

Crystal Lakes Fire Protection District

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Board of Directors

Minutes for February 17, 2022
7:00 P.M.

Call To Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by president Hass.

In Attendance: Don Hass, Jody Randol, Shirla Race, Jim Kubichek, Harold Alexander

Absent: Chief Rau - excused

District Members in attendance: Anne Dirmeyer, Steve Dirmeyer, Doug Race

Approval of Agenda: Harold Alexander moved to approve the February agenda. The motion was seconded by Jody Randol. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting, January 20, 2022: Jody Randol moved to approve the minutes of the January 20 meeting. The motion was seconded by Shirla Race. The motion passed unanimously.

President's Report: None

Secretary's Report: None

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Race reported that Anne Dirmeyer has been assisting with the Treasurer's duties.

Shirla Race announced that all insurance premiums, except workers comp have been paid for the year. She went over the monthly report and noted that the report was unremarkable. She also announced that the Audit Exemption Application was at the auditors. Jim Kubichek moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Harold Alexander seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Fire Department Report: In the absence of Chief Rau, Assistant Chief Doug Race presented the monthly report (written by Chief Rau). The report is found at the end of the regular minutes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Internet Situation- Century Link is to set the station up with 10 meg service.

NEW BUSINESS

As the Board Desires:

The board discussed issues related to a 2024 mill levy vote. Doug Race volunteered to lead the effort.

Comments by Attending Public: None

Set or confirm next Board meeting date and location:

March 17, 2022 at the station at 7:00. (After meeting note: Due to exceptional circumstances, the March 17 meeting was moved to Monday, March 21. This will be a one-time only change.

Adjournment:

Shirla Race moved to adjourn the meeting and Jody Randol seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM.

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Fire Department Report.

1. Department Activity since the last board meeting

- **Business meetings:** 1, in person with three members via Zoom
- **NW Larimer County Fire Chiefs ZOOM call:** 1st and 3rd Wednesday. Involves representatives from Crystal Lakes, Red Feather Lakes, Poudre Canyon, Glacier View, Livermore, & Rist Canyon, as well as Larimer County Sheriff's Office (LCSO), Colorado Department of Fire Prevention and Control (DFPC), Wellington, and Poudre Fire Authority (PFA).
- **NLCERA EMS Advisory Committee (bimonthly):** Currently in reorganization. Next meeting pending.
- **Emergency Responder's Roundtable (monthly):** I was unable to join the last of these because of my new work schedule.
- **Incidents** – Few incidents since last Board meeting. A few medicals, a downed power line, and mutual aid to Red Feather for a fire alarm at Morningstar Church. I responded alone to that fire alarm because I did not believe any of Red Feather's officers were on the mountain. CLVFD firefighters and SDRs were not expected to respond to that incident.
 - Forgive the lack of a more detailed list this month. I plan to return to that detailed list for next month's meeting.

2. PERSONNEL:

- My new work schedule is Thursday-Saturday and every other Wednesday. I work 12-hour shifts in Fort Collins, so I stay down the mountain between shifts.
- Two new members: Deanna Lehman and Susan Rau were unanimously voted in as SDRs at the January Business Meeting.
- Ken Nickson has resigned from the department on good terms, but plans to stay in the area. An offer for him to rejoin at any time has been extended.

3. TRAINING:

Department trainings:

- Brad Chiodo is now CLVFD's Training Officer. I remain a resource while he hits his stride in the role. He'll do a great job.
 - Optional trainings are cancelled due to lack of participation. I am considering alternatives.
 - February's training was Apparatus Rodeo.
 - March's training is Ice Rescue training.
- **2022 Training schedule** in place with RFLVFD:

Month	Topic
JANUARY	Scene Size-Up, ICS,
FEBRUARY	Apparatus Rodeo
MARCH	Ice Rescue
APRIL	Wildland 1
MAY	Structure 1
JUNE	Wildland 2
JULY	Structure 2
AUGUST	Low-angle Rescue

SEPTEMBER	Cumulative Scenario/Beaver Meadows
OCTOBER	Extrication
NOVEMBER	SCBA
DECEMBER	Radios (Combined Training=Mock Incidents)

4. **GRANTS:**

- **AFG grant 2018** – Approved for 7 sets of bunker gear. \$12,985. We bought 6 sets of bunker gear so far. Members, Craig Mawle and Brian Casselman are now fully equipped with bunker gear, so one set remains.
- Granted \$13,895 from the United Way of Larimer County to purchase:
 - Wildland gloves (15) = \$18.00 \$ 270
 - Wildland pants (6) = \$375 \$ 2,225
 - Wildland boots (3) = \$400 \$ 1,200
 - SCBA Backpack and bottle (1) = \$10,200
- Considering applying for a grant in cooperation with other mountain departments to pay for a joint exterior academy similar to those held in the past, conducted by Chief Wolf and other personnel from Estes Valley Fire District.

