

West Lake Limestone Volunteer Fire Department Minutes of the Business Meeting Held – September 3, 2024

Active members present – 18 of 22

Visitors – John Beall & Emily Keaton

A quorum of active members was present and President Cathy Rayburn called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. After the flag salute, Warren led the prayer. “Happy Birthday” was sung for Jerry Germany when he showed up later in the meeting. Doug motioned to accept the minutes with the correction on election dates and it passed unanimously. Susan’s motion to accept the treasurer’s report passed unanimously.

Officer Reports:

President – Cathy reported on East Lake VFD’s contribution to our rehab unit. She also said that the ESD had bought a table at the Association Fundraiser. She read an email from Sylvia Salinas on how the newsletter has helped to keep community members informed. She also reminded members that we still need their bios for the newsletter. She brought up the issue of how to nominate a firefighter for Firefighter of the Year Award.

Vice President – Griff reminded members that the tools for emergency had been shared between 2500 and 2502, one with hydraulic and the other with electric. He stated that we are supposed to have two units for blocking in emergencies.

Secretary – Kelly reported that she had updated the roster.

Treasurer – Sherry reported that after her report was printed we had made a payment that wasn’t shown.

Chief – Robert reported that all SCBA’s were all tested and we have 10 that are good. Next Tuesday would be SCBA training and he would like all members to attend. Also, next Tuesday the new PPG’s would be passed out and it would be nice to get a group picture for the newsletter and the Forest Service. The Responder Rewards would be passed out at the Annual Banquet. He had been out for 10 days and appreciated all who responded to calls. He also reported that Austin Proctor had turned in all of his gear and was moving to Corsicana. A discussion followed regarding thanking Austin for his service.

Asst. Chief – Adam reported that if you are in your POV and you spot a fire, “don’t stop” – “call it in” and wait for dispatch if summoned. Otherwise, you may be sticking your nose into something that is not your business.

Captain – Debbie reported that she had good feedback from the TEEX Traffic Training and reminded members to let her know if you use something from one of the trucks.

Lieutenants – Jeff thanked all who responded to calls. N.A. said that the gate key for the Summer Place area didn’t work and he had contacted Randy Denzer about it. Robert told him not to bother because he would be able to get a key. Jerry reported that 2500 needs updated books in the cab and was missing one of two pike poles. He stated that none of the vehicle radios were working and Ray said that he would take a look.

Fleet Manager – Warren said 2504’s radio wasn’t working and 2503 needed to be taken to a small engine repair, as it was low on power. The stream lights on 2507 need working on and 2506 is out of service. It needs a valve job at approximately \$2,000.

NIMS Certificates – 0

Training – 8/13/24 AARs for 3 fires – 14

Training – 8/27/24 Pump Ops - 12

Committee Reports:

By-Laws – Doug recommended a change to bylaws wording regarding Responder Rewards to stipend paid at Annual Banquet. It will be voted on at the next business meeting.

Membership – Nothing

Community Relations – Meeting on Sept. 6th 10 a.m. Station 1

Awards & Banquet – Nothing

Budget/Planning – Nothing.

Agenda Items:

- 1. Uniform Update** – Sherry reported that some uniforms need to be returned to get patches applied.
- 2. Distribute Dual-Cert PPE Gear** – Will happen at next Tuesday's training.
- 3. Repeater Update** – Nothing new.
- 4. Grants** – Nothing new.
- 5. Elections** – Nominations are in October with election in November.
- 6. Responder Rewards Program** – The policy will be on the September agenda for a membership vote.
- 7. Required NIMS Training** – Tabled.
- 8. Mowing Summer Place** – Scheduled for Sept. 12 at 9 a.m. Robert will bring tractor.
- 9. Request to invite Community Leaders to Banquet** – The board voted to invite Community Leaders.

Announcements:

Association meeting is Sept. 5th 2024 at Coolidge VFD.

Fundraiser Meeting on Friday, September 6, 2024 at 10 a.m. Station 1.

September 11th Remembrance Service at Living Proof Church on September 8th at 11 a.m.
Walter added that he will be cooking brisket at the church for the meal.

Lara's House Fundraiser will be Sept. 21st. at the Groesbeck Community Center. Any members interested in buying a table should contact our Vice President.

It was announced that Emily Keaton was submitting an application for joining the department.

Adjourn – Jeff motioned to adjourn at 7:50 – it passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by Kelly Witten, Secretary WLLVFD