

## **FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Tuesday, February 4, 2020 - 5:30 p.m.**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Dan P. Olsen.

#### **Members Present:**

Jerry Brothers, *Home Atherton VFD*  
Dan Callahan, *BSB Commissioner #12*  
Patrick Doherty, *BSB Career Fire Dept.*  
Michael Hoyt, *Little Basin Creek VFC*  
Dan Olsen, *BSB Commissioner #5*  
George Stone, *Terra Verde VFD*

#### **Guests Present:**

Jeff Miller, *BSB Fire Chief*  
Tom Morrill, *Rocker VFD Chief*

**Members Absent:** Chris Mjelde, *BSB Career Fire Dept.* & Chad Silk, *BSB Career Fire Dept.*

- Reading and Approval of Minutes
  - After a request was made to amend the January 7, 2020, minutes (change the name Pat Hanson to Pat Nelson), a motion was made by George Stone to approve the minutes as amended; Mike Hoyt seconded the motion.
    - The January 7, 2020, minutes were unanimously approved with the amendment.

### **II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA**

None.

### **III. SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT**

No Secretary/Treasurer at this time.

Mike Hoyt distributed a spreadsheet to the committee. His report showed a remaining budget of \$54,489.19 when all the approved TIFID request orders have been fulfilled. It was reported that there will be shipping charges coming in for the cylinders from Dalmatian.

### **IV. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

- None

### **V. OLD BUSINESS**

- Review Equipment Requests

- Rocker Volunteer Fire Department Chief Tom Morrill attended the meeting to discuss Rocker VFD's request. Chief Morrill reported that they have five (5) new members. Chief Jeff Miller has not received any of the applications for the prospective members. The applications must be submitted to Chief Miller so that a background check may be conducted for each applicant.
  - George Stone explained the application process to Chief Morrill.
- Chief Morrill also reported that they have 10 active members, and 10 sets of PPE. The new personal protective equipment (PPE) that they are requesting would go to senior members and the new members would get the older (three-year old) PPE. The new prospective members are enthusiastic. The new potential members have been in training and are ready for FFI training.
- Chief Morrill also reported that their tender is down with a fuel leak and a water tank leak. He has contacted the Public Works Department.
- Chief Morrill stated that they still have radio issues. Chief Miller told Tom that these issues will go away when they get the two (2) new trunked 800 MHz radios.
- It was stated that Rocker misses a lot of calls when Chief Morrill is gone. Realistically, 4 to 6 calls were missed in a row.
- It was discussed how that area is really growing; there is a lot of new construction. South Rocker has two (2) new subdivisions being built.
- Chief Morrill reported that they have done an air bottle trade with Boulevard. Some of their bottles are failing from non-use.
- Rocker has a standing agreement with Boulevard that they can stop and get a Rocker truck when needed.
- George Stone originally made a motion to approve Rocker's request for five (5) new sets of PPE.
  - More questions were asked of Chief Morrill.
- **George Stone amended his motion to approve the five (5) sets of PPE contingent upon the new guys passing a background check. Mike Hoyt seconded the motion.**
  - **There was one (1) Nay (Pat Doherty) and five (5) Yeas; The Motion was carried.**
- The topic of beneficiaries on the VFIS Life Insurance & AD&D (Accidental Death & Dismemberment) policy and the BSB pension survivor benefits were discussed. There was some confusion between the two items. Under the pension plan, you may only elect your spouse and dependents as beneficiaries.
- Chief Miller reported that the cylinders have been delivered; and, that as soon as the software on the computer in the SCBA room is fixed by the MSI Department, Chuck Janhunen will prepare the cylinders for distribution.
- Jerry Brothers asked Chief Miller about the \$38,000 budget to purchase SCBAs. Chief Miller explained that there is an issue with the five (5) new SCBAs that came in. The NFPA made a decision to change the regulator fitting. He said it is a good change, but the new SCBAs will not work with our current SCBAs. The change was made to regulate standards for "buddy breathing." The new SCBAs have not been put in service yet; Jeff is hoping that another company or division of Butte-Silver Bow will be able to use them.

- Chief Miller stated that when it is time to replace the SCBAs, all the hose fittings will have to be changed and it will be expensive. It was stated that all the companies have changed to this adapter – MSA, Scott, etc. It is the new national standard.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- No new business.

**VII. NEXT MEETING DATE – TUESDAY, March 3, 2020, AT 5:30 p.m.**

**VIII. ADJOURNED**

George Stone made a motion to adjourn; Mike Hoyt seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

CC: Chief Executive Dave Palmer  
Dan Olsen, Chairman, Fire Advisory  
Chief Jeff Miller, Director Fire Services  
Chuck Janhunen, Captain BSB Fire Department  
Mark Neary, Director Public Works