

Huntington Lake Volunteer Fire Department
Conference Call Meeting Minutes
July 28, 2009

Ned Fox opened the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

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

Absent: Bob Leach

MINUTES: Bob Wilson moved, Ned Fox seconded the motion to approve the June 2009 meeting minutes subject to Brother Chris' review. The motion passed.

FINANCE: Total income for June was \$31,985 comprising mainly of donations. Total for the six months is \$77,000. Expenses were higher than normal due to some small equipment purchases, liability insurance, replanting of trees at the fire house and administrative expenses due to processing of donation deposits.

Total current assets are \$356,067. We continue to anticipate the \$100,000 from SCE for the water tender. There is \$200,000 invested in CD's with a blended yield of 2.6% and about \$141,568 in a savings account. Total assets are now \$1,031,298.04. The Board agreed to allow Phyllis Thomas to explore the possibility of purchasing another CD.

There will be a full report on the Pancake Breakfast next month. Initially it looks like \$18,216 was taken in net of pancake breakfast costs. This included contribution at the Breakfast and T-shirt stand and some Tract donations as well as gross T shirt receipts, lemonade stand and pancake breakfast net of costs.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Grants – Nothing new
- b) **Chief's Report** – Brother Chris reported the department assisted in a medical aid call for a missing person. The person had been missing for 4-5 days and was found today in his campsite with very low blood pressure. The Rescue Wagon was used to transport him to the helicopter.

New wildland PPE has been purchased which included coats, pants, helmets and helmet shroud. Who will need goggles is being determined. Grant money was used to make these purchases.

An evaluation of what is carried on the apparatus and where it is stored has

been done. The goal was to reduce the amount of weight being carried and identify storage locations and train members to use the equipment on the apparatus.

E62 – the ladder compartment shifted causing the ladders to be wedged in place. They were extracted using a winch; a repair was made and everything seems to be working now.

E 262 – The insta-chains were removed for the summer to provide for additional clearance. The unit performed flawlessly.

WT 62 – The water tender is ready for service and several trainings have been done. The graphics started to bubble. Fouts Brother sent out another set of graphics and Signs Now is handling the replacement.

We are working with the manufacturer to make sure everything is in place to be able to drain the unit for winter.

Snow Mobile 62 – no report

R62 – We are reaching the end of the warranty period and there are several outstanding issues. The left hand steps fell off a few weeks ago and the front bumper is very loose. The air conditioner for the rear compartment doesn't work and the dome lights in the cab do not work. The backboards do not fit into the stokes basket so the right basket will need to be purchased to allow for properly packaging patients with neck or spinal injuries.

FB 62 – The fireboat has been used five or six times this summer.

Station 62 – E62 has been moved to bay #1 and W62 has been placed in bay #3. All extra hose is now upstairs and the pancake grill is gone.

The new garage doors were scheduled to arrive in Fresno on Monday, July 27, 2009 and should be installed soon.

Station 262 – Planning has begun for storing WT 62 for the winter. It will be a tight fit.

Training – no report

Inter-Agency Information – Two automatic calls have been made into Big Creek's response area and mutual aid is also being provided to USFS.

Fund Raising Report – There are roughly 550 residential units around the lake – 419 cabins and 139 condos/homes. Donations through mid July 2009 totaled \$119,070. \$21,340 of that amount is from gifts over \$3,000. Total number of donors for 2009 is 319.

Twenty three donors are eligible to receive chief's shirts. For a donation of \$750 the department gives the donor a hat and 2 shirts.

Annual Appeal - The middle of July 214 reminder cards were sent to SYBUNTS (some year but unfortunately not this year).

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Karen Kamimoto, Secretary