

Huntington Lake Volunteer Fire Department  
Conference Call Meeting Minutes  
March 1, 2011

Bob Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Present: Bob Wilson, Brother Chris, John Slater, Lisa Coleman, Steve Soares, Phyllis Thomas and Karen Kamimoto

Absent: Ned Fox

**Minutes:** Steve Soares moved, Lisa Coleman seconded the motion to approve the January 25, 2011 minutes as amended and circulated. The motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS – FINANCE RELATED:**

- 1) **Treasurer's Report:** Income was derived totally from interest (\$317.59). Expenses totaled \$15,788.52 which included the estimate for depreciation (\$7,455) and reserves (\$4,058.33). Protective clothing expense was \$1,740.33. Total cash at January 31, 2011 was \$546,947.58.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1) **Grants:** There is no new information. FEMA has not yet reimbursed the last of the spending. Phyllis Thomas will check with Chris Abrahams to see if he got the last of the receipts?

**NEW BUISNESS – Other Matters:**

- 1) **Fire Chief's Report** – Brother Chris prepared a power point presentation of the capabilities and apparatus replacement costs. On average the life of the vehicles/equipment is 15 -20 years.

The Board asked if the department is adequately funded. A realistic estimate of useful life on each piece of equipment is needed.

There was more discussion on the issue of spending money now to replace E262. E262 is too light weight for the needs of the Department and is overloaded.

Communication needs to be made with the community at Tract meetings and/or in the next newsletter to explain the rational to replace E262 and explain the equipment/vehicle replacement funding process.

- 2) **Engine 262 and 362 Discussion** - Brother Chris is looking at the possibility of moving E262 to Dowville during the summer months and then to Big Creek for the fall and winter months. The Board wants to discuss it further at the March 22, 2011 meeting. Brother Chris is to get hard numbers for costs to replace E262 and define the order window for the next meeting.

The Department currently has stations at the condos (Station 62) and at Camp La Salle (Station 262). If a station is put at Dowville it would be labeled Station 362.

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It might be a good idea to have a power point presentation available at the pancake Breakfast to make the community more aware of the spotty coverage during the off-summer months.

Brother Chris will plan to have his Chief's article ready by the March 22, 2011 meeting so it can be included in the May newsletter.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- 1) **Auction** – Phyllis Thomas said she already has 15 donors. She would like to have more Board support in providing donations for the auction. She plans to advertise in the Mountain Press again this year. The Board asked her to create job descriptions for the auction. She indicated she would need people to set up and man the tables.
- 2) **Next Meeting** – Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at 5 p.m. – Convener, Ned Fox

**Karen Kamimoto, Secretary**