

Huntington Lake Volunteer Fire Department
Conference Call Board Meeting
August 30, 2007

Present: Bob Leach, Ned Fox, Bob Wilson, Phyllis Thomas, Brother Chris

Absent: John Slater, Steve Soares, Karen Kamimoto

Minutes: Bob Leach moved, Ned Fox seconded the motion to approve the July 24, 2007 minutes. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Annual Appeal—Brother Chris reported that HLVFD has received 252 donations totaling \$96,800 including 8 major gifts representing \$44,000. Roughly 42% of residences have given. Ex major gifts, the average donation was \$210. Reminder cars will be sent to non givers ex Huckleberry which just sent out the Annual Appeal letter. The feedback from the summer tract meetings was very positive. There were no questions on funding of HLVFD.
- 2) Grants—We did not receive a first round grant from Fireman's Fund but are still in the queue for additional grants that will be made closer to year end. With respect to the AFG (FEMA) grants, we believe we have made it to the second round. While we were not given a grant in the first group of recipients, there will evidently be numerous rounds of grants in the coming months. If we had been rejected on the initial round, we would have received notice already. Wal-mart is willing to give grants for fund raising events. We are going to apply to them for funds for the Annual Pancake Breakfast.
- 3) Southern California Edison—There is no change in status from the July report. There will be no funds until SCE's license is confirmed.
- 4) Rescue Vehicle—An anonymous donor has expressed interest in funding the purchase of a rescue vehicle for the HLVFD with the contingency that each fire fighter donate what ever they can afford to the purchase. At the next Board meeting, a special committee of the Board will report on the qualifications of the donor. The Board will also review the specs for the vehicle and evaluate purchase versus leasing. Board approval on the donor, equipment specs and financing will be required to proceed with the purchase of the Rescue Vehicle.

NEW BUSINESS—FINANCIAL

- 1) Year to date income is \$97,065. Brother Chris is currently keeping track of the donations, i.e. cabin, condo, business or additional donations. Ned Fox

moved, Bob Leach seconded the motion to accept the report. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS-OTHER

- 1) Fire Chief's Report—Brother Chris reported that HLVFD had the highest number of calls ever recorded—55 calls between Memorial Day and Labor Day.
- 2) The USFS approved construction of a storage building at CLS. The foundation is currently being poured prior to the onslaught of winter.
- 3) Bob Leach moved, Phyllis Thomas seconded the motion to authorize \$9,000 for the purchase of a completely refurbished 24' patrol boat plus a trailer. The USFS has agreed to accept this boat with the condition that they will maintain it and provide a dock. HLVFD will have access to the boat for rescues. The motion was approved.
- 4) The HLVFD is developing its mission and goals for the next five years. The priorities have been established as 1) Medical and Rescue, 2) Controlling Wild land Fires, and 3) Structure Fires (fought defensively—teams will not be sent into the building as there is too much recurring training required). The team is evaluating the equipment needs for the next five years based on these new priorities. Advanced training is being redirected to support these priorities.
5. Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 23, 2007

Submitted by Phyllis Thomas, Treasurer in the absence of Karen Kamimoto.

Corrected on 10/22/07