

CLVFD Business Meeting Minutes
August 24, 2023

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 18:00 by Assistant Chief Doug Race

IN ATTENDANCE: Harold Alexander, Brad Chiodo, Mike Clark, Marilyn David, Milo David, Steve Dirmeyer, Jon Gessert, Sue Gessert, Jim Kubichek, Melanie Nelson, Doug Race, Susan Rau, Jody Sandquist, Jay Smith, Karen Smith and Mark Weeks.

Zoom: Evan Rau and Anne Dirmeyer

Approval of / Additions to the Agenda - Steve requested adding Hidden Park in the Community Outreach section. Steve moved to approve the agenda as amended. Jody seconded. Passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting - Jody moved to approve the July 27, 2023, minutes as presented. Marian seconded. Passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Equipment

- Boat Shed solar panel – This has been installed and is working and ready for when the boat is moved to the shed after the floor is painted. Steve, Mark & Alex worked on it Wednesday and there are some important factors that all department members need to know before using it. A training session is needed and will be scheduled as soon as there's time.
- The floor will be painted next week, and the equipment moved in. The procedure for removing the battery from the solar panel/charger will be posted on the wall. Training for this procedure will be scheduled. Be aware that any metal part may be electrified. The shed has the same combination lock as the storage container behind the station.

Communications

- Text group for communicating time off the mountain – How is the new text group working for people?
- The new group texting app is working well for members. Thanks to Mark for getting, it set up.

Community Outreach

Upcoming events (update your calendar)

Red Feather Fire Days

- Red Feather Labor Day weekend parade – 9/2 – we need to send a couple of apparatus. Fire Days, 9/2/23 – be at the school no later than 8:45 for a 9:00 start. Marian will pick up three large bags of candy.
- We may wash some of the trucks on Friday, August 31st.
- Doug, Brad, Steve, Mark and Jay will drive apparatus in the Fire Days parade. Plan on leaving the station at 8:15 and wear a department shirt. Plan on staying afterwards to show support.

Rummage Sale

- Remaining donation collection day: 8/26 from 10:00 to 2:00 at the station. We will also take donations on the final Saturday as well, September 2nd.
 - Need volunteers (four each day) to receive, price, and sort items.
- Notes for collectors and everyone who might get asked – we can't accept clothes, furniture, television sets, BB grills, large plumbing fixtures, etc.
- We can take and post photos of large items and sell them that way, but not display or store them.
- Friday & Saturday, Sept 1st & 2nd – 10:00 to 2:00 each day – final sale set-up (all hands-on deck) – set up display tables, move, sort, and price items. We can borrow additional tables from Water and Sewer if necessary.
- Sunday Sept 3rd – 9:00 to 3:00 – sale (all hands-on deck). Please be at the station at 8:00 am to help set up tents, canopies, parking cones, etc. Mark will ask for permission for us to park our vehicles by the maintenance yard fence. Those who may need to get their vehicles out for a call please park in front.
- New legacy bricks will be revealed at 8:45 am Sunday morning prior to the rummage sale.
- Monday Sept 4th – 9:00 to noon – bag sale
- Noon until finished – cleanup (all hands-on deck)
- The same person who took unsold items after last year's sale will pick up items this year.
- Tuesday, the 5th, Mike will be here to pick up what is left. Jon and Sue will be unavailable that day, but Jon will give Mark's number to Mike so we arrange to help load.

Hidden Park

- Evan explained that the purpose of this staging area is to provide a highly visible location, where quite a few community members drive past, that offers a place for at least one apparatus to pull off without blocking the road. It is also a small-scale mitigation area.
- Steve had questions of the need?

Operations

- Goals for 2023 – updates
 - Actionable safety goals and improvements – Jim – no update
 - Website rebuild – Marian and Mike – along with Evan, Anne, and Jody Randol – Will be transiting to Streamline once details regarding current email addresses and processing are worked out. Mike is researching options for email hosting. - no update. Evan and

Mike need to discuss options for email needs and get concrete costs before we can move forward with this.

