

CLVFD BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
June 22, 2023, MEETING

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 18:04 by Chief Evan Rau.

ATTENDEES: Harold Alexander, Brad Chiodo, Mike Clark, Marilyn David, Milo David, Anne Dirmeyer, Steve Dirmeyer, Jon Gessert, Sue Gessert, Marian Kelly, Jim Kubichek, Craig Mawle, Melanie Nelson, Doug Race, Evan Rau, Susan Rau, Jody Sandquist, Jay Smith, Karen Smith and Mark Weeks.

Via Zoom: Rachelle Mawle

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Alex made a motion to approve the May 2023 minutes as submitted. Doug seconded. Passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Personnel

- Kate Kelly has resigned from the department; however, if her condition improves and she feels fit to do the job she will be welcomed back.

Operations

- Doug handed out trail maps of Beaver Meadows. 90% of what they do with the public takes place to the left of Buckskin. The brown lines on the map are OHV access and the yellow with coordinates are places where a helicopter could land. Verizon coverage is spotty, but AT&T is solid. A compass app works great. Trails in use are identified at every intersection. Doug will get more information from Beaver Meadows about cabin and campground locations and then share the map with dispatch.

Training

- Training in July will focus on Structure 2; however, there is a date conflict. Brad will get with Ryan and let us know the date.
- Discussion was held on the best day/time for "Members Choice" training. Most members can attend on Monday mornings. The next training will be held on July 10th at 9:00 am.
- SDR Training will be held the second Tuesday of the month at 16:15.

Grants

- Jim was able to secure another case, maybe two, of the electrolyte drink mix from the National Volunteer Fire Council. He also noted that the NVFC has perks and free online training and urged members to investigate it if they are interested.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Personnel

- Evan discussed moving Mark Weeks from a probationary to a full member of the department. Although seasonal, Mark is active throughout the year working on projects and attending meeting. The officers have discussed this, and Evan recommended Mark be considered for full membership. A vote will be taken at the end of the meeting.

Community Outreach

- Upcoming events (update your calendar)
 - June 24th – Open House 11:00-3:00 (Many thanks to Anne, Karen, Mark, & Mel for organizing!)
 - 8:00 – meet at station for setup
 - 9:30-ish – send apparatus to Glacier View for their Firewise event Jim/Jay
 - 11:00-12:00 – shooting water
 - 12:00-3:00 – Poker Run games outside, community information stations and interactions with the public
 - 3:00 – cleanup, Evacuation class (moved from 1:00 to 3:00)
 - 4:00 – ice cream social at Basecamp
 - July 1 & 2 – Independence Day celebration – See Mark's 6/16 email for full details and use the Google form sent out on 6/17 to sign up to assist wherever you're able. This is a big event and a lot of work, but the community appreciates our efforts and if we all help out where possible, that makes it more fun for everyone.
 - Thursday 6/29
 - 10:00 - wash and decorate trucks, move Fun Day supplies from shed to station
 - 12:00 - Lunch provided by Fire District **This is intended to be a gesture of appreciation for all members, not just those working on this part of our preparations, so drop by for lunch even if you couldn't come help with the washing/decorating!!**
 - Saturday 7/1
 - 7:15 - Fishing derby, Engine 1 w/crew (leaving derby at 11:00)
 - 1:00 - RF parade - CL trucks depart from station at 12:30
 - 3:00 - move Fun Day supplies from station to Basecamp and set up games (Stop the Bleed seminar also starts at the station at this time)
 - 6:00 - RF Fireworks – dinner at RF station w/debriefing, fireworks to start around 2100
 - Sunday 7/2 – CLVFD event, all day (all hands on deck)
 - 7:30 - arrive at station to begin setup - activities run until 3:00, when cleanup begins
 - Monday 7/3 – Duck race and fire dept demo
 - 8:00 - arrive at station to begin setup - activities run until 12:00, when cleanup begins
 - 1:00 - organize and return all Fun Day items to shed
 - July 22 – Safety Day event with Crystal Wildlife Aware group (Jody Sandquist, liaison; Susan Vance & Robin Lauric, leads), Wildlife Aware is meeting this Sunday and there will be more details after that.

- 10:00-12:00 – short presentations on wildlife safety, booths with handouts
- 11:00-1:00 – lunch – brats & hotdogs, Jody Randol & Alex cooking
- Rummage Sale
 - Will take donations during Saturdays in August
 - Saturday Sept 2nd – final sale set-up (need everyone who can help)
 - Sunday Sept 3rd – sale (need everyone who can help)
 - Monday Sept 4th – bag sale followed by cleanup (need everyone who can help)

Operations

- The Mitigation Team’s next meeting will be held on June 28th at 6:30 pm. The event at Basecamp on June 17th was cancelled due to weather but has been rescheduled to July 15th from 8:30 – 4:00 pm. Lunch will be provided. Tract I is scheduled for July 29th and a new date will be announced for Hidden Park. The mitigation will be primarily pulling slash out of the greenbelts and taking it to the Slash Depot. The Mitigation Team will try to take trees down in advance and could use some volunteers for this. The goal of the Hidden Park mitigation is to show that it is possible to mitigate effectively without it looking bare.
- The Education Team is looking into a screening of the film “Elemental” for a WUI Day at the Movies event. Possibly doing it on a couple of different days, a weekday, and a weekend, and bringing in a speaker after the screening.
- The next combined team meeting of the CWPP is set for Saturday, June 24th at 5:00 pm.
- Goals for 2023 – updates
 - Actionable safety goals and improvements – Jim (nothing new)
 - Website rebuild – Marian and Mike – along with Evan, Anne, Doug, and Jody Randol – have had several meetings with a company (Streamline) that may suit our needs. Evan is checking into how this change would impact our email access and some other details before a final decision is made. Evan needs to talk with our current webmaster before making the transition.
 - Open house – Mark – scheduled for June 24th
 - Rules and Regulations revision – Marian, Mark and Karen are working on this. There is one more spot available. If you are interested, please contact Marian.
 - SOG revision – Jim has requests out to several people to work on this.
 - 5-Year Plan revision – Doug is setting up a work group including two board members. He is looking for one more member, please contact Doug if you are interested.
 - Recruitment – Anne heading up the task force. They are currently focused on the Open House.

Safety

- Jim highlighted some of the statistics from the NFPA firefighter deaths report that he had emailed out to all members. Of note, overexertion and stress accounted for just over half the deaths in 2022 (cardiac events). He urged members to review the report.
- Jim also talked about avoiding the soft shoulder of the road and reminded members that if they’re driving apparatus and drop tires off the edge of the road, don’t turn the wheel to correct/get back on the road because you’ll roll over. If you’re stable where you are, stop and we’ll figure out how to get it unstuck.

As the Membership Desires

- Craig reported that the Hidden Park staging area has been approved by the Road & Rec Board.
- Doug announced that will no longer respond to medical calls in Red Feather or Crystal Lakes. He will respond as CL2 to Crystal and Red Feather calls as a firefighter.
- Mark was asked to leave while a vote was taken on whether to make him a full member. Vote result: yes.

ADJOURMENT

Alex made a motion to adjourn, Milo seconded. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 19:38

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Dirmeyer, Secretary