

**FRIENDS OF TOWNSEND FIRE
MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
SATURDAY JUNE 15, 2024 9:30AM
LOCATION: TOWNSEND FIRE DEPT MEETING ROOM**

ATTENDEES: Duanne Bann Dacon Franzen Deb Franzen Michelle Grobe
Dawn Herlache Dave Kusnierek Lynda Kusnierek Wanda Laste Nancy Smith
Dean VanderHeiden Linda VanderHeiden John Zeller Kevin Osadjan

Wanda Laste, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30am.

Motion made to Approve the May 18, 2024 FOTF Membership meeting minutes by Dean VanderHeiden, seconded by Nancy Smith. Motion carried.

UPDATES:

- We will be setting up for the Smokey Bear Ride immediately following this membership meeting. If you can stick around to help that would be greatly appreciated.
- Parking: Please do not park in front of the Highway garage doors or Fire garage doors.
- Thank you Kevin O for volunteering to be our new Can Man! He (and Chuck D) took 2 can loads in this past week and we collected over \$500! Thank you to everyone who showed up to help load cans!!
- New Fire Truck is Here!! "Push In" Ceremony was held Saturday June 8th. It was a great opportunity for the public to get an up-close look at the truck.
- Grant Writing Crew. Taking a short break for summer. Will pick up again in a few months.
- TFD Recognition Plaque. Anita/Linda V are pending information from Chief Dawn, then will proceed with ordering the plaques.
- Online Store. Shipping is automatically being charged even if Kevin will be delivering the item. Kevin is working with the vendor to resolve the problem.

FINANCIALS:

- Treasurer Deb reported raffle ticket sales are coming in regularly. We are on track with past years sales. Currently there is a LOT of movement going on with our bank accounts due to July 4th income/expenses so a more detailed report will be coming next month (after the 4th).

JULY 4th:

- We hold separate meetings for the July 4th Event since there is so much involved with this. Our next meeting will be in about 2 weeks. Watch emails on meeting date/time.

- THANK YOU to all who have volunteered to go to the local businesses collecting donations. We are getting a great response from our Community!
- Volunteers are still needed in various areas for the 4th of July. Volunteer sheets are on the table. Please sign up even if you can only work for 1-2 hours!! Bring friends & family to help too!!
- Pricing was discussed for the food/beverage tickets.
- Thoughts of doing a 50/50 raffle during the July 4th Event, but instead of walking around we will pan on a table/station for selling 50/50 tickets.

SMOKEY BEAR RIDE:

- If interested in buying a raffle ticket for today's ride, we have them available.
- Thank you to all the Bakers who brought in baked goodies. Yumm!!! They all look great!
- Help is needed today. Set up help is needed immediately following our meeting here. At about noon help is needed at the Lakewood Pavillion. Workers are needed all day here at Townsend to sell raffle tickets, baked goods, soda/waters, poker run cards. Also help for the same is needed in Lakewood from 2pm-6pm. If you aren't available to help, please enjoy the ride and we'll see you down at Lakewood about 5pm!!
- It was explained that the funds raised today will be combined with the other Fire Depts involved. These funds will then be used to help in the purchase of a District-wide Turbo Draft (a type of water pump that can be used in low level streams or near shorelines).
- FOTF volunteer t-shirts are available for anyone working the Event today. Please grab a shirt at the end of the meeting. * NOTE: You will be given 1 volunteer t-shirt to be worn whenever representing FOTF as a volunteer. They should not be worn unless working an Event.

SUGGESTIONS/CORRESPONDENCE:

HAPPY FATHERS DAY !!!!!

DATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Thursday July 4th : July 4th Celebration. Set up begins ~~Friday July 3rd~~ **Wednesday July 3rd**

Saturday July 20th : FOTF Membership Meeting. 9:30am

Motion made to Adjourn by Dacon, seconded by Dawn. Motion carried. Adjourned 10:06am.

Meeting minutes submitted by Wanda Laste, Chair. (In the absence of Secretary Anita Szyszkiewicz.)
6/19/24