

Huntington Lake Volunteer Fire Department  
Conference Call Meeting Minutes  
June 23, 2009

Bob Wilson convened the meeting at 5:04 p.m.

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

**MINUTES:** Ned Fox moved, Phyllis Thomas seconded the motion to approve the minutes on a provisional basis as not all had read them. The motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The total income for May was \$54,159.81 which reflects the initial flow of donations from the community. Looking at prior year comparisons it appears donations are on track despite the very difficult economy.

Expenses were normal except for the postage for the Annual Appeal letter and Spring newsletter in the amount of \$304.92. There was fuel cost of \$904.47 for delivering the water tender from Georgia and \$180.94 for embroidered patches.

Total current assets are \$328,456.27. There a CD's totaling \$200,000 invested at a blended yield of 2.6% and \$122,000 in a savings account paying 1.5%. Total assets now exceed one million dollars.

**GRANTS:** No activity

**CHIEF'S REPORT:**

- a) **Fundraising:** Total donors to date are 205 compared to 420 last year. Donations total \$66,400 for 2009 to date and were \$132,800 for 2008. These amounts exclude major gift donors. In 2008 there were 189 donors giving \$300 or more and in 2009 to date there have been 116.
- b) **Grants:** The Nuveen Company matched a contribution from Phyllis Thomas. Those funds paid for new wild land firefighting PPE (helmets, goggles, shrouds, coats, pants and radio harnesses).
- c) **Apparatus Report:** All apparatus has been inspected and cleaned – thank you Bob Leach. E62 has been moved to bay one to accommodate the wider water tender in bay three. Equipment needs have been re-evaluated to reduce weight, increase efficiency and simplify training. The same equipment re-evaluations have been done with E262. WT 62 is in service. A floating strainer still needs to be installed to suck up water from the Lake. A rechargeable lantern also needs to be installed. Snow Mobile 62 – No report. R62 has been inventoried and restocked again – thank you Bob Leach. Exterior lighting problems need to be investigated. FB 62 has been in the water for a couple of weeks and has made one emergency rescue from Camp Ojata. Emergency radios and a deck gun have been installed thanks to Joel Cobb, Mark Richards and the Chief.
- d) **Firehouse Report:** Station 62 has been cleaned and many unused items have been discarded. Station 262 serves E 262 well and provides a clean, warm and dry environment.

- e) **Training:** Two training sessions have been held so far this summer. One on pumping operations and the second on medical equipment and the E 62 pump, hoses and nozzles.
- f) **Inter Agency Information:** HLVFD is now responding to calls in the Big Creek response area as they are understaffed. The arrangements calls for the first responders to arrive on scene to evaluate weather HLVFD is needed and to either request us to continue or cancel our response..

The Chief and Training Officer met with Chiefs from USFS, Cal Fire, Shaver, Big Creek and SCE to better coordinate responses to emergencies in the mountains.

The Chief will meet with Cal Fire and the “Highway 168” chiefs on Thursday.

- g) **Calls:** There were four medical calls on Saturday

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST UPDATE:** Phyllis Thomas will be working to tighten up control of the funds collected. A chimney sweep from Shaver Lake will be at the Pancake Breakfast to talk about the need to keep chimneys clean.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Karen Kamimoto, Secretary