

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
October 14, 2014**

**PRESENT:** Pam Haunschild, Alissa Lipking, Peggy Moore, Teri Thomas, Steve Avgeris.

**ABSENT:** Cindy Warzyn (excused)

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm. at the Hilt Church

**MINUTES**

Due to lack of a quorum at the September meeting there were no minutes. However, the August minutes have not been approved. It was M/S/P (Lipkind/Thomas) to approve the August minutes as distributed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Teri sent copies of the financial information prior to the Board meeting. She reviewed the documents. We have \$2,521.84 in the checking account and \$40,950.32 in the State Treasury account. There are no outstanding bills. So far this year we have received minimum levy income which are from past due balances, because current year payments are not due until November.

We made \$843 from donations at the picnic. In addition we sold \$ 399 in t shirts and sweatshirts.

We made money over costs and people seemed to enjoy themselves. There was some discussion about selecting a Sunday (2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>) in September so that people can plan in advance. Having it on a regular Sunday might encourage more attendance. Thanks to Cindy for organizing and leading the event.

Teri mentioned that we are over budget in both protective clothing and radio maintenance and supplies. However we have \$2,200 in fire equipment and \$ 1,000 in radios.

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

Steve reported that there have been four calls since the last meeting. Two vegetation fires, one vehicle fire and one structure automatic aid to Hornbook.

Several Board members commented how fortunate we have been this fire season, given the extreme dangerous conditions throughout the state and in California.

Steve informed the Board that on Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> the land lines will be down for 6 hours for maintenance and upgrading. All 911 calls during that period of time will be automatically transferred to Steve's cell phone. Alissa reported that David will be home during that time as well.

Steve has been investigating additional required equipment for use on the cat. The radio helmet can be purchased for \$150 but it's not a good model. Others are available for between \$350a and \$400. Motorola has one that works in noisy environments for \$659. It is the only one that will allow the operator to really hear communications while on the cat. After much discussion, and keeping in mind

our primary priority – safety and effectiveness in equipment it was M/S/P (Thomas/Haunschild) to purchase the Motorola helmet.

Steve reported that several volunteers have turned in their gear. Three of them will be returning for fire season and one is leaving the valley.

Assistant Chief Chuck Biegert has sold the Inn and they will be moving by the 1st of the month. This leaves Assistant Chief Lipking available for service.

Steve reported that he will start training after the 1st of the year. He will also develop a proposal to present to the Board for staffing of volunteers. Peggy and the Board suggested we have this discussion at the December meeting.

### **GRANTS**

Steve inquired about the grant money which has not been received. Pam and Teri stated that the letter approving the grant has been received and that the receipts are due at the end of the calendar year. Then the check is sent. So that should be in January.

### **KIOSK**

Peggy reported that Jerry Lehman had been asked if he would be willing to build the Kiosk. He looked at several that resemble the one Betsy would like us to have. He is willing to do it and it will be ready by next fire season. Jerry will submit an estimate of materials. Peggy suggested since Cindy and Drew have donated so much time and material for the generator and Drew has taken charge of the cat equipment, etc. that we take Jerry up on his offer.

### **POSTCARDS**

Betsy asked if the Board wanted post cards to go out this winter. She is proposing the focus be on smoke detectors, with a mention of stove cleaning. The Board and Chief definitely want cards to go out.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> in order that all Board members can attend. The regular date of November 11<sup>th</sup> is Veterans Day.

It was M/S/P (Lipking/Haunschild) to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Moore