

# **RED FEATHER LAKES FIRE PROTECTION BOARD**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**February 12, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER** -6 pm

### **ROLL CALL**

Joan Rosecrans, Robin Whittington, Caryn Hughes, Nancy Kay

Excused Absent: Fred Ballard

Fire Chief: Gerry Wagner

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, 2018**

Caryn made a motion to approve the Minutes of January 8 as written, Robin 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

1<sup>st</sup> National Bank, checking - \$51,523.06 CD - \$50,000. Colo. Trust - \$53,116.93 **TOTAL - \$154,639.99**

Our CD will mature in April. We need to verify our Fire barn's covered by insurance for Memorial Day & Fourth of July craft fairs.

Nancy made a motion to approve the financial report as presented, Robin 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved.

### **CHIEF'S REPORT**

We had 7 calls in January compared to 5 last year. They were 5 medical and 2 fire. (Fire is anything that is not medical)

Brendon, with the help of Jim Kubiceck from Crystal Lakes, has submitted 2 grant requests for \$10,000 each. One is a 100% grant and the other is a 50/50. The 50/50 grant is for new wildland apparel and helmets. The full grant is for 2 multigas detectors and some other equipment. Brendon informed Gerry that all fire fighting gear has a ten-year shelf life, even if it's not used regularly, it becomes less effective. We have 4 sets of wildland gear we bought a couple years ago, but all the rest is 8-12 years old, and will need to be replaced. If we can't get a grant, we will need to add replacement gear to next year's budget.

We put 6 new tires on Med1 for \$2180.00. Houska Tire is recapping 4 tires for Brush2. Gerry saved the two best tires from Med1 and will put those on the steering axle of Brush2 with the 4 recaps on the back. This will save us about \$1,000.00.

Dan Alarcon has started EMT classes a Front Range and Evan Rau (full time CL part time RFL) is taking EMT classes online and will go in April to do his practicles. They are both year-round residents so will be very useful next winter when we lose some of our EMTs. Right now, we only have Mark Rode and Doug Race in the winter, so our coverage will be much easier next winter.

Brian Hadley has requested we pay for him to go to Colorado Fire Camp for 4 days to certify as a Sawyer. The class is S-212 Wildland chain saws, the cost is \$675.00 that includes tuition, meals and lodging. Gerry also said

we would repay him for gas. The class is in Southern Colorado. Gerry also asked him to be able to come back and teach the other fire fighters some information about the chain saw use. This will come out of the fire training line item where we have \$2000.00.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **a) RFLFD Supporters update**

Robin our Liaison, said the Supporter's made \$7,595.38 for the 2018 Fire day.

Robin announced she & Lee have put their house on the market, so will be moving out of state when it sells.

### **b) Grant Opportunities and updates**

Nothing new other than what was discussed in the Chief's report.

Our Fire Mitigation Grant, we have two years left on the three-year term to complete, the Nokomis area. It's a 30-38 acre area.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **a) FPPA review**

Gerry asked Caryn about the FPPA, for us to look into increasing our amount of retirement benefits. After ten years, the full time volunteers, will receive \$200.00 a month at age 50, then it is \$20.00 a month per each additional year worked. Caryn is going to ask Kim from FPPA to come up and discuss how to increase or add an optional plan for the younger new volunteers. Caryn will ask Kim to come up in April or May to help us clarify what we can do.

### **b) Cleaning the Fire Barn**

Gerry said, the Fire Fighters & EMTs, 2 a month will clean the fire barn each month. Gerry thinks this will help the volunteers feel more at home, give them a sense of ownership at the Fire Barn.

**Adjournment – 8 pm**

Respectively submitted by,

Nancy Kay