

YARNELL FIRE DISTRICT

FIRE BOARD MINUTES, REGULAR SESSION

June 16, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Arlon Rice called the meeting to order at 10 AM

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call of Board Members:

Present were Chair Arlon Rice, Treasurer Richard Mayer, Secretary Carole Ryan, Members at Large Kevin O'Donnell, Frances Lechner. Attendance of the Public noted on attached document.

3. Approval of Draft Minutes:

Motion made by Richard , seconded by Kevin, to approve draft minutes of 5-12-14, as provided. Motion carried.

4. Reports and Correspondence:

a. Chairman's Report:

Regarding our new Admin Building, the plumbing and electrical are completed. Dr. Askari has scheduled his first appointments on June 28, 2014. He has signed a 2 year lease agreement with YFD. (see attached)

We may need volunteers for painting. We are hoping to sell the safe door, depository and safe deposit boxes for a good price. Last week, 15 volunteers helped to clean up the Admin building grounds and the station grounds. Yarnell Community Garden Project members have beautified the Crew Quarters grounds. The Ash Fork donated property will close this week so we will find a real estate agent up there to help us sell it. The E-402 sold for \$39,900 and will be shipped to Canada at the expense of the buyers.

b. Secretary's Report: none

c. Treasurer's Report : (see attached)

Richard presented : Profit and Loss Budget vs Actual and Reconciliation Summaries through 5-31-2014:

General Fund :\$76,413.30

Donations and Grants : \$81,592.19

Capital Reserve Fund : \$58,843.96

Pension and Relief Fund : \$77,449.28

Safer Grant money is located in Operating Expenses, not in Donations and Grants.

Treasurer's report approved as provided by Frances. Seconded by Carole. Motion carried by all.

d. Chief's Report: (see attached) . YFD will provide CPR classes every other month.

5. OLD BUSINESS -

a. Richard made a motion to accept the 2014/2015 YFD Budget as provided. Frances seconded. Motion carried. (See Budget attached.)

b. Aileen Casillas provided Safer Grant Budget Amendments to adjust the scope of our work. (See attached.) Total requested for administrative costs, stipends, personnel, payroll, tuition assistance, consultant fee is \$15,679.00.

c. Aileen Casillas provided a final report on the 1st Annual Yarnell 5K Race. Net income of \$6,260.80. (See Attached) There were 174 participants. A success! Donations providers were reported. (See Attached.)

d. Frances reported that the Pension and Relief Board will meet again in August, 2014. She also reported that more research is needed which may require hiring an attorney who specializes in pension plans.

6. NEW BUSINESS :

a. We have received a Safer Grant consultant contract from Chief Van Boerum of the Arivaca Fire District. (See attached). This indicates what he will do and how to implement this. He helped us last July with over 50 calls. He is very experienced in this area. Total cost in 10 installments is \$21,000- paid by the Safer Grant. Frances made a motion to approve this contract as provided. Richard seconded. Motion carried.

b. YFD Policy 0019- Credit Card Usage was changed to meet our current needs. This will be presented as revised at our July meeting for approval. Other policies that may need to be updated were discussed. As a result, a committee has been formed including Frances and Arlon to review the policies and report at our next meeting. Carole made a motion to approve the formation of this committee as discussed. Richard seconded. Motion carried.

Another motion was made to approve formation of a committee including Richard and Arlon to check that we are up to date with current Arizona Revised Statues that relate to YFD Bylaws. Carole made the motion. Seconded by Richard. Motion carried.

c. Policies 0007 and 0016 were not reinstated at this time.

7. CALL TO THE PUBIC:

Phil Snyder discussed the brush in front of his U Stow It . The pile is now huge and includes other garbage as well. It was to be chipped on June 9 but the country chipper was not working. They said they will come to chip next week.

He asked that this brush drop-off be shut down now. YFD will put tape across this today to indicate that this drop-off is closed.

Chief Palm said that he would take the tender to water this pile down daily until it is chipped to reduce fire risk.

Christa Rompannen reported her fear of fire in this previously untouched part of town related to this brush pile. She feels that this piling should not have been permitted and that the fire department has a duty to prevent fires from happening.

She also stated fear of the chipping pile/mulch after all is chipped, as this is a great fire hazard also.

Arlon said that a different, less hazardous location will be used for a drop-off in the future, if this is allowed again.

Chuck K__ reported that the mulch/chipping pile needs to be spread out to reduce fire hazard. A pile can result in interior heat formation.

LeRoy Anderson asked for a report about our preparedness re wildland fires, communications, long term sustainability. What's different this year. He asked that fire prevention info be provided in the Yellow Sheet. A need for more in-home volunteers as they are more likely to know the topography of the area. Need to breakdown misconceptions that exist in the community. Need to work as a community.

We discussed a need to reactivation of CERT. New blood. They/the town can use the Community Board Room in the new Admin building.

8. ADJOURNMENT: 12:16 PM The next regular meeting will be July 21, 2014

Respectfully Submitted,

Carole Ryan, Secretary of the Yarnell Fire Board.