

Huntington Lake Volunteer Fire Department
Conference Call Board Meeting
August 26, 2008

Bob Wilson convened the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Present: Bob Wilson, Bob Leach, Brother Chris, Steve Soares, Ned Fox, Karen Kamimoto

Absent: John Slater, Phyllis Thomas

MINUTES: The July 22, 2008 minutes were approved as prepared.

NEW BUSINESS – Finance Related:

- 1) **Review Financial Activity** – There was not much activity. The fundraising monies are being reconciled and revised July reports will be distributed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) **Grants** – Phyllis Thomas will be submitting requests for payment on approved grants.
- 2) **Pancake Breakfast Update** – There is a need to have a board member present to collect money and account for tickets sold. Phyllis Thomas volunteered to do handle this next year.
- 3) **Fundraising** – Brother Chris provided an extensive report showing donations by tract. Reminder cards have been sent to those who gave last year but not this year. Brother Chris asked for reimbursement of postage funds spent. The request was approved.

NEW BUSINESS – Other Matters:

- 1) **Fire Chief's Report** – Jeff Heberle joined the department as a first responder. He is from Lower Deer Creek.

***New Equipment Status:**

- a) **SCBA's** - All seven are in service and all issues have been resolved.
- b) **SCBA Compressor** – The compressor and fill station are fully operational and has been re-filling bottles all summer.
- c) **Oxygen Cascade System** – The system is in place and working well. This saved many hours of traveling down the hill to Clovis to have cylinders re-filled. We purchased four cylinders and will need to purchase one more.
- d) **New Shelters and "web-gear"**- Shelters are in place on all apparatus.

***Donations:** Unused equipment is being given away to Big Creek and Pine Ridge VFD's

***Apparatus Report:**

- e) **E 62** - Cribbing has been added to help stabilize autos during extrications. Both engines need to have cribbing. Bolt cutters will be purchased for all apparatus.
- f) **E 262** – All lug bolts on rear axle have been replaced and nuts torqued to Ford spec's. The high pressure regulator to operate the lift bags is in service.

- g) **WT 62** – The water tender was not needed for fire suppression this summer. The funds from Edison may not be available until July 2009. We should investigate other ways to have a water tender in place before next summer.
- h) **Snow Mobile 62** – We are looking at the possibility of having a “porch” to store the snow mobile for this winter.
- i) **R 62** – Policies have been established on when the unit will transport patients to a rendezvous point with American Ambulance. We are still working on clarification of radio procedures and transfer locations. An additional Defibrillator will need to be purchased for this vehicle. Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve funding for a defibrillator.
- j) **FB 62** – The fireboat responded to four medical aid calls and one body recovery. Mark Richards coordinates the fireboat division. The Sheriff’s department donated a dual band radio and Office Joel Cobb programmed the radio. A high altitude propeller and a four barrel carburetor greatly improved the fireboat’s performance.

***Firehouse:**

- a) **Station 62** – The fire station has been cleaned out and a lot of extra stuff has been donated/discarded. The office section is now the new home for the SCCBA compressor and oxygen cascade system. Brother Chris repaired the middle door and Bob Leach installed new door controls for the door operators.
- b) **Station 262** – The building is now complete and in service. This was constructed with no fire department monies. It will house the water tender during this winter. While the building belongs to the Brothers it is their intent to make space available for at least one fire apparatus in both winter and summer.

***Training:** Training continued on a regular schedule summer.

***Donor Recognition** – Most of the wine was distributed at tract annual meetings. The remainder was delivered by Steve Soares, Bob Leach and Lisa Coleman. Any remaining will be delivered over Labor Day weekend.

- 2) **Next Meeting** – Tuesday, September 23, 2008. Ned Fox will convene the meeting. Karen will not be present. Bob Wilson volunteered to take minutes if he is available for the call.

Karen Kamimoto, recording secretary