

Huntington Lake Volunteer Fire Department  
Conference Call Minutes  
April 29, 2010

Ned Fox convened the meeting at 4:04 p.m.

Present: Ned Fox, Brother Chris, Ned Fox, John Slater, Lisa Coleman, Phyllis Thomas

Absent: Steve Soares and Karen Kamimoto

**Minutes:** John Slater moved, Lisa Coleman seconded the motion to approve the March 23, 2010, minutes with a correction to the Chief's Report, which now reads : "**FEMA GRANTS:** The grant provides over \$38,000, of which we are required to pay 5%." The motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Phyllis Thomas submitted a written report. The income for March totalled \$4,882.71, and was comprised of an in kind donation of \$250 from Ponderosa Telephone (website), a grant from Fresno County of \$1,600 for the purchase of Tel-Cribs and interest income. Expenses were unusually high reflecting the purchase of protective clothing and training supplies under the FEMA grant, to which the bills will be submitted. Net income for the month was (\$37,271.70).

Total current assets at the end of March were \$376,738.56, as compared to \$405,681.93 at the end of February. We have \$302,245.28 invested in CDs with a blended yield of 1.7%.

**Old Business:** There are no new grant applications pending.

**New Business:**

**(1) Chief's Report:**

**FEMA Grants**

*All PPE is in place and we have been approved to spend the remaining excess funds.*

*The Chief has ordered flashlights, removeable name patches and helmet shields. Just under \$1,500 needs to be spent or returned to FEMA*

## **Apparatus Report**

Captain Coleman has seen to it that R62, E62, and E262 have been serviced and that recall items have been repaired. The Colemans have donated the service costs on all three vehicles, which represents a major financial contribution to the department.

### **WT 62**

The water tender has a recall notice which will be addressed when Huntington Lake Road is re-opened.

### **Firehouse**

#### **Station 62:**

Power surges during the winter burned out several power strips as well as one of the power circuits serving the office area. We will need to investigate what it will take to restore power.

### **Training**

Fresno County is changing the way EMTs are re-certified. A new State registry has been established as well as a more extensive background check. These changes will significantly increase the cost for EMTs to renew their certification.

The board should anticipate an increase of up to \$1,000 for EMT renewal charges next year in addition to any classes that individuals may need.

### **Inter-Agency Information:**

Firefighter Jeff Heberele attended a two day "over the side" rescue training conducted by CAL FIRE last month.

### **Annual Appeal**

Appeal letter and "club sheet" has been sent under separate cover. We should set a date for mailing.

### **(2) Pancake Breakfast:**

The Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, July 4, beginning at 7:00 a.m. and ending at 11:00 a.m., earlier than usual.

### **(3) Silent Auction:**

We will hold our first silent auction at the Pancake Breakfast this year to add more fund raising appeal. Phyllis Thomas has been working to acquire items to be auctioned, including products and services from vendors at Huntington Lake as well as Shaver Lake. The auction items will be displayed in the large room where people eat their pancakes. There will be minimum bids applicable to each item, set at 75% to 80% of value. We will use the Lakeshore credit card machine for purchasers who wish to charge it. The Pancake Breakfast banner will also include notice of the silent auction.

### **(4) Bob Leach Memorial:**

A memorial service for Bob will be held at 1:00 p.m. after the Pancake Breakfast at the helipad off of Highway 168. We will give notice of the memorial in the May newsletter, and also ask for donations to the memorial fund. Brother Chris will ask Gold Arrow for the use of some of its shuttle vans to move participants from the Sierra Summit parking lot to the helipad. We will have an evacuation plan in case the helipad is needed.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, May 25, 2010, at 5:00 p.m.--Bob Wilson, convener.

**Adjournment:** Bob Wilson moved, John Slater seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Bob Wilson, Acting Secretary