

CLVFD BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

March 23, 2023, MEETING

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

ATTENDEES: Harold Alexander, Mike Clark, Anne Dirmeyer, Steve Dirmeyer, Jon Gessert, Bobby Hill, Melanie Nelson, Doug Race, Susan Rau, Jody Sandquist, Leighann Sasso and Karen Smith.

Via Zoom: Marilyn David, Milo David, Craig Mawle, Rachelle Mawle and Mark Weeks.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Alex moved to approve the February 2023 minutes. Jody seconded. Unanimous approval.

REVIEW OF INFORMATION ITEMS

EQUIPMENT

Engine 1

Alex reported that all electronics are here and 6 of 11 valves have arrived. Alex started installing them today. We do not have the pump panels yet but could have them as soon as tomorrow. Anyone who is available to help please let Alex know.

Maintenance

Alex is handling most things at the station and Evan reminded members that we can all help. Alex would like to train others so that he is not our only option. If there is something you would like to learn or help Alex with, please contact him. When you are at the station keep your eyes open and if you see something that needs to be cleaned or fixed and you can take care of it, do it. Otherwise write it on the whiteboard so we are all aware of the issue and it can be addressed.

OPERATIONS

Accountability Protocol

The Accountability Protocol has been sent out to all members. Evan tabled the review of the protocol until our next meeting when Marian would be able to attend and available to go over the protocol in detail.

New member

Leighann Sasso has joined the department as a new SDR.

EQUIPMENT

Boat Shed

Steve will attend the Water & Sewer meeting this Saturday, March 25th, to present the plan for the shed. He will present at the ACC meeting the following Saturday and then present to the Road & Rec board. We will need to ask for two variances for the shed being too close to the water and it is not fireproof.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

OPERATIONS

CWPP Update

Anne reported that the Education Committee will have an Education Day on May 28th from 1-3 pm that will include an appearance by Smokey Bear and speakers focusing on Firewise and prevention and risks in our area. Doug will also be a speaker at the event.

Evan stated that the committees within the CWPP, Education, Mitigation and Evacuation, are on a learning curve and have been ramping up with a lot of enthusiasm and engagement.

Leighann mentioned that the Education Committee is working on improved communications. The pieces of the CWPP are silo's and they are working on bringing it together.

Goals

We reviewed and received updates for our 2023 goals:

- Actionable safety goals and improvements – Jim is working on this.
- Website rebuild – Marian and possibly Mike. Evan and Mike met to discuss ways to improve our website. Mike reviewed the important pages, members, community, etc. He noted that there was a lot of outdated material and identified a number of targeted areas that need updating, such as outdated photos. This is in its early stages, and we will talk more about decisions and what direction to take, for example do we fix content or functionality.
- Open house – Mark is looking at June for the open house. More details to come.
- Revise Rules and Regulations – Marian is working on this. It was noted that any revisions to the Rules and Regulations must be approved by the Board.
- SOG's – Jim is working on this.
- 5-year plan – Doug is working on this. Evan would like newer members to participate in updating the plan. Please get in touch with Doug if you are interested.
- Recruitment – Fire Board. Anne reported that the Board is asking for newsletter ideas to use as a recruiting tool and to let the community know how they can help. They are also looking at creating a handout and a tri-fold document that would highlight the types of calls we get as well as highlighting department members in an "Under the Helmet" section. There will be a table for recruitment at the Education Day event. Jody asked if anyone had photos of a Lifeline helicopter or lines of traffic that the SDRs can use for their new recruitment banner. The theme is "Have you ever wanted to stop traffic?"

AS THE MEMBERSHIP DESIRES

Jody noted that the quarterly meeting of CLFIRES is set for Sunday, March 26th. All are welcome to attend.

Evan's schedule remains very busy, and he is not able to be around as much. This will continue through mid-August. The officers are picking up the slack in the meantime and are distributing his duties among themselves, such as attending meetings and responding to communications. If you have any concerns, please contact Evan.

Bobby stated that he supports Evan. Paramedic school is very intense. He thanked the officers for their support of Evan and feels that Evan will be a great asset to the entire mountain when he is done with school.

Mike asked if it was a consideration for Evan to step down temporarily. Doug reported that all options have been discussed, such as a leave of absence or sabbatical, but the decision was made to keep Evan on as chief and the officers will continue to cover until he is done with school. Evan acknowledged that it is not an ideal situation and if there are other ideas, please bring them up.

Bobby said that wildland season is upon us and we need to get into that mind set. He recommended getting out and checking our wildland gear to be sure we are ready to respond. It is a physically demanding job and he recommended getting on a physical fitness program. He stated that his daughter is a physical trainer and can get a program together for a small fee. If you are interested, please contact him.

RFVFD got a new drone. It will be carried on Squad. It has a radius of 12 miles and has infrared to be able to look for hot spots.

Bobby asked that we let him know when Engine 1 is back in service as their Engine needs repair.

Anne said the Board wants to know when we could take a group picture to go in the trifold. It was suggested that we do it at the next training session.

This 4th of July is the 100-year anniversary for Red Feather. It is a big deal and events will take place on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 30th – July 2nd.

Doug gave a brief update on Kate. She is making good progress and could potentially return home next month.

ADJOURNMENT

Alex made a motion to adjourn, Doug seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 19:32

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Dirmeyer, Secretary