

# Crystal Lakes Fire Protection District Board of Directors Meeting

970-881-3521

Minutes for March 16, 2023  
Crystal Lakes Fire Station, 237 Blackfoot Rd  
7:00pm

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Hass

**In Attendance:** Don Hass, Jody Randol, Anne Dirmeyer, Robin Lauric, Evan Rau

**Absent:** Jim Kubichek

**Quorum:** Yes

**District Members in Attendance:** Doug Race, Steve Dirmeyer, Harold Alexander

**Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was amended to add Designated Election Official, Doug Race, to Unfinished Business. Jody Randol made a motion to approve the amended agenda. The motion was seconded by Anne Dirmeyer. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting on February 16, 2023:** The minutes were amended to reflect the change in both spelling of last names, Lauric and Alexander. Jody Randol made a motion to approve the amended minutes of February 16, 2023. The motion was seconded by Anne Dirmeyer. The motion was approved unanimously.

**President's Report:** None

**Secretary's Report:** None

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Dirmeyer presented the monthly Treasurer's report. Treasurer proposed the possibility of creating an operating reserve using unexpended funds. Treasurer Dirmeyer will check with department accountant to ensure the legality of creating said operating reserve. Jody Randal made a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Robin Lauric. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Fire Department Report:** Chief Rau gave the Fire Department Report. In addition, he mentioned that a meeting has been requested regarding consistent and available EMS training for all members. A letter has been drafted to EMS liaison Chief Bergsten of Poudre Fire Authority. Jody Randol made a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded Anne Dirmeyer. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **Unfinished Business**

**Designated Election Officer:** Doug Race updated the status of the 2023 Special District Election of Board Members.

The Board discussed the following topics and will include them as Unfinished Business for the near future.

**CWPP:** Robin Lauric, CWPP/CLFPD liaison, shared an excel document that will be used to document CLVFD/CLFPD CWPP actions. Anne Dirmeyer, CWPP/CLVFD liaison, shared CLVFD Officer responses to questions posted on the document. CWPP Implementation Team will host an Education Day on May 28<sup>th</sup>. Doug Race has agreed to speak on behalf of the Department. The Department requested a table at the CWPP Education Day event.

**Maps:** Harold (Alex) Alexander purchased 25 maps through Crystal Lakes R&R. Jody Randal will investigate GIS maps. Purchasing Crystal Lakes R&R map software rights remains on the table.

**Recruiting:** Anne Dirmeyer proposed creating a pamphlet to assist the officers with recruiting firefighters, SDRs, and specialized personnel.

**SDA:** It was suggested that the Board schedule a work session to address SDAs. In addition, trifold/newsletter will be added to the work session as well as reviewing the district webpage. The work session will be Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00am at the Fire Station.

**Mill Retention:** None

## New Business

**As the Board Desires:** None

### Comments by Attending Public:

Alex Alexander updated the Board on Engine 1. The new valve controls have arrived, and the valves are due at the end of March.

Steve Dirmeyer gave an update on the fire department boat shed which will be located at Lakeside Park.

**Set or confirm next Board meeting date and location:** April 20, 2023, at 7:00pm at the fire station.

**Adjournment:** Jody Randal made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Robin Lauric seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:03pm.

# Crystal Lakes Volunteer Fire Department

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March 16, 2023

Fire Department Report

### 1. Department Activity since the last board meeting

- Business meetings: 1, in person with two members via Zoom
- NW Larimer County Fire Chiefs ZOOM call: First Wednesday of the month via zoom. Quarterly inperson.

- CWPP Implementation Committee Meetings: First one of these took place December 1.
- Greenbelt Management Committee Meetings: Monthly on 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 19:00. - Incidents – 3 since last CLFPD meeting.
- 006: 02/20/23 – Other: power lines down on Navajo Rd
- 007: 02/22/23 – Burn: Slash Depot pile burn
- 008: 02/24/23 – Medical: Slip and fall on the tubing hill at Beaver Meadows

## 2. PERSONNEL:

- One new member since last meeting: Leighann Sasso joined as an SDR.

## 3. TRAINING:

### Department trainings:

- March's training was Ice Rescue Training. During this training, firefighters practiced the fundamentals of donning and doffing ice rescue suits, managing an ice rescue scene, and performing ice rescue in roles of rescuer and haul team. SDRs maintained a secure training site, managing traffic from both the east and west sides of the training site.
- April's training is Wildland 1.

### Outside trainings:

- None this month
- Fire on the Plains is next month. Four members are signed up to attend.

### 2023 Training schedule in place with RFLVFD:

JANUARY	Scene Size-Up, ICS
FEBRUARY	Apparatus Rodeo (separate)
MARCH	Ice Rescue
APRIL	Wildland 1
MAY	Structure 1
JUNE	Wildland 2
JULY	Structure 2
AUGUST	Low-Angle Rescue
SEPTEMBER	Cumulative scenario
OCTOBER	Extrication
NOVEMBER	SCBA

DECEMBER Radios (Combined Training = Mock Incidents)

**4. GRANTS:**

- Jim has applied for a grant to secure 26 Guardian Angel red/red lights to outfit SDRs and firefighters with flashing red and white personal safety lights.  
<https://www.guardianangeldevices.com/m/first-responder-ems-safety-light/>

**5. COMMUNITY**

- CWPP Implementation: Because We now have members of the board and department who are acting as official liaisons for both organizations, I will no longer include this in the CLVFD report to the CLFPD Board.

**6. EQUIPMENT**

- We suffered a series of failures of Engine 1 that led to a cracked valve with possible additional damaged valves. Rather than attempt to repair only the valve(s) that needed replacement, the CLVFD Officers decided to simply take Engine 1 out of service until the already-ordered electronic valves and controllers can be installed, as planned. Some of the upgrade parts have already arrived, but it is unclear when the balance of parts will arrive, but it may be as long as late April, per the vendor from which we ordered the parts.
- The exhaust on Squad 2 has failed at a weld and is currently incomplete. This will be repaired as soon as possible.

**7. EVENTS**

- No events this month.

**8. OTHER: COVID-19**

- NO CHANGE since last month. We continue to have isolated COVID infections within the department. We do not currently mandate masks for indoor department meetings. This will be reevaluated continually.
- UCHHealth has lifted the requirement for staff and guests at their hospitals to wear masks. They have also lifted the requirement for EMS providers to wear masks during incidents except when the specific nature of the incident indicates the need for additional precautions.

CL GREENBELT MITIGATION COMMITTEE

- Effort lead by Craig Mawle to coordinate Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) evaluations in Crystal Lakes with the Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS).
- Planning to establish a leader from each filing to interact with Mitigation Committee and help organize and communicate with property owners in their filing.
- The Greenbelt Committee has budgeted \$8400 for rental of a truck and dump trailer for 24 days through the season to facilitate moving slash to the depot during the mitigation season.

Respectfully submitted,

Evan Rau

Fire Chief

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