5. **COMMUNITY**

Community classes offered by CLVFD for 2022:

- Last year, we increased the number of times certain classes were offered, and that simply diluted attendance, but created additional work for instructors. In 2022, we will reduce the total number of classes offered to balance use of volunteer time with availability of classes to the community.
- The planned Community Class offerings for 2022 are: 2 Chainsaw Safety, 2 Stop the Bleed, 1 Insurance, 2 Mitigation, and 2 Evacuation classes. These numbers are subject to change, depending on instructor availability and community member interest.
- We will begin recording some of the classes this year to make them available online to be taken anytime. Not all classes will be offered this way, such as the Chainsaw and Stop the Bleed classes.

6. **OTHER:**

COVID-19

- **No changes since last meeting**
- State website is: [Covid19.colorado.gov/vaccine](https://www.colorado.gov/vaccine) for info on vaccine. Not all CLVFD members are getting the vaccine. We are not requiring members to do so, but strongly encourage them to. Here are our current COVID protocols, based on CDC and County/State guidance. These are unchanged since the recent Larimer county mandate to wear masks indoors:
- Masks are not required during outdoor training events.
- Masks ARE required for all indoor activities, including responding to calls, training, and meetings
- If we are on an a medical incident, and you are outdoors and NOT within 6 feet of the patient, you do not have to wear a mask, but should wear a cloth or N95 mask. If you are within 6 feet of the patient or are asked to come inside the home to help, you must wear a cloth or N95 mask or a department-issued respirator with P100 filters. If the patient has obvious or suspected COVID infection, only come within 6 feet of the patient if wearing the respirator and only if an EMT requests your help. Wear coveralls to all COVID-suspected medical calls. If you do not have coveralls available to wear on a COVID-suspected medical call, remove your clothes immediately when returning home, put in washer, and

decontaminate all contaminated surfaces, including your POV, if you were in a POV wearing contaminated clothing. POVs can be decontaminated with the department fogger.

CL GREENBELT MITIGATION COMMITTEE

- Committee is run by the CL Road and Rec Board. CLVFD Chief is leading the committee to develop a mitigation plan and guidelines. The Roads and Recreation Board has selected the Ember Alliance to create and write an updated CWPP (Community Wildfire Protection Plan). The plan is needed to apply for grants for mitigation work. The contract is still pending as The Ember Alliance irons out some insurance wrinkles.
- Steve Dirmeyer is acting as primary point of contact with the Roads and Recreation Board for the CWPP and is working with Cheryl Poage on an RFQ for mitigation work in Tract C in the 15th Filing. The Board has reapproved funds for that purpose.
- The Larimer County Initial Attack Module has agreed to conduct a mitigation project on a 4.6-acre greenbelt area (Tract I) the 12th Filing. Daniel Bowker from the Coalition for the Poudre River Watershed wrote a forestry prescription that I submitted to the IA module and which they approved. Work on this will commence this spring as weather and snow conditions allow.
- Cheryl Poage has been working with Larimer County OEM to secure federally available funds for mitigation. Larimer County has agreed to act as fiscal agent on a 36-month grant requiring a 12.5% match, including in-kind funds. This application has been submitted, and Larimer County Board of Commissioners has agreed to allow Larimer County to act as fiscal agent.
- CWPP is moving along, and another meeting with core members of that team and Corrina from Ember Alliance is scheduled for Tuesday, 02/22.

EQUIPMENT

- **Brush 1:** Dodge Ram 5500 w/custom utility box
 - Bumper installed, and wiring to sirens, body strobe lights, and auxiliary lighting is almost complete.
- **Squad 1: Dodge Ram 2500**
 - Snow tires have been purchased and installed on a second set of wheels so we can swap them ourselves seasonally.
 - A set of tire chains have been purchased for Squad 1.
 - Bumper is installed and wiring to sirens is complete.
 - Wiring strobes and inverter/charger remains to be done.

Respectfully submitted,

Evan Rau
Fire Chief
Crystal Lakes Volunteer Fire