- Open house – Mark – Completed!
- Rules and Regulations revision – Marian – working group: Anne, Karen & Mark – Target for completion: end of year. This group has had two meetings and another one is scheduled for next week. They are making progress.
- SOG revision – Jim – in the process of setting up working group. Present time they are being consolidated and revised.
- 5-Year Plan revision – Doug – working group: Jody Randol, Mike, Robin – Target date for completion: January 1, 2024. - No update.
- Recruitment – Anne heading up the task force – investigating legal and insurance issues before proceeding with auxiliary positions. - No update.

Safety

- Roundtable of safety items/concerns from members.
- Jon stated that he was told by a deputy that SDRs should leave their headlights on for visibility but to angle their cars so the lights don't shine directly into traffic.
- Evan reminded department members to be careful when going directly to a scene and you are the first one to arrive. Depending on the situation it may be smarter to wait for other members to get there. It is also a good idea to wear your fire department gear and carry your ID so you are easily identified as a CLVFD member.
- Jody reminded department members that there is a lot of new and loose gravel on the road making it dangerous, particularly for ATV drivers.
- Karen asked if first responders wear ballistic vests when responding to calls. In general, some departments do; however, we never have. There has been some discussion about trying to get a grant to fund some vests for the department.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Equipment

- Boat shed – the building has been erected and painted. Equipment will be moved in once the floor has been painted.
- Apparatus maintenance – we'll be working on getting some apparatus to Beck's for service; other apparatus to be serviced/repared off the mountain, starting with Tender. Please watch for requests for help in getting apparatus in for repair and assist if available. We will wait until after Labor Day to take Tender in for service. We will take it to Trans West. They do not take appointments unless it is for a major repair, otherwise we just drive in.
- Brush 1 - we cannot get the parts to service the recall at this time. We do not know how long it will take. The problem is the relay for the heater and the vehicle should not be parked inside as it could catch fire. Doug will continue to work on this.

Operations

- CWPP update – Anne
 - Mitigation Team
 - Committee Meeting – 8/30 from 6:30-7:30 pm via Zoom (<https://zoom.us/j/92461858400>)
 - Workdays – 9/9 & 9/23 at Hidden Park

Training

- Fire training – September subject: Beaver Meadows review
 - CLVFD – Thursday 9/7 at 1800
 - RFLVFD – Tuesday 9/5 at 1800
 - Joint – Saturday 9/9 at 0900. Location: Beaver Meadows.
- This would be a good one for SDRs to attend.

Miscellaneous

- Susan Rau heard from a homeowner that the street addresses on Nambe court will be changing according to Larimer County. If she hears anything further, she will let us know.
- Office of Emergency Management supplies – We've received some emergency community supplies from OEM that will be stored in the fire station above the bathroom area. These are things that will be used/distributed in the case of a community emergency at the direction of OEM. They will be stored in the mezzanine or out of the way. We are storing the supplies until the North 40 finds a place to keep them. Doug will be in contact with the liaison, Patrice, and will figure something out. OEM and North 40 do not want the station to be a hub. Ideally Basecamp would be the place to store these supplies. We agreed to take the supplies because there is not a secure location at Basecamp and the supplies need to be accessible. These supplies include blankets, first aid, packages of personal gear, toothbrushes, shavers, and shaving cream.
- Jody reported that CLFIRES has a new director, Michaela Myers, who will start a 3-year term. Also as of the June 30, 2023, financial report CLVFD has funds in the amount of \$58,353.81 and CLFIRES \$26,518.71.
- Mark reported that not all of the exterior station lights are not working. He has been working on finding replacements parts, but it may be less expensive to just replace the lights.
- The office light sensor is not working correctly. Alex will try replacing the sensor and if that does not work, we will put in a light switch.
- Doug distributed Turbo-draft instructions for Tender 1. Using the Turbo-draft is the fastest way to fill Tender; however, moving the Turbo-draft to the water can be difficult since it is quite heavy. Doug encouraged members to work with it and become more familiar with the process.
- Evan's schedule: he has one more week of academy and will be off the mountain Monday - Friday during the day. He will be working 9/3 - 9/5. He should have his new schedule starting the second week of September and should hopefully keep that schedule for the rest of this year.

As the Membership Desires

ADJOURNMENT

Alex moved to adjourn. Milo seconded. Passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 19:12.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Dirmeyer, Secretary/Administrative