**LAKE WENATCHEE FIRE AND RESCUE AUXILIARY**

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**Minutes**

**March 10, 2021**

As a result of the coronavirus COVID-19, the monthly membership meeting of the LWFR Auxiliary was held online on Zoom.

Board members present: Jimi Wilson, Rita Baugh, April Adamson, Velda Millard, Becky Payne, Ken Schasse, and Katie Walker

Also attending: Chief Walker and Chuck Kocher

**Welcome:** Jimi Wilson

**LWFR District 9:** Chief Walker

* The department is taking applications for seasonal employees. They will help with increased call volume, the chipping program, etc. from April 15-Oct 15. Josiah Norby and James Dickinson already have spots. They will continue to look for two more employees.
* The final report from the Washington Survey and Ratings Bureau regarding insurance needs was received. We received a rating of a 6 on a scale of 1-10 with 10 being the worst. We have been a 6 for at least four years. The report listed improvements we’ve made. We hope to continue to address things so we can get to a 5 rating.
* Strategic planning is moving forward. Posters were placed at station 91 to get community feedback. This Saturday, March 13, there will be a meeting to prioritize the feedback. Auxiliary members will be attending the meeting.
* Dave looked at ideas for how the Auxiliary can help the department:
  + Rig checks
  + Food boxes on the rigs
  + Treats for training events
  + Help with large events
  + FAC groups
  + Station maintenance
  + Aries ham radio groups
  + Community preparedness in neighborhoods
  + Helping build and service water safety boards (life jackets)
  + Station design and development at station 93
  + Station beautification
  + Looking for expertise in the Auxiliary that could be shared with the department (e.g. Bob Adamson knows the snowmobile trails and he could share that knowledge with the department.)

**LWFR FF Association President**: Chuck Kocher

* At their last meeting, the FFA allocated funds to a few projects. The Association used the funds to purchase the items members purchased through the auction (e.g. hoses, chainsaws, fire helmets, etc.)
* Seven thousand dollars were allocated toward the boat program for further training.
* The FFA will be donating a snowmobile to the fire district. Fifteen thousand dollars were approved to go toward the sled. They will take delivery of the sled in October.
* The FFA authorized $26,000 to go toward predetermined grant-related items.
* Burlington Northern grant will purchase thermal imaging equipment and a drone.

**Call to Order**: Jimi Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:23 pm

**Attendance:** 40 members attended.

**Approve February Minutes**:

Bill Miller moved to accept the February minutes, Sharyl Nelson seconded, and the motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Velda Millard

Starting Balance: $9,610.89

Donations: 43.45

Ending Balance: $9,654.34

Bob Adamson moved to accept the treasurer’s report, Becky Payne seconded, and the motion passed.

**Introduction of a new member:** Steve Sahlinger, who is Drew Sahlinger’s father, is joining us. He lives in Snohomish but spends a lot of time at their place in Ponderosa. His wife’s name is Maureen, and he has 3 sons. Steve is retired from Boeing after serving as facilities director; he’s happy to help with facilities.

**Summary of Nomination & Election Procedure**: Jimi Wilson

* This year we elect 3 board members.
* We will vote at the April meeting.
* Personal biographies will go out from the nominees.

**Nominating Committee**: Rita Baugh

* There are three nominees: Barb Harris, Chris Redwine-King, and Paula Robinson

**Update** **on Strategic Plan**: Dennis Broughton

* They will narrow things down to 6-8 projects that will be worked on over the next years.

**Sunshine Committee Report**: Sharyl Nelson

* Sympathy cards were sent to Pam Nicklas and Scott Baker.
* Thinking-of-you cards to Dorothy Baker and Jerry Jennings.

**Good of the Order:**

* Mike Stanford: Air Lift Northwest and Life Flight no longer have a reciprocity agreement. It is recommended that you have membership in both groups.
* Friday, March 12, 2021, there will be a community health forum with MEND and Cascade School District with Rep. Dr. Schrier from 12:00-1:00 pm.
* Beaver Valley School will be back in session, so drive carefully.
* The state park has two downed groomers, so cross-country season is over. They are due to get a new machine.
* The Pantry is now open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1-5 pm. They will sell whole foods products such as whole grains, etc. There will be a meeting in March for those who want to help with the Pantry garden.
* Donations are up at the Pantry this year.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, April 14th

Bob A moved to adjourn the meeting, Bob J. seconded, and the motion passed at 7:48 pm.