

Crystal Lakes Fire Protection District

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Board of Directors

Minutes for November 17, 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 (Zoom), Anne Dirmeyer, Jim Kubichek, Harold Alexander, Evan Rau (Zoom)

Absent: None

District Members in attendance: Doug Race, Steve Dirmeyer, Robin Lauric

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

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting, October 20, 2022: Anne Dirmeyer made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 20 meeting. This was seconded by Harold Alexander. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting, November 13, 2022: Anne Dirmeyer moved to approve of the minutes of November 13. The motion was seconded by Harold Alexander. The motion passed unanimously.

President's Report: President Hass discussed the value of the SDA News magazine and encouraged all members to read their copy. He is obtaining new copies of the SDA handbook for directors.

Secretary's Report: None

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Dirmeyer presented the monthly financial report. The financial report was unremarkable. However, Anne reported that a payment had been made to retire the bond debt. The district paid the \$64,000 due at this time plus and additional \$45,000. The additional bond payments will enable to district to pay off the bond years earlier than originally projected. Jim Kubichek made a motion to accept the November Treasurer's report which was seconded by Harold Alexander. The motion passed unanimously.

Jim Kubichek made a motion to approve the 2023 budget. The motion was seconded by Harold Alexander. The motion passed unanimously.

Fire Department Report: Chief Rau presented his written report via Zoom. The report is found at the conclusion of these minutes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Holiday Gathering Info: The celebration will be held December 10 at 5:00 in the community center.

Computer Equipment and Software Purchase: Harold Alexander noted that there was \$3,000 left in the communications budget for this year. He made a motion to authorize the purchase of needed technological and computer updates before January 1,, 2023 at a cost of less than \$2,000. The motion was seconded by Jody Randol. The motion passed unanimously.

The department received a letter of violation warning from the Manager of the Road and Recreation Association. Doug Race, acting for the department discussed the letter with the R&R Manager. The letter of violation will be withdrawn and will be resent to the individual involved. No record of the letter sent to the department will remain in Association records.

As the Board Desires:

Harold Alexander, Director at Large, submitted his resignation from the board effective at the conclusion of the November 17 Board meeting. The resignation will allow for the Board to re-establish a majority of non-fire department members on the Board.

Jody Randol, speaking for the Board expressed thanks and gratitude to Harold (Alex) for the hard work and dedication for the CLFPD as a board member for these past years. His experience, dedication, and counsel will be missed.

Jim Kubichek made a motion to appoint Robin Lauric as Board Member At-Large to fill the position until the 2023 election. Jody Randol seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Comments by Attending Public: Doug Race announced that there will be an FPPA meeting following the December Board meeting.

Set or confirm next Board meeting date and location: Thursday, December 15 at 7:00 pm at the station.

Adjournment: Anne Dirmeyer moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Harold Alexander. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Crystal Lakes Volunteer Fire Department

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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. This was held in-person at the DU mountain campus on November 2.
- CWPP Meetings: stakeholder meetings, community meeting, core team meetings.
- Incidents – 9 since last CLFPD meeting.
 - 051: 10/18/22 – Medical: Painful spine after back surgery on Huron Rd
 - 052: 10/20/22 – Smoke Report: Woccon Ct
 - 053: 10/23/22 – Wildland: Small fire west of Creedmore Lakes
 - 054: 10/23/22 – Structure Fire: Cabin fire: Beaver Meadows east campground off Marmot Dr.
 - 055: 10/24/22 – Medical: Dizziness/Fall on Beartrap Rd.
 - 056: 10/29/22 – Medical: Altered Mental Status secondary to MVA on Elkridge Rd.
 - 057: 11/02/22 – Medical: Injured hand at RF Fire Station. One CLVFD member on scene.
 - 058: 11/05/22 – Medical: two heavily intoxicated patients at 384 Navajo Rd.
 - 059: 11/07/22 – Medical: fall from a height on Shawnee Rd.

2. PERSONNEL:

- No personnel changes since last meeting.
- Officer elections will take place at the next CLVFD Business meeting, November 20.
- A personnel note: One of our members, Kate Kelly, is in the hospital after a fall, resulting in a shattered vertebra, which was surgically repaired. She will be in a rehab facility for approximately two weeks and will continue to recover at one of her daughters' house in Greeley until she is strong enough to come home. Please keep her in your thoughts.

3. TRAINING:

Department trainings:

- The members voted to change the weekday training day back to the first Thursday and to change the time to 18:00, year-round. This better accommodates work schedules of members with full-time employment.
- November's training was SCBA. During this training, firefighters worked on familiarity with the components of SCBA, donning and doffing SCBA gear, and proper breathing techniques. New members were taught the basics of SCBA including the above, as well as care of masks and battery replacement on the packs, themselves. SDRs practiced and/or learned removal, filling, and replacement of SCBA air bottles.
- December's training is radios. Our apparatus radios and handheld packsets will be programmed and tuned to operate at peak functionality. "Radio Dave" Rowe from Larimer County will present a training on how the 800MHz radio system and radios work.

Outside trainings:

- Poudre Canyon held their own low-angle rescue training. CLVFD firefighter, Mike Clark, attended this training on November 5.

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** – This entailed one SCBA setup with two bottles along with 6 pair of wildland pants. We are still waiting on an additional SCBA mask, but have received reimbursement for the rest of the grant amount.
- **Community Wildfire Defense Grant.** Next year, we may be able to apply for mitigation work funding for projects based on our new CWPP. The Greenbelt Management Committee (GMC) and Open Spaces Conservancy (OSC, the 501c3 to help fund the GMC) are forming a CWPP implementation committee and have asked me to be a part of it.

5. **COMMUNITY**

- CWPP: The final CWPP has been finalized with all revisions complete. Core Team members are in the process of signing it. After all signatories have signed, it will be filed with the Colorado State Forest Service, at which point, it is official and available as a tool to help the community secure grant funding.

6. **EQUIPMENT**

- Squad 1
 - The winch has been purchased and installed. Thanks to Alex and Doug!
- Brush 1
 - There was some warranty work done related to the DEF system. That is complete.
 - The winch has been installed and is operational.

7. **EVENTS**

- The annual Holiday Party is in the planning process with Milo and Marilyn David leading the organization efforts. It will be held on December 10th at Base Camp, starting at 17:00. All department members, Board members, and their families are invited.

8. **OTHER:**

COVID-19

- NO CHANGE since last month. 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 CWPP is complete. Implementation will be guided by a committee mentioned earlier in this report.
- The Larimer County Initial Attack Module has completed a mitigation project on a 4.6-acre greenbelt area (Tract I) the 12th Filing. Slash removal is nearing completion, contracted out to a local contractor.

- We are still waiting on archaeological studies related to the FEMA grant mentioned in previous months. I have no additional updates on that process.

Respectfully submitted,

Evan Rau
Fire Chief
Crystal Lakes Volunteer Fire Department