

Crystal Lakes Fire Protection District

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Board of Directors

Minutes for September 15, 2022
7:00 P.M.

Call To Order: The meeting was called to order by President Don Hass at 7:00 pm.

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

Absent: Chief Rau (excused)

District Members in attendance: Steve Dirmeyer, Mel Nelson (Zoom)

Approval of Agenda: Harold Alexander made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Anne Dirmeyer. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting, August 18, 2022

Jody Randol made a motion to approve the previous minutes of August 18, 2022 with corrections. Harold Alexander seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

President's Report: No Report

Secretary's Report: No Report

Treasurer's Report: Secretary Dirmeyer presented the monthly financial report (via Zoom). The report was unremarkable. Jim Kubichek made a motion to accept the report as presented. The motion was seconded by Harold Alexander. The motion passed unanimously. Treasurer Dirmeyer reminded the Board that the Preliminary Budget will be presented at the October Meeting

Fire Department Report: Chief Rau was unable to attend in person or via Zoom. Jim Kubichek summarized the written report submitted by the chief.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None noted.

NEW BUSINESS

As the Board Desires:

Preparations for the Holiday gathering have begun.

Comments by Attending Public: None

Set or confirm next Board meeting date and location: October 20, 2022. 7:00 PM at the fire station.

Adjournment: Harold Alexander made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Jody Randol. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM

Crystal Lakes Volunteer Fire Department

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September 15, 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.
 - 039: 08/20/22 – Smoke/Campfire: Mutual Aid to RF for reported campfire near Kelly’s Corner
 - 040: 08/25/22 – Medical: Fall with extended downtime on Yosco Ct.
 - 041: 08/27/22 – Assistance/Rescue: Mutual aid to RF; person hanging off roof edge in Fox Acres
 - 042: 09/03/22 – Medical: difficulty breathing on Ada Ct.
 - 043: 08/11/22 – Smoke: “smoke” reported on Deadman Rd from RP on Pearl Creek Rd.
 - 044: 08/14/22 – Medical: persistent vomiting on Pamlico Ct.

2. PERSONNEL:

- There have been some significant personnel changes since last meeting.
 - One firefighter remains out on vacation until late September or early October.
 - Two Officers sharing the Admin position have resigned after selling their property in Crystal Lakes. They will be sorely missed.
 - Currently two Officer positions that need to be filled ASAP:
 - Training Officer
 - Admin Officer

3. TRAINING:

Department trainings:

- August’s training 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.
 - September’s training was 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 did not take place at Beaver Meadows, instead taking place a member’s residence.
 - October’s training is Extrication. This will focus on a few basic, but versatile skills used to remove a patient from an automobile when not possible to open doors. Safety is a high priority for this training, as several unique responder safety threats exist with modern automobiles.
- **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 did receive two practice shelters that were part of this grant, but the Fire Shelters have been ordered with an unknown date of availability.
- **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 planned by current CWPPs less than ten years old. We are already most of the way through updating out CWPP, but our existing one is greater than ten years old. Therefore, we do not have a viable application this year. Next year, we may be able to apply for mitigation work funding for projects based on our new CWPP. The [Black Diamond NEPA](#) has submitted an application for this year for areas near and surrounding Crystal Lakes.

5. **COMMUNITY**

Community classes offered by CLVFD for 2022:

- The planned Community Class offerings for 2022 have concluded. While we were not able to offer all the classes we wanted to offer this year, we received positive feedback on the ones we did conduct. Thank you to Assistant Chief Marian Kelly for shouldering this burden this year.
- Next year, as mentioned in previous Chief’s reports, we will work to enlist more of our members to help teach community classes. That work starts now, encouraging members to think about topics of interest, engage with existing instructional materials, and research additional information and materials.

6. **OTHER:**

COVID-19

- We continue to have isolated COVID infections within the department. We do not currently mandate masks 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 last week, they appear to be just over half-way done. I am unsure, currently, if they intend to finish the project this year. My contact at the county has been on vacation for an extended period of time, but should be back this week. I will give him until next week to dig out from accumulated work and emails, then contact him for an update.
- 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

- Squad 1
The build of this truck is not quite complete, though it has been in service for almost a year, now. The preferred winch for this apparatus is currently unavailable until beginning of 2023 at the earliest. I will look into alternatives or wait for the winch to become available.

- 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. The winch situation is the same for Brush 1. Alternatives exist, but reliability is foremost in my search.

EVENTS

- No events are planned for the next month.
- The annual Rummage Sale is over and was another success. While our fundraising from the sale separate from the donated boat was less than in previous years, it was still money that will go to good use. The turnout was excellent, so its community interface value was very high!

Respectfully submitted,

Evan Rau
Fire Chief
Crystal Lakes Volunteer Fire Department