forward.

Volunteer Association – Linda Reed reported that the volunteers have a utility trailer available for community members to borrow for chores around the house. Call Linda or the fire department for details.

The next board meeting is set for June 14th. Sandy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Larry. The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 am.

Submitted by Steve Jensen – Board Secretary