

CLVFD Business Meeting Minutes September 28, 2023

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 18:07 by Assistant Chief Doug Race

ATTENDEES: Harold Alexander, Brad Chiodo, Mike Clark, Marilyn David, Milo David, Jon Gessert, Sue Gessert, Marian Kelly, Jim Kubichek, Craig Mawle, Doug Race, Jody Sandquist, Jay Smith and Karen Smith

Via Zoom: Anne Dirmeyer, Steve Dirmeyer and Melanie Nelson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A request was made to add station mitigation under Miscellaneous. Alex made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, Jody seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Marion made a motion to approve the August 2023 minutes as written, Alex seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Community Outreach

CL FIRES Chili & Bread Cook-off – Saturday, Sept 30th – Susan Rau will have a sign-up sheet for volunteers. Times for the activity will be:

- 3:00 pm – Setup at Basecamp
- 4:30 pm – Judges to taste chilis and breads
- 5:00 pm – Cook-off opened to the public
- 6:30 pm – Awards announced

On behalf of Susan Rau, Jody announced that they have nine submissions for chili and five for bread. Jody has a signup sheet, and CLFIRES needs volunteers to help on Saturday; 4-5 people to help set up, 1-2 to help contestants set up. Susan and Deana will be the liaisons with the judges. Also need 4 volunteers to help on the dessert table. The tasters will come in at 5:00 pm. Susan and Deana will serve as announcers and present awards. Cleanup should start by 7:00 and 4-5 volunteers are needed to help at that time. \$5.00 is the suggested donation and there will be a boot out as well.

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 re: current email addresses and processing are worked out. Mike and Evan have provided research on email options to the officers and the board, who've decided to move to primarily free Google email addresses with a few domain-based ones that we'll have to pay a monthly fee for (so we'll have some addresses with the clvfd.org domain, particularly ones that have been in frequent use). Once the new email addresses are up and running, we will proceed with moving to Streamline for our new website. There may be some delay in this process as our current webmaster is dealing with some personal issues.
- Open house – Mark – Completed!
- Rules and Regulations revision – Marian – working group: Anne, Karen & Mark – Target for completion: end of year. Another meeting next month - work in progress.
- SOG revision – Jim is in the process of setting up a work group. He will reconnect with potential group members.
- 5-Year Plan revision – Doug – working group: Jody Randol, Mike, Robin Lauric. The target date for completion is January 1, 2024. The current focus is on editing the narrative section. Doug will get with Mike for help on getting the plan into Google Docs.
- Recruitment – Anne is heading up the task force and is investigating legal and insurance issues before proceeding with auxiliary positions - no update.

Safety

Jim to speak on safety topics.

- Jim reminded members not to speed on the way to a call. Animals are out and invisible.
- Prepare for winter – check your battery, look at your tires. Get your cold weather gear together – especially the SDRs.
- Even though it is fall, we still need to hydrate. Drink a bottle of water before you leave on a call.
- Don't forget to eat.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Equipment

- Boat shed – The boat and equipment have been moved to the shed for now. Officers are working to determine how to protect it from cold temperatures. If that proves impossible, it'll be moved back to the station for the winter. Officers are also working on determining what ice and water rescue gear will be purchased to put in the boat shed (so we have gear in both Support and the shed). The officers will discuss and decide what equipment we need for the boat shed at the next officers meeting. Steve, Brad, Alex and Mark have put in a lot of time getting the shed ready. Discussion was held regarding the feasibility of keeping the boat in the shed until the lakes freezes over and determined that we will find a way to do that. Marian will ask Mark to look into more information regarding the boat and check with the manufacturer to see what kind of degradation we may be dealing with. Steve will

research electric blankets.

- SDR Stop Sign Holsters – After testing out a couple of different options, SDRs have determined that a belt-clip style sign holster will work best for their purposes and ten are being ordered. These holsters have been ordered.
- Backup camera – A backup camera will be ordered at a cost of about \$350 and installed in Tender 1 as an experiment in whether it improves visibility/safety and holds up to the conditions we operate in. This does not replace the use of a backer. Our procedures for backing up a vehicle with a camera are the same as for one without – the driver must have someone backing them up and must pay attention to that person, not the camera. The camera is a secondary safety device. Doug will order the camera once he has our tax certificate to provide to the company
- SDR cubbyholes – Alex is in the process of building an insert for the gear locker closest to the refrigerator, which will be split into multiple cubbies to be used by SDRs who wish to store some equipment at the station and as a location where items may be left for individual SDRs. Alex stated that this will be completed tomorrow.
- Tow chains/straps – Gary Wiegel donated four 20' ½" tow chains, six clevises and connecting straps to the dept after the MVA on Ottawa. These have been placed in black tool bags in sets (1 20' chain, 2 straps, 2 clevises) and stowed in the following locations in Engine 1 (in compartment with fire extinguishers), Tender 1, Brush 1 (in compartment with chocks), and Squad 1 (in back with other tow and recovery equipment). A thank-you card has been sent to Gary.

