

HUNTINGTON LAKE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting  
of September 23, 2008

The telephonic Board of Directors meeting was convened by Bob Wilson at 5:05 p.m. Present were Bob Wilson, Bob Leach, Brother Chris, Steve Soares, John Slater and Phyllis Thomas. Absent were Ned Fox and Karen Kamimoto.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of August 22, 2008, were provisionally approved pending final review. Any changes will be circulated by e-mail.

**NEW BUSINESS--Finance Related:**

(1) Review of Financial Activity -- There was little activity. There has been some reclassification of expenses and the Pancake Breakfast revenues have been reconciled.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

(1) Grants -- Phyllis Thomas reported that we did not receive the FEMA grant we had sought, probably because we had previously received one.

(2) Board Constitution discussion -- Brother Chris stated that he is very pleased with the present Board, but the Directors also agreed that it would be useful to have some new members, particularly if some of the present members wish to be relieved of their responsibilities. In the absence of Ned Fox,

the Chairman of this committee, there was no further discussion.

**NEW BUSINESS--Other Matters:**

(1) Fire Chief's Report. Brother Chris distributed the Chief's Report dated 9/21/08. A copy is attached. In addition, there was a discussion of the Department's priorities moving forward.

First priority is to obtain a new water tender for which we have been awaiting confirmation of the \$100,000 grant from Southern California Edison. Bob Leach reported that it appears that we will be able to obtain written confirmation that the funds will be available, which will permit the Department to place its order for a new water tender. The approximate price, including add-ons and taxes is \$181,000, and the SCE funds should be available in 9-12 months at approximately the time they will be needed to make payment upon delivery. Upon receipt of the written confirmation of the pending SCE funds, the order will be placed.

Second, Brother Chris described the need for a shed to store the snowmobile during the winter.

Third, Brother Chris noted that Engine 262 has been very costly to maintain because of the weight of the equipment that has been installed in it. The Department should consider obtaining a replacement for Engine 262 in the future. The

approximate cost of a replacement would be \$280,000.

Fourth, and finally, Brother Chris noted that it would be useful to have residential facilities at Huntington Lake for two volunteers. This would provide a terrific incentive for personnel from the valley to be available at Huntington Lake. Brother Chris noted that it would be particularly useful to have accommodations available for the volunteers' families as well, to increase the incentive.

(2) Next meeting: October 28, 2008, at 5:00 p.m. If available, Ned Fox will convene the meeting. If he is not available, Bob Wilson will be the convener.

Bob Wilson, Acting Recording Secretary