

# Crystal Lakes Fire Protection District

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## Board of Directors

Minutes for April 21, 2022  
7:00 P.M.

**Call To Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Don Hass at 7:05 pm

**In Attendance:** Don Hass, Jody Randol, Shirla Race, Jim Kubichek, Evan Rau

**Absent:** Harold Alexander (Excused)

**District Members in attendance:**

Anne Dirmeyer, Steve Dirmeyer, Doug Race

**Approval of Agenda:** Shirla Race moved to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Jody Randol. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting, March 21, 2022:** Shirla Race moved to approve the minutes of March 21, 2022. The motion was seconded by Jody Randol. The motion passed unanimously.

**President's Report:** None

**Secretary's Report:** None

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer-elect Anne Dirmeyer presented the monthly treasurer's report. The report was unremarkable. New credit cards have been issued for Treasurer-elect Dirmeyer. Jody Randol made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Jim Kubichek seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Fire Department Report:** Chief Evan Rau presented the monthly department report. The written report is found at the end of the minutes.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Discussion Regarding Future Funding of CLFPD**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**2018 FEMA Grant Denial of Reimbursement Request:** Jim Kubichek reported to the board that the last reimbursement request for the 2018 FEMA Grant was denied. The denial claimed the request was submitted past the period of performance.

### **Road and Rec related items:**

- Do any of these affect the fire district long term?
- Are short term rentals a problem for emergency service's?
- 1. Dues increase of \$100
- 2. Board member candidates (2)
- 3. Short term rentals
- 4. CPI
- 5. Trailers on lot 5-6 months

The above items were tabled until the May District Board meeting.

### **As the Board Desires:**

Jody Randol wanted to thank Marian Kelly for the outstanding job she has done as POI and newsletter editor.

### **Comments by Attending Public:**

CLFIRES member Anne Dirmeyer reported on the progress of the Brick Fundraiser. So far the project has surpassed expectations. The unveiling of the first bricks will be made Memorial Day weekend.

Doug Race reported on the sewer line issue that has plagued the station over the past years. A plumber will be retained to run a camera down the line to gather more information on the problem.

The new fire condition signs are in. Installation will take place before the end of May.

**Set or confirm next Board meeting date and location:** May 19, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Fire Station.

**Adjournment:** Jody Randol made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Don Hass. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 PM.

# Crystal Lakes Volunteer Fire Department

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March 21, 2022

Fire Department Report.

## 1. Department Activity since the last board meeting

- **Business meetings:** 1, in person with five 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. Was unable to attend recent reorganization meeting.
- **Emergency Responder's Roundtable (monthly):** I was unable to join the last of these because of my new work schedule.
- **Incidents –**
  - 007: 02/18/22 - Medical – On tubing hill at Beaver Meadows. Pt Refusal.
  - 008: 02/26/22 - Medical – On tubing hill at Beaver Meadows. Pt transported by ground.
  - 009: 03/08/22 - Medical – Apparent suicide attempt. Pt transported by ground.
  - 010: 03/17/22 - Medical – Pt fell on ice, hurting knee with recent surgery. Pt transported by ground.

## 2. PERSONNEL:

- My current work schedule is 0700-1900 Sunday-Tuesday and every other Wednesday. Because I work daily 12-hour shifts in Fort Collins, I stay down the mountain between shifts.
- One new member, Mike Clark, was unanimously voted in as a firefighter at the February Business Meeting.

## 3. TRAINING:

### Department trainings:

- Brad Chiodo is now CLVFD's Training Officer. I remain a resource while he hits his stride in the role.
  - Optional trainings are cancelled due to lack of participation. I am considering alternatives and will start a conversation with Brad about this. They have been effective in the past to those who attended.
  - March's training was Ice Rescue training..
  - April's training is Wildland Fire 1
- **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                               |

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| DECEMBER | Radios (Combined Training=Mock Incidents) |
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#### 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.
- **2021-22 Firefighter Safety and Disease Prevention Grant** – Approved for one SCBA setup with two bottles, along with 6 pair of wildland pants. This overlaps with the United Way grant, which was announced, applied for, and granted between the time we applied for the Safety and Disease Prevention Grant and the time we learned it would be awarded to us. We will ask if there is flexibility in substitution, as we already ordered these items, paid for by the United Way grant.
- 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
- We are still 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.
  - Discussion has begun to involve more members of the department to help with the classes, rather than leaving it to the few officers who have organized, conducted, and lead these classes in previous years.
- 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. We plan to offer the evacuation and mitigation classes this way this year.

#### 6. OTHER:

##### COVID-19

- **Changes HAVE BEEN MADE since last meeting**
- State website is: [Covid19.colorado.gov/vaccine](https://covid19.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 NOT required for all indoor activities EXCEPT responding to calls. Activities that do not require masks include training, meetings, and departmental social gatherings.
- **ON-INCIDENT PROTOCOLS REMAIN THE SAME:**

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. 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 has been signed, and we are moving forward with the CWPP process, including monthly meetings that include Ember Alliance personnel, along with a core group of representatives of the Greenbelt Committee at Crystal.
- 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. David Frey with the IA module confirmed they have us on their calendar when he was up here supervising the slash depot burn.
- 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.

#### **EQUIPMENT**

- **Brush 1:** Dodge Ram 5500 w/custom utility box  
Aside from adding a winch in the front bumper and a few minor additions planned, the Brush truck is done!
- **Squad 1: Dodge Ram 2500**  
Aside from installing some mudflaps after I get a chance to wash the truck, the build is complete! We still plan to add a winch on a relocatable cradle that can be used on the front or rear of the vehicle, but the apparatus is fully operational now.
- UTV  
There are ongoing discussions about purchasing a UTV similar to the one recently purchased and put into service by RFLVFD. The CLVFD Officers have yet to reach a consensus about whether to move forward on this project.
- Boat  
CLVFD plans to house the inflatable boat we purchased in a shed located to the northwest of the boat ramp at the east access to Panhandle Reservoir. Approval from Crystal Lakes Water and Sewer, who owns the property upon which the shed would be placed, is still pending.

Thank you, Alex, for all the physical and mental energy you expended working on the Brush and Squad trucks! The department is lucky to have you!

Respectfully submitted,

Evan Rau  
Fire Chief  
Crystal Lakes Volunteer Fire