

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
AUGUST 12, 2014**

PRESENT: Pam Haunschild, Alissa Lipking, Peggy Moore, Teri Thomas, Cindy Warzyn, Steve Avgeris, Stan Dean.

ABSENT: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m.

Stan told the Board he was interested in attending a meeting and was welcomed.

MINUTES

It was M/S/P (Thomas/Warzyn) to approve the minutes of the July meeting as distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Teri passed out the financial materials. We have \$5,984.07 in the checking account and \$40,597.44 in the Treasury account. She reminded the Board that we started the new fiscal year on July 1st so all budget categories have most of their initial allocation. She noted that of the \$1,000 budgeted for protective clothing; we only have \$305 left. Steve reported that to fully suit a volunteer with a fire shelter, helmet, etc. it costs between \$1,200 and \$ 1,500. Volunteers must be fully suited to work on a fire.

Teri reported that we received a letter from the Secretary of State's office (for 2012-13), reporting that their analysis of our submission found no deficiencies. The Board thanked Teri for her hard work on this.

Teri informed the Board that we are supposed to appoint a registered agent at a formal Board meeting. It was M/S/P (Thomas/Warzyn) to appoint Alissa Lipking as this person

Teri will go through our existing policies and see if any are missing. We will discuss these at the September meeting.

After reviewing the Exempt Organization Information Returns for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2014, it was M/S/P (Warzyn/Lipking) to approve the document.

Alissa reported that we received a \$1,000 donation from someone in Hilt for Hilt Hose Company.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Steve was pleased to announce that Phil Anzo is the new Unit Chief and Ron Bravo is the new Division Chief. Peggy reported that Phil went through the COS Fire Program and was in the first graduating class.

There have been 11 fires since the last meeting. 6 were vegetation fires (3 acres was the largest), 3 were vehicle fires and 2 involved structures.

Steve reported that he served as the IC on the fire that has currently burned 30,000 acres. He served in that role until the fire was 1,000 acres which then required that he turn that over to the Forest Service. Until that time Steve's crew and Fruit Growers employees were the staff fighting that fire.

Brush 44 visited the valley for a weekend and was then deployed out of the Valley again. Steve anticipates that Siskiyou County will generate up to \$100,000 from rental of that vehicle. CRFD attempted to purchase it (cost \$10,000) but the county board of supervisors won that discussion and thus receive all revenues from the vehicle when in use. It has been used so much that it will require new tires at the end of fire season. These will be paid for by Siskiyou County.

Steve reported that the radio in 44-12 is defective. It was fixed but all the Kenwood radios have problems. Peggy suggested this be a possible project for next year's grant. Steve will check with other fire districts in the area on their success with these radios before meeting with representatives with the Kenwood Company. Cindy commented that it's good to be armed with information.

Steve wants to purchase six Bendix radios.

Steve commented that fire behavior this season is quite unique. Fires are going from 0 to 100 acres in 15 minutes. Discussion with ODF, Cal Fire and others has resulted in an agreement that if they lose a fire, they will immediately evacuate the area. They cannot have to worry about people being injured or killed while trying to fight the fire.

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Teri and Cindy will clean up and Cindy will provide us with more specific information as to duties at the September meeting. We have a lot of left over usable "stuff" so it should only cost about \$300 to put it on. No special post cards are needed since the date was on the recent red cards that went out.

T SHIRTS

The Board thanked Pam for all her work on the design of the 2014 t shirt. The graphic is wonderful and the only discussion centered on whether to call it "The year of the dozer" or "The year of the cat". The majority of the folks liked year of the Cat so that's what it will be. Cindy hopes they can be ready for the picnic.

The Board thanked Pam for her time and talent and we will move forward.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 9th at 6:00 at the Hilt Church.

It was M/S/P (Haunschild/Lipking) to adjourn at 7:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Moore