

MINUTES
MOSQUITO VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION
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REGULAR BOARD MEETING 7:00 P.M.
MOSQUITO GENERAL – MARKET AND KITCHEN
Thursday, September 3rd, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER - 7:08pm

2. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS - Present: Darcy Krieger, Tom Harris, Dave Angelo, Eileen Guell, and Elisabeth Bingham. Absent: Clay Heironimus and Kari Guthrie.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – Motion made by Dave Angelo, seconded by Eileen Guell, and approved by everyone present.

4. FROM THE FLOOR – EID water situation subject raised and tabled as it is an agenda item.

5. REPORTS

Treasurer's Report – Sharon Hern – August Treasurer's and Funds Status Reports were distributed: bank balance is \$35,346.21 with available funds of \$19,906.43. Sharon will meet with Chief Hazlett to explain balances (Crafters and VFD75) and methods of disbursement (per County).

Support Group Report – Eileen Guell – next meeting will be September 5, hosted by Leo Chaloux (not Chief Hazlett).

Bingo – Eileen Guell – 39 players; \$247.50 made with 41 single tickets and five daubers sold; a comment was made re: slower calling leading to a longer night - Gus of Mosquito General is content with the management of the event.

6. OLD BUSINESS

MVFA Webpage – Darcy Krieger – Karen and Joyce are hoping for an October launch. It will probably be expanded compared to paper format, with photos and graphics. The blank page in the last Byte was due to a misunderstanding re: “lack of available content” – there's plenty – history, Cafe notes, Tom's longer article, etc. A backup file from which to draw was proposed. Sharon commented that the database is looking good (she gives info to Karen who submits PDF file to Joyce).

EID Proposal for Water for Finnon Reservoir – Dave Angelo – nothing new without Devry's/counsel's response. An eminent domain suit is up to EID and hasn't begun. The hydrant wasn't moved due to expense (\$220,000), but now much more that that has been spent.

Amendments to MVFA Bylaws – Darcy Krieger, Dave Angelo – notice was given in the Byte and it is to be voted on at the Spaghetti Feed. Joe raised a concern of no firefighter members of MVFA – there is no requirement for one or more firefighters to be MVFA members and so far there has been a lack of communication with the Chief. MVFA can't be directly connected to MFPD as the latter is elected and the former apolitical. MS75 isn't a valid c3; must be c4 unless/until they support more than one entity (i.e., the fire department and community as MVFA does). The biggest changes are to voting procedures – members may opt to continue for two more terms of two years without a vote, although a member can be removed by recommendation of the board and a majority vote of at least 15 community members attending.

PR Person for MVFA – Darcy Krieger – Barbara Smith remains a tentative option, but is still recuperating and away in October; Tom notes it's not truly time-critical but we see a greater and greater need for a member focused on advertising and promotion.

Spaghetti Feed – Mary Ann Haywood – planning meeting at Darcy's on September 9 at 6pm. Mary Ann would like additional help. Question raised regarding the price, which will be \$8 for adults and \$3 for children. Our cost is \$250, maximum. Raffles are getting better and Dee Harris will run a 50/50 raffle – we just need 2-part tickets and, per Darcy, a nice sign. *There will be pesto.*

T-Shirt Order – Eileen Guell – will get notice in the Byte by September 19. Discussion re: sweatshirts – zipper/hooded special-order only?, colors, sizes of Ts, sweatshirts.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Disclaimer Statement for the Byte – Darcy Krieger – clearer statement re: where we stand? Anyone can submit if it meets criteria, so this would decrease confusion with no apparent downside. Discussion re: all other boards need to submit articles.

Veteran's Day, November 11 – Tom Harris – coffee and cake at the Cafe for the large number of Vets up here. Will post in the Byte.

8. FINNON LAKE PROPERTY

Campground & Property – Tom Harris – two Scouts want to do projects, one with regard to signs. Host Bill Hill might stay, but electric and water bills have risen dramatically since his residency. Perhaps he could take on more duties to offset increased expenses? Cleaning, signs? There may be a legal residency issue, but he maintains a permanent address in Camino. Conclusion that a resident host is more positive than negative. He is good with people – speeders, vandals. Tables, chafing dishes, and coffee pots are available for Tom's daughter's wedding. The raft is ready & built.

Mosquito General – Dave Angelo - the new seals were returned because they didn't seal; Gus replaced the old ones and the cooling issues seem resolved. The drain tube was cleaned, so condensation issue is resolved. The water heater all but died, so a tankless heater was priced and ultimately purchased on Amazon. It was installed by a volunteer and Dave with one trip to town for parts. It was set to 120 degrees per the manufacturer and the pressure was adjusted on the sink spray nozzle to allow for 117 – could go up to 140 with a new nozzle, but there's a fear of scalding. The old unit was taken to the dump for metal recycling at no charge. Tom moved that Ed Lamb (installer) receive a Cafe gift certificate for \$50. The motion was seconded by Elisabeth and approved by all present. Sharon will handle it. Gus expressed his thanks on behalf of Mosquito General for MVFA handling issues that arise.

Fish & Wildlife Committee – Dave Angelo - met with Dee & Mike Taylor re: monthly bird-watching beginning in October. A date will be chosen and announced in the Byte. The egret and geese (60-100) are good; fishing is slow (and the fish heave a sigh of relief).

9. Good and Welfare of the Community and the Department -

9. **Mosquito Pantry – Sharon** – [they] want to give more than we need, so she'll advertise to obtain more takers.

Blood Donation – Tom Harris – promotes idea, in part to promote MVFA along with dumpster day and Mosquito Road clean up.

10. Board Members to be heard, discussion only

1. **Trunk or Treat – Darcy Krieger** - need fire department available in case of rain and need article for October Byte. We have a budget of \$200 which will buy prizes for winners as participants provide their own candy; Darcy knows how to run it and will school Eileen and Elisabeth.

Card Swiper – Tom Harris - PayPal connection with Square or alternative discussed. It's convenient and relatively inexpensive and may allow people to pay with PayPal. It offers a lot of information for accounting, etc. It requires a smartphone, iPad, or similar, and a data plan. Perhaps replace Clay's campground phone with an iPhone or a GoPhone?

11. **Adjournment** – Tom Harris moved to adjourn at 8:49pm; the motion was seconded by Eileen

and approved by all present.

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