

Huntington Lake Volunteer Fire Department
Board of Directors Conference Call
January 27, 2009

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

Absent: John Slater

MINUTES: Brother Chris moved, Steve Soares seconded the motion to approve the November 25, 2008 minutes as circulated. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS – FINANCIAL:

The total income for the 4th quarter was \$38,358 and \$272,896 for the 2008 year which included interest income of \$20,764. The bulk of the 4th quarter income came from donations (\$31,600).

Expenses during the 4th quarter were normal. Expenditures were made for equipment and supplies for the Rescue Wagon totaling \$5,283. Equipment purchases for the year were under budget by \$2,100. Overall total expenses were under budget by \$22,700.

Uniform expense includes \$2,863.50 of Recognition Items that will be reclassified.

Yield at Union Bank on the money market account dropped to 1%. The environment for banks continues to be chaotic; however, the credit markets do appear to be opening up slowly. Phyllis Thomas recommends purchasing a 6 month and one year CD with excess liquidity. There needs to be discussion about how much liquidity is needed in the next six to twelve months. There should be about \$235,000 after the new water tender is paid for. Cost is about \$175,000.

Bob Leach moved, Ned Fox seconded the motion to authorize Phyllis Thomas to purchase a 6 month and one year CD using excess funds, first with ING, neither CD should exceed \$100,000. A minimum of \$50,000 should be kept in short term, easily accessible funds. The motion passed.

Brother Chris will present the 2009 budget. In the current financial environment we need to be prudent in our budgeting.

We continue to hold Suncorp and Cisco stock.

Brother Chris reported 75% of residential units gave donations to the fire department in 2008. There are 550 residences (condos and cabins).

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) **Grants:** The FEMA grant work must be finished this week.
- 2) **2009 Budget:** In process. The \$100,000 from SCE is expected between June and September 2009.

- 3) **Water Tender:** Brother Jack will drive it to Tuscon. Brother Chris will drive from Tuscon to Fresno.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) **Fire Chiefs' Report:** He attended a FEMA grant workshop. HLVFD's application did not make it past the computer screening phase this year. Priority was given to those with no turnouts. Successful grants focused on the firefighters and how the grant would benefit them in responding to emergencies and not directly on equipment or programs.

Apparatus: Rig checks and firehouse cleaning occurred over MLK weekend. All units are operational.

WT 62: The new water tender is on schedule. There is a written agreement with SCE that they will reimburse HLVFD \$100,000 once their license to operate Hydro facilities on the Big Creek project is renewed. The non-FERC settlement agreement shows a one time cost for HLVFD's fire tender at \$110,153. Bob Leach will confirm which amount will be paid to HLVFD.

Snowmobile/Rescue Boggan Storage Project: Bob Leach met with Steve Bowker and asked that Steve look at both long and short term snow shedding issues, snowmobile and rescue boggan storage, and the possibility of converting the second story into sleeping quarters.

Steve met with Fresno County building department and found that it would be very difficult to modify the current structure. Issues include set-backs from the property line, fire separation within the building and structural issue with current design. It is not possible to even expand the present porch to provide storage for the snowmobile/rescue boggan.

An alternative might be to purchase one or two storage containers to house the snowmobile and rescue boggan.

- 2) **Spring Appeal:** It was mailed out too early in 2008 (just after Easter). It probably should go out the first week of May.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6 p.m.