

## Red Creek Volunteer Fire and Rescue

Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting, held on January 31, 2022 at Kennette Oldham's residence located at 8190 W Red Creek Springs Road, Pueblo, Colorado, 81005.

Board Members Present: Kennette Oldham, Tammy Toxvard (via Skype), Larry Frazier & Tressa Frazier.

Board Members Absent: Julie Donohue and Bill Hokanson

Firefighters Present: Chief Justin Youngren, Pam Youngren, Chris Truby, Jaime Brown, Rick Ludwig, and Jim Herzler.

Guests Present: Eloise Wenzel

Call Meeting to Order:

President Kennette Oldham called the meeting to order at 6:22pm.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting were unavailable and will be presented at the next board meeting scheduled for March 7, 2022.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was unavailable and will be presented at the next board meeting scheduled for March 7, 2022.

Fire Chief's Report:

There was nothing to report medically but we have had 5 call-outs during the month of January 2022. Chief Youngren did mention that the Board of Directors plan to host a Firefighter's Appreciation Dinner at Cat's Pourhouse on February 26, 2022 at 6pm in Pueblo West. The board is inviting our firefighter's and significant other to dinner to be recognized for their service to the community. We also want to thank Cat's Pourhouse for their continued support of our fire department.

Old Business:

New Business:

Jim Herzler was present at the meeting to discuss a very exciting fundraising opportunity for the department. Mr. Herzler was contacted via the RCVFR website by Fabian Serralta, promoter for the Gravel Locos Bicycle Race. Jim stated that Gravel Locos particularly likes to work with volunteer fire departments in the areas where they will be hosting a bike race. Recently Mr. Serralta hosted a Gravel Locos race in Hico, Texas and they plan to host a race here in Pueblo, Colorado on October 1, 2022. This is the second race they have hosted in Hico and their fire department has received much needed funding.

The bicycle race will be a 150 mile race that will begin at the River Walk in Pueblo and continue down Highway 96 eventually going through the scenic areas of Beulah, Bishop's Castle, the town of Westcliff

before finally heading back to the town of Pueblo. The race will incorporate all fitness levels as there will be a 30 mile, 50 mile, 100 mile and 150 mile course. There will be 8 aid stations along the way with 25-30 SAG vehicles to monitor the course for problems or needs.

A GoFundMe page will be set up to receive donations. Mr. Serralta has spoken with Pueblo Mayor, Nick Gradisar and the Pueblo Chamber of Commerce to get things started. Obviously this would be a great fundraising opportunity for our department and bring much needed commerce to the City of Pueblo as well.

Chris Truby stated that he would be able to provide radio communications for the race free of charge. He will contact Mr. Serralta to see what communication services they will require.

Jim Herzler stated that Gravel Locos wants to know how the donation will be utilized by the department. Mr. Serralta would like to know the Goal Amount the department would like to raise.

As a department we would like to see improvements made to the fire station, that would include an additional fire bay with the hope of adding an indoor bathroom and possibly a kitchenette. It was decided with the help of Jaime Brown that we could come up with a Plan A, B, and C. The plans could then be modified based on what funding level is achieved. Jaime is willing to be the contractor for the addition to the fire station. There are some zoning issues that will need to be addressed. Chief Youngren hopes that we can come up with a design plan that will best meet the needs of the department. Kennette will contact a design engineer to discuss these plans. Kennette will also provide Jim with an email list to mainly discuss Gravel Locos information. A separate agenda item will be included to discuss Gravel Locos for the next meeting.

#### Next Board Meeting:

The next board meeting will be March 7, 2022 at 6pm at Larry and Tressa's house located at 1356 W Avenida Del Oro, Pueblo West, Colorado, 81007. Kennette motioned to adjourn the meeting and Larry seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:27pm.