**LAKE WENATCHEE FIRE AND RESCUE AUXILIARY**

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**Membership Meeting Minutes**

**June 14th, 2023 – 6:00 p.m. at Station 91**

**Board members present**: Jim MacMillan, Dorothy Baker, Barbara Harris, Scott Baker, Elizabeth Pollock, and Liz Gilbertson via Zoom.

**Welcome:**  Jim MacMillan

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**LWFR District 9**:

**Chief Walker**:

Thank you for the BBQ and it was a great event and a beautiful day. The Firefighters appreciated it as they have been on some challenging calls lately.

Fire season has started in our area and burn restrictions are in effect, but campfires are okay in an approved fire pit. It has been a mixed weather bag as the snowpack is gone and down here in the valley it has dried out. We have had 2 requests within the area to help other fire districts.

Danny Bacheldor is the new Recruitment and Retention Officer and is off and running to recruit new people. If you have any friends, especially in the Ponderosa community who may be interested, please let us know.

Annexation efforts are under way. If you build a house, people want to join the district for fire service. We will take 7 properties back into our fire district and a few later in the month. Property owners must petition to come into our district.

Letters of interest have been sent to 7 properties in the Roaring Creek area. If enough people are interested, we will bring them into our district. Also, there are a group of houses on Camp 12 road who may be coming into our district.

Kahler Mountain Club had a movie night and LWFR was the beneficiary and we received $700. This will be seed money for a new pick-up truck.

**Call to Order:** Jim MacMillan called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

**Attendance:**  37 members attended in person plus 7 on Zoom.

**New Member Introductions:**

Marty and Carol Greig from River Road.

Julie French from River Road.

Janet Berwick – attending her first meeting.

Welcome Marty, Carol, Julie, and Janet!

**Approve May Minutes:**

Paula Robinson moved to approve the May meeting minutes, seconded by John Tobias, and the motion passed.

**May Treasurer’s Report: (Barbara Harris)**

Memorial Account $230.00

General Account

Beginning Balance – April 30 $10,349.48

Amazon Smile + 123.08

Tour de Bloom + 2,500.00

Square + .87

Decals + 50.00

Safety Day Boot + 255.00

Social Committee - 14.09

Facilities – Yard Sale - 218.44

Ending Balance – May 31 $13,045.90

Kathleen Colvard moved to approve the May Treasurer’s Report, seconded by Stan Morgan, and the motion passed.

**Old Business:**

**LWFRA Decals:**

Last month we made a motion and approved by vote to give nonmembers Auxiliary decals. However, some members felt the decals are a Badge of Honor for Auxiliary members. Everything happened quickly regarding discussion, motion, and vote. The Board will commit to slow down on certain things so everyone has time to think about the specific topic. Therefore, we will bring this topic up again next month and vote as to whether to give decals to nonmembers.

There was discussion about creating a second decal with a totally different look to give to nonmembers.

**Safety Day:**

It was a great event and well attended by families. 121 life jackets, almost 100 bicycle helmets, and 25 reflective address signs were given out.

**Fireman’s BBQ:**

The Fireman’s BBQ was a big success.

**Upcoming Events:**

**München Haus Benevolent Night – Tuesday, July 11th:**

**Anita Johnson:**

We have enough volunteers for this year’s event. Last year, we didn’t have that many Auxiliary members attend the event. If everyone would encourage friends and neighbors to come out for dinner and support the cause. Hope to see everyone there!

**Auxiliary BBQ/Potluck at the July 12th Membership Meeting:**

**Kathleen Colvard:** Our next membership meeting at station 91 will be an outside BBQ starting at 5:00 p.m. and the meeting will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m. Hamburgers will be provided by the Social Committee, and everyone is asked to bring a salad, side, or dessert.

**KMC Ladies Golf Tournament – Tuesday, July 18th:**

**Elizabeth Pollock**: Looking for one more volunteer to work the tournament in the morning on July 18th.

**Yard Sale:**

**Drop Off Days:**

The June drop-off day went well.

Velda advised that there will be another drop off day on Saturday, August 5th from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Velda will send Elizabeth an electronic sign-up sheet to work at the August drop off day. Velda is still looking for a few more people to work at the Yard Sale and will have Elizabeth send out the sheet showing what people have signed up for so far.

**Bake Sale – Saturday, September 2nd:**

Donnarae Holloway, Linda Wells, and Vangie Schasse will be leading the Bake Sale. A signup sheet for volunteers to bake items is outside the door.

**Pancake Breakfast – Saturday, December 2nd:**

Dorothy Baker is leading the pancake breakfast this year. We have leads for everything except baskets so let Dorothy know if you are interested in leading this area. Stan Morgan and Scott Baker will be collecting items for the baskets.

**New Business:**

**Purchase Software:**

**Barbara Harris:** The IRS has changed the rules this year for non-profit organizations, and we can no longer mail in our tax information. We now need to submit a 990EZ form electronically which is due on September 15th. Barbara has requested funds to purchase the electronic software and Velda has offered to help Barbara file the documents.

A motion was made to approve up to $200 to buy the electronic software. Chris King made the motion and Lisa Hanson seconded the motion, and it was approved.

**Life Flight and Airlift NW:**

One benefit for being an auxiliary member is a group rate on Life Flight and Airlift Northwest. The cost for Life Flight is $65 and Airlift NW is $50 per year. This covers everyone in your household. If you are already a member, just a check is required. If you are joining for the first time or changing your information, an application is required. Coverage begins September 1st, and you can pay at either the July or the August 9th meeting which is the final day for payment. Elizabeth will send out the cost and forms.

**Facebook Review and Sharing Social Media:**

Our Facebook name is LWFR Auxiliary. 900 people reviewed the last flyer, and we are looking to increase the following. Please comment on the page, like the page and share it with friends to increase our visibility.

**GO USA Clothing:**

**Chris King:** We will open the clothing store again and there was a discussion about upgrading the quality of the clothing. Chris is working with GO USA and will send Elizabeth the details and the link once the store is available.

**Sunshine Report: Sharyl Nelson**

Roland Mueller passed away last month, and a sympathy card was sent to his wife.

**Good of the Order:**

**Social Committee:** We are honoring the men for Father’s Day and have a little gift bag for some great guy here. Craig Johnson was the winner. Congratulations Craig!

**Next Meeting:**

The next Auxiliary meeting is on Wednesday, July 12th, at Station 91 at 6:00 p.m. and a Zoom option will be available. It will be a BBQ and potluck starting at 5:00 p.m.

Paula Robinson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Randy Pollock, and the motion passed.

The meeting concluded at 7:07 p.m.

**Note:**

If you want to look at past minutes, they are located online, and the path is below:

LWFR.org: About LWFR: Auxiliary; Member Login (bottom of page); Auxiliary Login; Password is **Auxmember18**; Minutes. It shows minutes since 2010 along with the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation.