

Huntington Lake Volunteer Fire Department
Conference Call Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2010

John Slater convened the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Present: John Slater, Phyllis Thomas, Steve Soares, Brother Chris, Karen Kamimoto. Bob Wilson joined the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Absent: Ned Fox

MINUTES: Steve Soares moved, John Slater seconded the motion to approve the September 2009 and December 2009 minutes with a spelling correction in the December minutes. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS – FINANCE RELATED:

TREASURER’S REPORT: Total income for the year was \$188,939 and net income was \$8,221.62. Total Current Assets were \$407,255.86 at the end of December. \$301,790.49 is invested in CD’s earning a blended rate of 1.74%. The regular savings account is being moved into a Business High Rate Money Market Account. A total of \$50,000 will be moved into the new account.

We were awarded a FEMA Grant of \$38,115. Our share is \$1,905.00. This grant will be used to buy new wild land and structure turnouts for all of our firefighters.

A Bob Leach Memorial Fund has been established made up, so far, from donations made in Bob’s memory. The Fund will be used for training purposes.

OLD BUSINESS:

GRANTS: FEMA will fund \$36,210. Brother Chris provided a spreadsheet showing use of the funds.

CHIEF’S REPORT: Ten feet of snow was deposited during the last snow storm in front of Station 62. Brother Chris and Firefighters, Coleman and Allbright removed all ten feet of snow.

The Department responded to 72 calls in 2009.

Karen Kamimoto commented that California sales tax must be paid on all out of state purchases. The State is aggressively going after those sales tax dollars.

Apparatus Report:

E262 – responded to calls last weekend. It was difficult to maneuver in the snow even in four wheel drive. The recommendation is that we obtain chains for the front wheels immediately.

R62 – The voice recorder was rebuilt under warranty and will be installed in the spring. Accessories for the heart monitor purchased by Bob Leach will be installed in the spring also.

Firehouse:

Station 62 – The heavy snow was removed from the front of Station 62 last weekend and all apparatus is available.

The middle door of the firehouse malfunctioned over the MLK weekend. Chief and Firefighter Allbright (Coleman) were able to repair the door. The thermostat is now set at 39 degrees to provide freeze protection for the apparatus and minimize the use of propane used to heat the building.

Inter-Agency Information – NIFRS quarterly data has been submitted to the State Fire Marshall's office.

Donor Recognition – Chief is working on the plaques. Seventy-five wooden plaques have been cut, edged, sanded, stained and sealed. A Sacramento based silkscreen company is donating the screening of 10 outlined boxes on each of the plaques which donors will use to align the plate we send them in the future.

Brother Jack suggested that the first 'year plate' indicate how long the donor has been a donor.... "Member since 2001" and then add a second plate for 2010.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Current admission is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. The Board approved making the 2010 admission \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 23, 2010 – convener: Ned Fox

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Karen Kamimoto, Secretary