

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
September 9, 2016**

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

ABSENT: None.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm. A quorum was established.

MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Teri reported that we have \$ 1,700.25 in the Checking account and \$63,535.49 in the Treasury account. \$ 381 for the blue t-shirt for the Fire Fighters was listed under protective clothing . We received \$350 from the Temple and \$ 500 from Judd Parsons. The Fire Signs for the water hole cost \$ 118.00.

COMMUNICATIONS

Tod Davies and Lisa Buttrey have been working on the Google Groups idea. Teri suggested two groups – one for fire district notification and one for community business which would have no relationship to the Fire District.

Peggy raised the question of the relationship between the website and the Google group notification. The Google group notification system would be entirely voluntary. Community members would sign up for the notification by email and this would be placed in the group so if an emergency notice had to be sent, it would just be done by a group email.

Steve or the IC on an event would be responsible for calling one of the people who had access to the Google group (Board members who are conversant with the Google group system and Lisa and Tod). One person would be notified and would send the group message. This would not replace the existing phone tree but would save Steve from receiving calls in the middle of an emergency, informing the community about the current situation. The example of Cathy Council's concerns during the most recent smoke event was cited as one that could have benefited from the Google Groups system.

A signup sheet will be available at the picnic for people wishing to be in the Google Group.

CHIEF'S REPORT

There were three fires since the last meeting. One vegetation fire, one motor home and one structure fire in Hornbrook which was cancelled.

Steve was delighted to report that the train is only running at night, from 10 pm to 10am. The order was being discussed in both California and Oregon but the order came down from Salem. The Railroad went to Washington to appeal the shut down but they were not successful. The Railroad is being charged

\$146 a day for violations of not exercising a fuel management plan. It needs to be done before extreme fire season because it involves equipment. This is a major victory for creating safety in serious fire season. Steve said the Board resolution and proposed action was very helpful in him being able to get this through.

Steve reported on the Gap fire. We sent one engine down so will earn some income from that. There has been a dramatic increase in human caused fires on the west coast. Both accidental fire and set fires.

PICNIC

Board members should arrive at 11:00. Alissa reported that the signs are up and everything is ready. Cindy will bring an extension cord. Jeane Marin has been very helpful to Alissa and Alissa mentioned that the Marins have been doing this for several years. The Board authorized Alissa to purchase a \$50 gift certificate to express the Board's appreciation for years of doing much of the work of the picnic.

T-shirts for the firefighters will be given out at the picnic.

GRANTS

No grant report but Pam brought up the expenses for the t-shirts we sell to the community. There are three areas that could reduce the cost: 1) eliminating the pockets 2) having the shirts be two colors and 3) having them be 100% cotton. After discussion, the Board felt we should continue with these options as most people want them. The current cost is \$20 per shirt and so we need to up the price to cover the cost. They will be \$20 this year. Pam will check around to see if a less expensive source can be found.

NEXT MEETING

Peggy mentioned she cannot attend the next scheduled meeting on the 14th. The Board agreed to move the meeting to October 7th. Teri mentioned that we will be discussing policies on ethics and other things at that meeting so that we can receive a break on the cost of insurance.

It was M/S/P (Lipking/Warzyn) to adjourn at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Moore