

Lake Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department

Board of Directors Meeting

October 13Th 2009

Call to order 19:15 by Vice Chairman Stu Loos

Statement read by Vice Chairman Loos, regretting the passing of Chairman, Volunteer Firefighter and friend, David Bost.

“Let it be known that the Board of Directors of The Lake Arrowhead Fire Department appreciates all the sacrifices Sandy Bost and the Bost Family have made over the years of David’s dedicated service to this organization and this community. Be it known that David Bost was a valued member of organization. In his passing, he will be greatly missed. He was much loved as a brother, friend and mentor. His knowledge and skill as a leader in this department was much appreciated. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Bost family.”

Review of August minutes. September monthly meeting canceled.

Minutes accepted Roberts/Loos.

Treasurer’s Report: Julius Romeo

Donations to LAVFD have been received in remembrance of David Bost. He will compile a list and send to David’s wife Sandy, and also send thank you letter to donors.

See attached.

Chief’s Report: Larry Gruszecki

LAVFD/Station 17 Volunteers EMS/Fire calls. 1 domestic, 9 EMS calls 2 trees down.

Chief Gruszecki overviewed the County Chiefs meeting with members; Highlights included poor county tax revenue, and the reduction in allocations of funds for volunteers.

LA community hydrant issue was addressed by Chief Prather, and now issue has been formally entered into the CCF/EMS Chiefs minutes. All research and correspondence that was sent to Volunteer Chief Larry Berry has been recorded. Also, expression of appreciation for the efforts

Chief Gruszecki has made on this matter, recorded with their minutes. Final determination that CCF/EMS, supports The LAVFD on this matter, that "The Lake Arrowhead Utility Company" is responsible for the maintenance of the fire hydrants in the LA community. CCF/EMS finds no fault with any conduct in response to the Mountainview Fire in June 2009.

Review of expenditure of remaining volunteer funds: 3 DTMF radios, 2 suction hoses, 1 Deluge gun with nozzle, JOB shirts and 2 optic SCBA frames. Chief reporting that during last week's training exercises, a 5" to 5" female adapter was missing from Engine 27. A request to buy a 5" to 5" adapter. This was approved by Board for purchase.

Chief reported on a request of Fairway Oaks Condo resident on fire code situation concerning grilling on decks. After research with Fire Marshall, it was determined that only the Fairway Oaks property manager could only enforce. It was reported by this homeowner, in Fairway Oaks, that it is her observation that no enforcement if being done in that community. This may create a serious hazard in that Condo community.

Training: Reported that LAVFD member Preston Edwards and Donna Von-Hablitzal has passed EMT-I. Also work on the hydrant data base is still underway with the much appreciated help of member Bob Chambers. Training hour's submission to County training officer, for yearly check distribution will be done this upcoming month. Discussion on a dedicated phone line for internet access will be researched. Also, it has been recommended by LAVFD members, that Chief designate leadership positions in the department. This will be decided on throughout the upcoming month.

Chief also appreciated all LAVFD members, who along with their friends and family assisted in any help that was given to the Bost family in their time of mourning.

Move to Accept Chiefs meeting Romeo/second Roberts.

Old Business: Treasurer Julius Romeo reported ,that certified letters that were sent to Utility company were returned as unopened/unclaimed.

October 31, Trunk O' Treat discussed, and member Rebecca Strobel will co-ordinate efforts with the Chapel, and was issued a 50 dollar check to buy treats for the open house.

The LAVFD annual Christmas parade will be on December 12, in co-ordination with activities being conducted with LA Communities and LAPOA at the Club House. Member Frank Saggese will assist Chief Gruszecki in the coordination efforts. An e-mail to all "classic car" enthusiasts will be sent, to participate as in years past. Santa will be riding atop Engine 27, assisted by his elf.

New Business: The LAVFD Board thanks all members who have assisted with the co-ordination of the Bost memorial service. Also, many thanks to The LA Chapel, Rev Jerry Johnson and Dr Jim Kilgore.

Open discussion with LAVFD members concerning replacement of Chairman David Bost's position on the Board and in the interpretation of the current by-laws. After consideration, it was voted on by members, that at the annual meeting in February 2010, an active member of The LAVFD will be appointed to fill out David Bost's remaining term, consisting of 1 more year. Any interested LAVFD members are encouraged to send a letter of intent to the Board for their consideration.

LAVFD member Frank Saggese was appointed as chairperson for nomination committee, for recruitment of committee members, for upcoming annual election. An article will be written for November's LA newspaper for interested candidates.

Meeting adjourned 21:45

Next Meeting will be Monday November 9th, 2009