

**COLESTIN RURAL FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
September 12, 2017**

**PRESENT:** Teri Thomas, Tod Davies, Cindy Warzyn, Steve Avgeris

**ABSENT:** Pam Haunschild, Peggy Moore

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm. A quorum was established.

**MINUTES**

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Teri passed out financial information. We have \$ 5,529.95 in the checking account and \$ 74,471.63 in the Treasury account. The statement includes the income from the sale of Rescue 44-41 (\$1500).

We received a \$320 refund from Workers' Compensation. Teri is keeping great track of our volunteers. Tod, Cindy, and Steve commended her warmly.

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

Steve reported this month THERE WERE NO CALLS! All expressed amazement. Steve said, "No, your pagers were not broken!"

Discussion of whether to sell or keep 44-40, the Suburban. The Chief would like to sell it. It hasn't been used since a year ago, the medical supplies are now on the Chief's pickup, and all engines have medical equipment. It was agreed to list it for \$2500, giving residents first opportunity to buy, then, after 30 days, putting it on Craigslist. The Suburban is an '87 diesel, with a winch, so good value.

It was M/S/P (Davies/Thomas) to approve selling the vehicle.

The Chief reminded himself to alert the insurance company that 44-41 has already been sold.

About the new engine CRFD has applied for a grant from Tides for: Chief reported that Cal Fire won't sell engines till after fire season; we'll be able to buy in the winter. Grant from Tides is in process. Cindy asked if Cal Fire would be able to borrow the engine whenever they wanted, but the Chief assured us that we will own it outright, and will only rent it out when it isn't needed in the valley.

Mail Box Vandalism: Steve has contacted the Postmaster, and conferred with a metal fabricator who will, along with Steve, install 10 gauge steel doors and get delivery started again. The thicker gauge should be enough to stop break-ins. The owners of the boxes own them; the post office has nothing to do with them except to deliver mail, so we are responsible for any upkeep and repairs. Steve will oversee work, and then put slips in each box saying what the cost is, and what each box's share comes to. Teri, Cindy, and Tod all thanked Steve profusely for taking charge and getting those boxes fixed.

Slip-In for the back of Chief's truck: The Chief wants to acquire a slip in for the back of C44-00, which will include a tank with hose reel (150 ft), and portable pump (50 gal per minute) for quick fire response. The Chief usually beats larger equipment to a fire, especially to lightning strike fires, and this will come in handy then especially. These slip ins are popular with a lot of district chiefs' pickups. It makes the vehicles more versatile. Cost will be around \$7000. We will try to get a grant for this.

### **PICNIC**

Cindy's leadership of the picnic was outstanding, and Teri, Steve, and Tod attempted to cover her with praise, but she was too modest to let them go on very long. Jeanne and Frankie Marin were also terrific.

Cost of the picnic was \$345.15. 75 people attended. Tshirt/hat sales: \$420. Donations: \$1445, including donated honey sales. All commented on the beautiful design of the t-shirts, done by Pam Haunschild.

We need more medium sized t-shirts for next year. Lots of Extra Large are left. Next year, we will consider a pocket logo that includes the CRFD logo and the year.

Cindy had been afraid we wouldn't have enough food. But, as usual, we had more than enough! The salad was particularly popular. We usually buy enough for 100 people, to be safe.

All in all, a fantastic job on the part of all board members. Cindy in particular!

### **GIFT POLICY**

We will discuss and make a decision on gift policy for gifts to volunteers and departing board members when a full board is present. It was agreed that a policy is needed.

It was suggested that we presently show departing board member Alissa Lipking appreciation for her years of hard work on the board with a \$100 gift certificate to her favorite restaurant. The Chief pointed out this sends a message of appreciation to the neighborhood, and shows other community members that volunteer work is valued. All present agreed heartily.

It was M/S/P (Thomas/Davies) to approve (heartily).

Cindy will buy the gift certificate and mail it to Alissa.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Cindy has ordered signs for the road.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is October 10<sup>th</sup> at the Hilt Church at 6 pm. Pam will be absent.  
It was M/S/P (Davies/Thomas) to adjourn at 6:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tod Davies (in Peggy Moore's absence)