Apparatus maintenance

- Brush 1 – Doug has taken it in for the recall repair, which has been completed. It's safe to park inside now. Lube, oil, filter has been done.
- Tender 1 – Will be taken to TransWest for electrical issues in the next week or so, Brad organizing. Brad wants to hold off for another week or two before we take it in due to fire danger. We will have everything checked.
- Squad 2 – Will be taken to Beck's for annual maintenance checks and repair of exhaust. Jim will take it in on Oct 11th and Mike will help.

Operations

- CWPP update – Mitigation team: Craig updated members on the mitigation activities at Hidden Park. Work was completed on September 23rd, and we had people from the county up to see it today. There will be an official unveiling in the spring. There are no further mitigation activities planned until next year.
- Workdays – 9/9 & 9/23 at Hidden Park

Training

Fire training – September subject: Extrication. We will have hands-on training with the tools and are working on getting a couple of cars. It will be at Fred Barlow's place the same as last year. Thursday night's training will be hands on if you want to try to use the tools. Wearing apparel - growing pains.

- CLVFD – Thursday 10/5 at 1800 – we will have hands-on training with the tools.
- RFLVFD – Tuesday 10/3 at 1800
- Joint – Saturday 10/7 at 0900. Location: Red Feather. Ryan is working on getting a couple of cars. We hope to do the training at Fred Barlow's place.

Miscellaneous

- Parking safety – We'll be adding posts with reflectors along the edge of the parking area down from the station so members can more easily determine where that edge is when backing in.
- Evan has donated a dozen T-posts and we will need to get them set in place. He has a sledgehammer, but if anyone has a post hole driver that they would be willing to bring, it would be appreciated. We will also need reflectors.
- Plans for mitigation and clean-up efforts around the station are in the works with a tentative date for the work to be done October 13th and 14th. Robin Lauric with CLFPD is planning an Oktoberfest on the 14th for CLVFD members and any other volunteers who work on the mitigation.
- The dates of October 13th and 14th have been finalized. On the 13th from 10:00 – 4:00 we will be working on tree felling, limbing and creating slash piles. We will need trailers to take the slash to the slash depot. REI will be taking out the dangerous trees. On the 14th from 10:00 – 1:00 we will wrap up our mitigation efforts and an Oktoberfest lunch will follow. Please RSVP to Robin if you are planning on attending the lunch.
- Almost all exterior station lights have been repaired – we still need a bulb for to the left of the entry door. Alex will get one and install it. Thank you to Mark, Alex and Jay for working on the lights. Alex has repaired the office light in the station, and it is now working.
- OEM Supplies will be stored in the shed/container until/unless North40 is able to find/create a suitable location for storing them that is approved by OEM. Doug moved them to the far back, right-hand corner of the container.

As the Membership Desires

- Jody Sandquist shared that the total intake from the rummage sale after expenses was \$5,823.30. The CLFIRES quarterly meeting will be held on November 12th at 1:00 at the station.

- Jim reminded members that nominations for officers happen in October and we vote in November. He encouraged members to step up and consider becoming an officer.
- We will be participating in Red Feather Elementary Fire Prevention Week on October 12th at noon. We will take an apparatus and some firefighters. Brad will send out an email with details.
- Milo stated that an additional step has been installed on Brush 1.
- Alex and Doug will install the SDR cabinet tomorrow. They will send a text to the group if they need help.
- Jim stated that Paulette donated a 50-year anniversary Smokey Bear to be displayed at the station with the provision that it needs to remain at the station and not be sold or given away. Alex is making a display case for it.
- A reminder to members to get dates on the calendar as soon as possible when they will be gone.
- Doug reminded members that we are going to try and retain our mill levy at the current rate of 9% rather than sunset the additional 4% that was approved by Crystal Lakes seven years ago to fund the station remodel. We will put together a campaign to retain our mill levy at 9%, which will still be the lowest levy on the mountain. Doug may come to the membership for assistance.

ADJOURNMENT

Alex made a motion to adjourn, Marian seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 19:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Dirmeyer, Secretary