

Lake Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department

Annual Meeting February 25th 2010

Call to order 19:15 by Vice Chairman Stu Loos

Introduction of Board members by Vice chairman Stu Loos.

A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of Chairman David Bost. The Board would like to recognize the dedication and years of selfless service David Bost gave to The LAVFD and the Lake Arrowhead Community.

An overview of the past year was outlined by Vice chairman Loos.

Review of June 3rd, Mountainview Condo fire where there was loss of property and life. Review of LA hydrant maintenance issues that have been identified by LAVFD, and hopefully to be resolved by Lake Arrowhead Utilities. Statement by Board "Lake Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department does not have ownership of maintenance of hydrants".

Budget issues within Cherokee County will mean less funding for all VFD's, and responsibility will fall back to residents to help to fund department. The Board will help LAVFD members on any fund raising activity are can contribute with.

Future EMA plans to be in planning along with all Lake Arrowhead Management. Chief Gruszecki was given accolades for his prompt co-ordination and planning along with Cherokee County Battalion Chief to support annex plan for Lake Arrowhead.

We have heard of no future plans for Station 27 to be rebuilt. The Board is secure about the "long term" lease for Cherokee County to maintain Station 27 in its current state.

The Board wishes to work together with LAPOA and Lake Arrowhead Management on future public relations issues and fundraising activities. We will strive to communicate any issues and look forward to member Bob Chambers's facilitating communication between said parties.

The Board hopes to work with Chief Gruszecki on "retention and recruitment" goals for upcoming year. Also on future training goals for EMT classes and NPQ classes to be offered. The Board recognizes the efforts and dedication over the past year that another certified firefighter and many EMT's were trained and ready for response to emergencies in Lake Arrowhead.

The LAVFD Board of Directors Vote was tallied:

53 ballots were received.

Stu Loos received 40 votes

Julius Romeo received 42 votes

Preston Edwards received 25 votes.

Write in candidates Butch Engle received 2 votes, Bob Chambers received 1 vote, and Frank Saggese received 1 vote.

Stu Loos and Julius Romeo were noted to be the 2010 candidates chosen.

It was noted May votes were accompanied by resident donations.

Chief's Yearly Report:

131 calls were received at Station 17. 10% were off property. It is recommended by Chief Gruszecki that members do not leave property unless MVA or Fire calls.

Chief stated he believed funding a new Station 27 will not occur, and County has paid for a new roof on existing building.

Statement that these past years, hundred of hours of training, by Volunteer personnel, were validated during this past month's ice storm.

Future Annex Plan for Lake Arrowhead to be co-ordinate with Cherokee County EMA.

Funding for year from County will be @ 11,000 and Chiefs recommendations for use of funds were sent to the Board and accepted. Chief requests any help from community with grant writing and stated a "wish list" for future possible expenditures".

At closing Vice chairman Stu Loos thanked all residents for their ongoing support and also thanked LAVFD Board members and active volunteers for their dedicated service to the Lake arrowhead community.

Call to adjourn meeting 2130. In accordance with LAVFD bylaws LAVFD member Don Woodward was appointed to serve the remaining term of David Bost. Community member at large will be Robin Roberts.

Positions on Board will be as follows:

Chairman: Stu Loos

Vice chair: Christine Saggese

Treasurer: Julius Romeo

Secretary: Don Woodward

Member at large: Robin Roberts.