

# Crystal Lakes Fire Protection District

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## Board of Directors

Minutes for August 18, 2022  
7:00 P.M.

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

**In Attendance:** Don Hass, Jody Randol, Anne Dirmeyer, Jim Kubichek, Harold Alexander, Evan Rau (via Zoom)

**Absent:** No one

**District Members in attendance:** Steve Dirmeyer

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

**Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting, July 21, 2022:** Jody Randol made a motion to approve of the minutes from July 21, 2022. The motion was seconded by Harold Alexander. The motion passed unanimously.

**President's Report:** None

**Secretary's Report:** Pictures from the two most recent fires were passed around.

**Treasurer's Report:** Anne Dirmeyer presented the monthly treasurer's report with notes detailing monthly expenses. Jim Kubichek made the motion to accept the treasurer's report. Harold Alexander seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Fire Department Report:** Chief Rau presented the monthly department report which is included at the end of the board minutes.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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

- Treasurer Dirmeyer reminded the Board and the Department that the 2023 Budget needs to be drawn up and approved soon.

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**Comments by Attending Public:** No comments were offered.

**Set or confirm next Board meeting date and location:** Thursday, September 15, 2022 at the Station.

**Adjournment:** Harold Alexander moved to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Anne Dirmeyer. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

# Crystal Lakes Volunteer Fire Department

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August 18, 2022

Fire Department Report

## 1. Department Activity since the last board meeting

- **Business meetings:** 1, in person with two members via Zoom
- **NW Larimer County Fire Chiefs ZOOM call:** First Wednesday of the month via zoom. Quarterly in-person.
- **CWPP Meetings:** ongoing stakeholder meetings, as well as a lodgepole treatment strategy session.
- **Incidents** – 7 since last CLFPD meeting.
  - 032: 07/24/22 – Medical: Abdominal pain on Isleta Ct.
  - 033: 07/26/22 – Trailer Fire: Camper trailer on fire on Pearl Creek Rd.
  - 034: 07/26/22 – Rescue and Medical: Mutual aid to RF up FR169 <1mi N of Deadman Rd.
  - 035: 08/06/22 – Smoke: campfire in approved pit with wet materials on S. Ottawa Way.
  - 036: 08/11/22 – Medical: difficulty breathing on Crow Rd.
  - 037: 08/14/22 – Smoke: campfire in approved pit with wet materials.
  - 038: 08/14/22 – Vegetation Fire: Tree struck by lightning and caught on fire on Beartrap.

## 2. PERSONNEL:

- There have been some significant personnel changes since last meeting.
  - One firefighter was out on medical leave due to recent heart event. He has been medically cleared for duty and is back in service!
  - Two members have not attended training or meetings for some time. They were asked to resign their positions within the department until able to fulfill requirements, to which they amicably agreed. They were assured they may come back as probationary members if/when they are able to meet requirements.
  - One member was asked to resign because of unresolved safety and interpersonal concerns. I emailed the Board about this previously. This member has declined resignation, so proceedings for removal from the department are in progress, in accordance with CLVFD's Rules and Regulations.
  - One SDR has resigned in relation to the above situation.
  - One firefighter remains out on vacation until late September or early October.
  - Our Training Officer has stepped down from that role but remains an active member of the department.

## 3. TRAINING:

### Department trainings:

- July's training was Structure Fire 2. This consisted of more practice pulling hose and extension to water supply techniques.
- August's training topic was Low-Angle Rescue (ropes). This focused on setting up a z-rig or 3:1 rope setup, and team-carrying a patient in a stokes basket up a steep, but walkable incline. Emphasis was placed on scene planning and apparatus placement when using as an anchor.
- September's training is a cumulative scenario wherein multiple disciplines are included as part of a complex scene. These include wildland, structure, rescue, and EMS. This is also an incident command-heavy training. It may or may not take place at Beaver Meadows.

- **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:**

- **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.
- **VFA Grant** - We were awarded a VFA grant for new fire shelters to replace outdated design and worn-out practice shelters. We sent in the packet accepting the award this morning.
- **DFPC** - The Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control (DFPC) announced they are opening the application process to receive equipment through House Bill (HB) 22-1194 funding. HB 22-1194 allocated 5 million dollars for purchasing firefighter personal protective equipment (PPE) to include structural and wildland PPE, wildland line packs, fire shelters, and self-contained breathing apparatus. WE have discussed applying for funding to purchase leather structure boots, which are more stable, higher-performance, and more comfortable than the rubber boots most members use, currently.
- **Community Wildfire Defense Grant.** Part of the Federal Infrastructure Act, this offers significant funding over the next five years for CWPP development and mitigation work. We are in a very preliminary stage on this. Warren Jones from Glacier View has been discussing this with representatives from the county, state, and USFS.

#### 5. **COMMUNITY**

Community classes offered by CLVFD for 2022:

- The planned Community Class offerings for 2022 were: 1 Chainsaw Safety, 1 Stop the Bleed, 1 Insurance, 1 Mitigation, and 2 Evacuation classes.
  - Discussion is ongoing to involve more members of the department to help with the classes. We have not yet organized such members to help with classes.
- 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.
  - Marian has already recorded the mitigation class and posted it on YouTube with a link on our website: <https://www.clvfd.org/community-education/>
- I was unable to schedule one chainsaw class and one stop-the-bleed class before the end of summer, and I am no longer planning to conduct those classes this year. I hope we will be able to offer those again next year.

#### 6. **OTHER:**

##### **COVID-19**

- Three members became infected with COVID. Precautions are being taken by all potentially exposed, including masking during incidents and interaction with the public. All members have access to free home test kits available at the fire station, while they last. We have reinstated the mask requirement for indoor department meetings. This will be reevaluated continually.

##### **CL GREENBELT MITIGATION COMMITTEE**

- Committee is run by the CL Road and Rec Board. CLVFD Chief is a member of the committee to develop a mitigation plan and guidelines. This project has an expected completion date in November, 2022.

- The Larimer County Initial Attack Module has begun a mitigation project on a 4.6-acre greenbelt area (Tract I) the 12th Filing. As of August 13, they appear to be just over half-way done.
- 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. I have heard this has been approved. An archaeologist has been contacted to determine if an archeological review is necessary prior to work being done. No updates yet on this.

### **EQUIPMENT**

- Boat: No change since last meeting.  
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 Board, who owns the property upon which the shed would be placed, is still pending. Brad has agreed to draw up some proposed designs to present to the W&S Board.
- Squad 1  
The build of this truck is not quite complete, though it has been in service for almost a year, now. I plan to complete the build, after ensuring the funds are still available. Besides a winch, this apparatus primarily needs some small equipment and supplies, such as bolt cutters, additional hand tools, a means of mounting a backpack CAF system we were awarded last year, and decontamination supplies.
- Brush 1  
The build of this truck is not quite complete, though it has been in service for almost a year, now. Primarily, it needs a winch and a means of externally carrying a small drop tank. I plan to complete the build, after ensuring the funds are still available.

### **EVENTS**

- The annual Rummage Sale is coming up on September 4. Collections have begun, and one anonymous donor has donated a high-value boat and trailer, which will be auctioned in conjunction with the Rummage Sale.

Respectfully submitted,

Evan Rau  
Fire Chief  
Crystal Lakes Volunteer Fire Department