

**YARNELL FIRE DISTRICT**  
**FIRE BOARD MINUTES, REGULAR SESSION**

**February 27, 2017**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Arlon Rice called the meeting to order at 10:03 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: Donna Gordon, Kevin O'Donnell . Ben Palm, Chief, and Denise Roggio, Grant Specialist, in attendance.

**3. Approval of Draft Minutes:**

A. Richard made a motion to accept the Regular minutes for January 13, 2017 session.

Kevin seconded. Motion carried by all.

B. Richard made a motion to accept the Special Minutes of February 13. 2017 session.

Arlon seconded. Motion carried by all.

**4. Reports and Correspondence:**

A. Chairman's Report: none

B. Secretary's Report: none

C. Treasurer's Report: (See attached)

Richard presented: Profit and Loss, Budget vs Actual and Reconciliation Summaries through the end of January, 2017.

General Fund: \$ 6,481.63

Donations and Grants: \$68,587.84. \$27,000 of this will be used for our portion of the cost of the new monitor.

Capital Reserve Fund : \$ 1,426.69

Pension and Relief Fund : \$12, 402.36

Yarnell Training Center : \$ 2,346.88 . This is non tax related money from our EMT classes.

Wildland Fire: \$ 6,069.73

Taxes brought in last month: \$ 6284.46

Carole made a motion to accept this Treasurer's Report as stated. Arlon seconded. Motion carried by all.

**D. Chief's Report:** (see attached) .New employees Larry Marcum , who is a medic, lives in Prescott and Nick, a reserve, lives in Peoples Valley.

A new bank of channels, with BLM and AZ State Forestry frequencies , will include many separate channels for us to use. This will result in a safer situation during a fire.

E. **Safer Report and Grant Report:** (See both attached). We will be starting our last year of The Safer Grant on March 17, 2017. All monies from this will be used before the deadline.

Total grants awarded for 2016 are \$159,764, not the amount that was \$50,000 less on last month's grant report.

Denise is looking for moneys to continue our Cadet program after the Safer Grant is completed. She will look into The AZ Community Fund and also talk to the YFD Auxiliary.

## **5. OLD BUSINESS:**

A. We will not discuss board policy revisions until we have completed the budget.

B. Chief's completed evaluations have been turned in to Carole to summarize.

C. Richard made a motion to approve a statement on the 2007 Memorial Run Volunteer form which will require the signature from volunteers that they have not been convicted of certain crimes and that they release YFD from responsibility for any injuries incurred while in this volunteer situation. Kevin seconded. Motion carried by all.

E. Budget discussion. (Mistakenly put in New Business C on printed agenda) Chief reported that over  $\frac{3}{4}$  of our tax money is spent on staff. We are already paying at least \$10/hour so will not have to make changes due to the new minimum wage law. Last year YFD wildland firefighters earned \$30,000 to add to our budget. This year we will be using our ambulance in AZ, NM, and TX to earn more to add to our tight budget. Required certified ambulance staffing is already available.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS :**

A. Richard made a motion that we approve use of the YFD Station on April 22, 2017 for the annual Pete's Playground fundraiser. Carole seconded. Motion carried by all.

B. The YFD 2016 Evaluation and 2017 Objectives , completed by the Chief and Denise , were handed out to all Board members.

**8. ADJOURNMENT: 11:27AM:** the next regular meeting will be on March 20. We will also have a Special Meeting for budget discussion on March 6, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carole Ryan, YFB Sec'y