



CRYSTAL LAKES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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-- Business Meeting Minutes-- *September 26, 2024*

Meeting called to order at 1805 by Chief Clark.

Attendees: Mike Clark, Doug Race, Brad Chiodo, Jim Kubichek, Jody Sandquist, Evan Rau, Jon Gessert, Sue Gessert, Susan Rau, Marian Kelly, Jay Smith, Karen Smith, Craig Mawle, Marilyn David. Via Zoom: Mark Weeks. Guests: Board Member Susan Vance, Barbara Batt, Madison Cardenas. Harold Alexander arrived at 1834.

Approval of the Agenda – Jim Kubichek moved to approve the agenda as written, Jay Smith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting – Jim Kubichek moved to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2024, meeting as submitted, Doug Race seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Topics

Personnel

- New member applicant introductions – Voting on probationary membership will be held at the end of the meeting.
 - Barbara Batt – Interested in volunteering as a firefighter. Bought property in the 7th filing three years ago and lived here in the summer, traveled in the winter. Built last year and is now full-time. Volunteered on the Evergreen Fire Department several years ago.
 - Madison Cardenas – Interested in volunteering as a Special Duty Responder. Moved from Mississippi to Crystal in February and works in the Road & Rec office full-time. Family member of Karen and Jay.
- Karen will be out for EMT clinicals in Idaho Sept 29th - Oct 3rd – Best of luck to her!
- Mike is now IV-certified. Congratulations!

Operations

- Incident reporting update (Marian)

- Status of outstanding reports and reminder of the importance of getting these submitted as soon as possible. – There are now eight incidents that still have outstanding run sheets and seven with outstanding incident reports. We need to have all run reports in before October 10th so Marian can get the run reimbursement information for the quarter to the treasurer by the deadline. For the Pearl Fire, we'll also need to run reports for the personnel and apparatus that did work on the 17th. Use the same incident number as for the 16th (58).
- Incident reviews
 - Pearl Fire – The after action review will be scheduled for a later date. Because it's still under investigation, Mike can't talk about it much and department members are not at liberty to answer community questions. The fire was turned back over to CLVFD as 100% contained as of Tuesday at 1800. It will be our responsibility to report when it's fully controlled and when it's out. The final forest service hand crews left today. There's a smoldering area of green vegetation in the center, and we'll have to wait for that to burn itself out. Mike can request an MMA flight to take infrared video and check on the situation and can request resources as necessary. He will be using the infrared capabilities of the drone to patrol the fire area regularly.

Equipment

- Apparatus
 - Monthly check updates (apparatus round table)
 - Engine 1 – Back in service after the fire. Formal monthly inventory not done yet.
 - Tender 1 – Formal inventory needs to be redone post fire. Two inch-and-a-half and one two-and-a-half-inch hoses were destroyed in the fire and have been replaced.
 - Brush 1 – Will be reviewed tomorrow. Still needs new inventory sheet. Milo will be repairing the part of the equipment cage that broke.
 - Brush 2 – Missing a lot of inventory after the fire (but we did get a lot of equipment from ICP, so may be able to replace what was lost from that).
 - Squad 1 – Also needs inventory replacement, especially to the medical kit, as Mike did a lot of on-the-fly patching people up.
 - Squad 2 – Will be reviewed soon. Jim asked whether equipment removed from Support will be moved to Squad. Mike said there will be a discussion about that including Jay and Alex and said Jim would be kept in the loop.
 - SCBAs – All in good shape.
 - Support – Decommissioned. We will be selling it and looking into a replacement.
- Station (Jay)
 - Station Report

- New sensor has been received but it didn't fit and has been returned. May need to get a new bracket since several of our exterior lights are no longer being manufactured.
- Apparatus all needs washing post-fire. Jay and Alex will schedule a time and notify the department. We will be using drafted water from the lake for washing.
- Communications updates
 - Radios – Five new 800 mhz Kenwood radios and mics have been ordered. Alex is trying to make a deal to exchange our old, outdated radios for a discount on new ones. He will be building out a plan for long-term replacement/rotation.
- Monthly cleaning reminder – Doug will work on the September cleaning this week. Jim asked if there were sufficient cleaning supplies or if more were necessary before Doug did his cleaning. Jay's been working on organizing the various tools and toolboxes and asked that everyone put things back in the correct locations and keep things neat so we can find what we need when we need it.

Training (Brad)

- October training will be extrication – Joint training will most likely at the same location as last year. Scheduled for Oct. 3rd (CLVFD) & Oct 5th (Joint).

Safety (Jim)

- Jim reminded everyone to clean the inside of their windshield to help with visibility when the sun's at a low angle.
- All wildland gear needs washing after having gotten dirty in the Pearl Fire. Leaving gear sooty not only means keeping carcinogens around but it compromises the fire resistance of the fabrics. Jim recommended two or three department members getting together to create full loads.

CL FIRES (Susan)

- Rummage sale – Many thanks to everyone for their hard work on the sale, which was very successful.
- Heads up! - Chili and Bread Cook-off is Sunday Oct 6th at 1700. So far, only one contestant has signed up for chili and one for bread, so encourage people to sign up. They'll need help setting up tables and decorations on the 6th. We may need volunteers to help serve chili for any contestant unable to serve their own. We'll also need some dessert donations and someone to man the table (Jody volunteered).

Department

- Mill Levy Campaign Update (Doug) – This will be Issue 6F and will appear in the voter blue book. There have been several election-related deadlines in the last week, all of which have been met. The mill levy committee is working on the next requirement,

which is the voter roll. Members of the department are not legally allowed to campaign for the issue. We can encourage people to vote in general, but not to vote for the issue.

- FPPA pension/retirement program – Doug has been the president of the FPPA board (which is made up of the district board members, except for the president) for the last twelve years, and with his retirement at the end of the year, a department member will need to take this over. It's not time-intensive year-round, but does have a period in the year during which it is, and Doug would like someone to train with him between now and the end of the year. Mike said that some of this is addressed in the revised Rules & Regs.
- Allen Heath's arrangements – The arrangements will be on Oct. 19th at Phantom Ranch. More details to come.
- Holiday party planning – Discussed calendar options and tentatively scheduled for the evening of January 9th. Doug and Shirla Race offered to organize the party.

As the membership desires

- Jody alerted everyone to the fact that there will only be one SDR on the mountain Friday Sept 27th.
- Jon and Sue Gessert will be unavailable from Oct 1st through 20th.
- Craig announced that the CWPP has rescheduled its mitigation of Mobile Way for October 5th.
- Doug asked several people to join him after the meeting to take the flags down. He also shared the letter of appreciation Raina Eshleman sent in response to the Chainsaw classes he and Mark Weeks held for Poudre Canyon.
- Marilyn conveyed Milo's request that people return his flash drives. Susan Rau said she had several and Mike said he has one, which they'll both return asap.
- Madison shared her thanks re: our efforts on the Pearl Fire and the thanks people have shared in the office, mentioned the appreciation activity we're invited to at the next Road & Rec board meeting, and asked to take pictures of department members in front of the banner in front of Basecamp after that activity. Mike asked attendees to wear their department polo shirts.
- Mike thanked Marian for keeping up with the PIO information that needed to go out to the community and Susan Rau for her staff's work keeping the hydrant operational for refilling the tender during the fire.

Vote on new members

- Marian Kelly moved to accept Barb Batt as a probationary member of the department. Jody seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Evan moved to accept Madison Cardenas as a probationary member of the department. Doug seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Marian Kelly moved to adjourn, Doug Race seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 1944.

Respectfully submitted,
Marian Kelly, PIO