

SEELEY LAKE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
SEELEY LAKE, MT 59868
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Minutes For March 21, 2023

Present

Scott Kennedy, Chair
Gary Lewis, Vice Chair
Jon Kimble
Connie Clark
Dave Lane, Chief

Absent

Rita Rossi, Secretary

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chief Dave Lane led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

II. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Scott Kennedy, Gary Lewis, Jon Kimble, Darlene Les, Steve & Melanie Larmour, Michael Richards, John & Michele Baker, Susan Monahan, Susan and Bryan Page, Mark and Alicia Kues, John Homen, Shawn Ellinghouse, Kristy Pohlman, Toni Peckenpaugh, Andi Bourne and Dave Lane.

III. CORRECTION AND/OR APPROVAL OF MINUTES

GARY Made a motion to approve the February 2023 Minutes. JON seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE
AGENDA/CORRESPONDENCE

Scott Kennedy responded to Shirley Goudzwaard's comment/questions at the February board meeting: I perused the Seeleyfire.org Website for content regarding applicants and not clear on what needs changed. All applicants wishing to join can make written application for consideration with requirements set forth contained in that application. Adhering to Standard Operating procedures, rules and regulations are also posted. As with any hiring process and acceptance of any applicant, eligibility requirements are necessary. Background checks, criminal history, any other prior history, social media, drug testing, physical requirements depending on application, Montana

driver license with acceptable history and any other background information/discovery will be considered as part of the process before applicant acceptance. You can't just walk in and be handed a helmet or medic bag. Those days are long gone. Rules and regulations are here to protect you and the public.

You made a reference to an overqualified medical person making an application wanting to join rescue squad (referring to a PA). I am not sure of your source, as no application was made, though questions/inquiry was made. An applicant having different level of licensing does not forgo protocols under the State of Montana criteria, local protocols or operating under our medical director without review as to such practice. You cannot practice outside of the scope of practice set forth, and further without Medical Director approval. Other district considerations such as costs associated, equipment necessary to practice at a higher level as well as insurance requirements and financial consideration whether paid or volunteer. This would require board approval. An example, Darlene has an international license within the medical cardiology field. That also would not allow her to practice beyond our levels under the district and State protocols. That would require EMT/Paramedic status utilizing skills within the scope of practice.

Reiterating, the board has governance of the district not just financial as noted, though that is a large component. The chief is designated for all personnel of the district. The duties and responsibilities of the SLRFD board are identified under MT Annotated Codes 77-33 along with the Fire Chief duties. The district further has other specific duties designated to the chief as directed.

I again would like to encourage general questions to contact the chief as to operations including hiring of personal and requirements.

V. FINANCIAL REPORT AND APPROVAL OF CHECKS AND WARRANTS

GARY Made a motion to approve the February 2023 financial report in the amount of \$16,334.12. CONNIE seconded the motion. Motion carried Yes

VI. REPORTS

1. Call Volume – Feb 2022 Feb 2023 YTD Jan 2022 YTD Jan 2023
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2. Recruitment – Dave – We have several people brought on some still have task books to be completed. A person is still waiting to have their background check and drug test and task book to be completed which should be done this week.
3. Grants Update – Nothing to report.
4. Updates/Actions – Dave – We have a service contract with Stryker which services our medical equipment, stair chair and electronic equipment. They came out to do inspections and service the equipment. We have a Lifepak 12 and a defibrillator that is not working properly. They came out to look at it and it's out of service. They've reached the end of life and were able to maintain them for a year or two and after death they just don't service them anymore. Instead of buying a new Lifepak 15, I bought some monitoring equipment that the EMT's can use, and it has everything they need except to shock the patient. In our next training the EMT's will be brought up to speed on how to use the new equipment. We have paramedics that are coming on board soon so there are going to be some operational changes. How paramedics respond to calls and keeping volunteers on. One of the volunteers who is finishing his task book is a paramedic. When John finishes his class in July, we will have 3 paramedics on. This requires ALS equipment, bags to carry the ALS medications, the defibrillators have to be strategically placed.
There will be more next month.
5. Membership Report – Dave -Membership is looking good -we have 22 members on the roster. In addition, 5 members are auxillary. The auxiliary have many different functions. We just ask people to come on and do different things that they are comfortable doing. Right now we have membership and auxiliary on the roster that are going to take the CPR classe and be CPR instructors. This will be happening in April. We will be doing advertising to the community for CPR classes. We will have 5 or 6 instructors.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

No old business to discuss.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS: (BRIEF MEMBER/PUBLIC COMMENTS AFTER TOPICS AS NECESSARY)

**Badge pinning for Shawn Ellinghouse and Mark Kues
Mark sworn in as firefighter. Shawn sworn in as firefighter.**

IX. NEXT MONTH AGENDA ITEMS

March 2023 Financial report

X. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING: April 18, 2023

CONNIE Motioned to adjourn - all in favor. Meeting adjourned 6:25pm