

Huntington Lake Volunteer Fire Department
Conference Call Board Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2009

Bob Wilson, convener, opened the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Present: John Slater, Ned Fox, Bob Wilson, Bob Leach, Brother Chris, Karen Kamimoto

Absent: Phyllis Thomas, Steve Soares

MINUTES: Ned Fox moved, John Slater seconded the motion to approve the February 24, 2009 minutes as circulated with correcting capitalization for Bob Leach's name under the Fire Chief's Report. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS – FINANCIAL: The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and discussed. Bob Leach moved, Ned Fox seconded the motion to authorize Phyllis Thomas to move \$25,000 of the liquid funds to a short term CD. The motion passed.

SPRING APPEAL: Brother Chris will have a draft to the Board by the April meeting. The mailing will be done the second week of May.

GRANTS: the FEMA Grant is in process. Brother Chris reviewed the Pine Ridge application and was able to identify some of the weaknesses in the HLVFD application. He is looking at \$35,000 for both wild land gear and structure gear. The wild land gear is roughly \$350 per person and the structure gear is about \$1,200- \$1,500 per person. The plan is to provide gear for 15 firefighters.

CDF may be providing funding for wild land gear.

The Board will leave the decision to Bob Leach and Brother Chris as to what they want to ask for in the FEMA Grant.

2009 BUDGET: Phyllis Thomas recommended using \$3,500 as the interest income number for 2009. Doing so leaves an unbalanced amount of \$1,710. The \$1,700 will be put in a Contingency Fund Expense Account to balance the 2009 Budget.

WATER TENDER UPDATE: The truck has been built and is in the graphics shop. Brother Jack will leave on March 29th to fly out and pick up the truck and drive it to Tucson, AZ. It will stay in Tucson for about seven days until Brother Chris can pick it up and drive it to Fresno where it will be stored at Cal Fire until the snow melts.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: Bob Leach is researching locations for storing the rescue boggin.

Bob Leach attended a wilderness medicine conference at Sierra Summit. They informed participants of a virus which is created from the fecal droppings of mice, rats and bats. Symptoms occur in about seven days. The recommendation is to use a HEPA filter on the vacuum cleaner as it will pick up about 97% of the matter. Bob Leach will work on an information article to be included in the annual appeal mailing.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: July 5, 2009

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Karen Kamimoto, Secretary