

# Lake Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department

## Board of Directors Meeting

April 13<sup>th</sup> 2009

### Call to order 19:23 by Chair Bost

Review of both February, regular called meeting minutes and Annual LAVFD meeting.

March meeting was tabled due to lack of quorum (illness).

Minutes accepted Loos/Bost.

Julius Romeo has accepted position of Treasurer on board, to fill previous term vacated by Paul Reidingner.

This left vacated position of member at large:

Lake Arrowhead resident and previous LAVFD Firefighter Robin Roberts has accepted invitation to serve on LAVFD Board for term year 2009.

Move to accept new changes to Board: Loos/second Saggese.

Treasurer's report has been tabled to May meeting and checkbook and financial information handed over to Julius Romeo.

### Chief's Report: Larry Gruszecki

Larry reported on Cherokee County Chief meeting. He thanked Dr Gary Strobel, LAVFD FF, in attending alongside of him.

"DTMF" of Dual Tone Multi Frequency paging system is currently up and running. **However, due to training issues in the 911-dispatch center, volunteers are sometimes not paged. With DTMF, the dispatcher must take extra steps to send the page tones for the respective volunteer station. Before DTMF, this extra step was not necessary.**

Larry reported on house fire on 140 in Waleska. Station 17 Volunteers were not paged out on fire call, but when fire reignited on back porch, Station 17 Volunteers were paged out.

Chief Gruszecki will initiate drivers training starting this month for all volunteers at Station 17. Frank Saggese is the department's driver trainer. The CCFES Objective Based Driver Operator Package will be followed.

The county has not been successful in obtaining property on Hwy 5, the "old Pike Nursery", for a new training facility. Pike has not yet accepted county offers.

Servicing of Battalion 3's Air Packs has not occurred yet. Larry's request to County that we bring in our own packs to facility has not been approved as of yet.

Cherokee County is now issuing individual pagers to all new volunteers and CCEFES will now keep track of record keeping.

There is no resolution on the "Workman Comp" issue on whether volunteering in another district, under another Station call, and if you are covered for injuries.

The CCFES has identified the foreclosed apartment complexes throughout the county where the water has been cut off.

County budget for CCFES is approximately 20 million dollars, and revenues with the county are falling behind. This may mean a reduction in funding/staffing.

Chainsaw that had been previously ordered by Station 17 has been delivered to Station 4, in error, and a new chainsaw has been placed to be delivered to Station 17 Volunteers. The delivered chainsaw is an 18-inch rather than a 20-inch as ordered.

The County has allocated \$13,514 in funds for year 2009 to Station 17.

7 med bags have been ordered at a cost of \$800.

Chief Gruszecki has recommended using remaining funds on composite air tanks.

Engine 24 ladder truck was at Chief's meeting for display.

Clayton Volunteer Chief J.H. Payne has announced the new building of Station 6 is on hold due to property deed issues.

Eddie Robinson was introduced as new County Training Officer.

-Thursday monthly training with Battalion 3 Chief will soon resume. Field training officer will be Penny Lamanac from Station 12.

No Mod 1 class has been offered by Cherokee County.

LAVFD calls: February total 9 calls: 4 EMS, 1 MVA, 1 aircraft down, 3 suspicious activities. Since March 31<sup>st</sup> 4 EMS, 1 structure fire (Waleska), 1 tree down.

LAPOA meeting recap: Larry spoke to property owners on need for residents to call "911" when needing help, not to call security. Stu Loos will contact management security director to facilitate communication between security at Lake Arrowhead and Volunteers. Frank Saggese will ask Lake Arrowhead newspaper to run ad asking residents not to call security for medical emergencies, fire, etc. Chief Gruszecki will again announce at April's LAPOA meeting, need for residents to comply.

Chief Gruszecki has ordered 100 Patches, 15 Hats, 60 LAVFD Shirts and 30 sweatshirts. They will be coming in shortly from vendor.

Discussion on DeWalt tools: 36 volt reciprocating saw.

Larry has congratulated our EMT 6 who has passed practicum portion of competency, and noted they still need written portion of testing. Noted that EMT I course will soon be starting, and encourages all 6 to proceed with next level.

Chief Gruszecki recommended to board, servicing "Breathing Air Systems" refill station that is located at Station 27. Call will be placed for servicing. Bob Chambers will meet service tech at station when arranged.

Fund raising:

Fishing tournament and Golf tournament has been postponed until a later date due to demands of training schedules for volunteers. A car wash was recommended by member Preston Edwards, and will be held in conjunction with the LA Chapels "summer kick off" festival on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

CPR student instructors Stu Loos and Christine Saggese will arrange a student class where they will be monitored by instructors, so they will complete training as CPR instructors. The board has authorized funds to buy DVD and teaching materials, so classes can be held by them. Stu will buy materials and submit bill to board next month.

New turnout has been approved to be bought for new member Pete Saggese, who will be taking his Mod1 in May at Fire Academy in Forsyth Ga. Bob Chambers, Rebecca Strobel and Sean Woody also will be outfitted. Each person's equipment will cost @ 1500.00 and will be ordered by Bennett's in Woodstock.

Move to Accept Chiefs meeting Saggese/second Bost.

Old Business: None

New Business: Frank Saggese will look into rule on filing income tax for corporation and relay to board via E-mail.

All Board members will meet with Habersham Bank representative to file new paperwork on accounts to reflect the Board of Director changes.

Meeting adjourned 21:15

Next Meeting May 11<sup>TH</sup>. Stu Loos will be excused due to being out of town on business.