**LAKE WENATCHEE FIRE AND RESCUE AUXILIARY**

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**Membership Meeting Minutes**

**May 10th, 2023 – 6:00 p.m. at Station 91**

**Board members present**: Dorothy Baker, Barbara Harris, Liz Gilbertson, Audry Henniger, Scott Baker, and Elizabeth Pollock.

**Welcome:** Dorothy Baker

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**LWFR District 9**:

**Chief Walker**: Thank you to everyone who helped with Tour de Bloom. The Tour directors were very pleased with how the race was organized. It was great weather and only a couple of accidents. They are asking for feedback on how the race went.

We are hiring a Recruitment and Retention Officer. There are 5 internal candidates and 1 external, and they are doing the strength test now. Next weekend will be the panel interviews.

I had the chance to go to the National Fire Academy including the Fire Fighters memorial. It was a wonderful but sobering experience.

For a long time, Dave and Sally Kane offered and allowed the Department to use their boat located on Lake Wenatchee for emergencies. This winter Dave passed away suddenly, and this week Sally contacted us and donated the boat so that the department would always have a worthy big lake boat. We are humbled by the generosity and being part of that memory of Dave. The boat will be put into service immediately.

**Call to Order:** Dorothy Baker called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.

**Attendance:** 36 members attended in person plus 18 on Zoom.

**New Member Introductions:**

None

**Approve April Minutes:**

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

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

Memorial Account $230.00

General Account

Beginning Balance – March 31 $11,051.11

Hall rental for 2023 Pancake Bkft -$ 400.00

Partial payment for Lawyer (Bylaws) -$ 300.00

Name Badges -$ 36.74

Postage Stamps -$ 25.20

GoUSA Donation +$ 60.31

Ending Balance – April 30th, 2023 **\***$10,349.48

\*Note: The Cashmere Valley bank balance is $10,649.48 as there is a $300.00 check that has been issued but not cashed. Barbara asked that checks be cashed right away and within the same month to keep the book and bank totals the same.

Liz Gilbertson moved to approve the April Treasurer’s Report, seconded by Fred Guimond, and the motion passed.

**Old Business:**

**Tour de Bloom: Jimi Wilson**:

The race went well. Please send Jimi any suggestions on what could be done differently or improved. The total number of auxiliary members and community helpers was 56 people and the race organizers gave us $2,500 as a donation. Next year they are considering bringing in other teams but more to come on this. A big thank you to Jimi Wilson for all her work on the event.

**Committee Reports:**

**Audit Committee:**

There were 5 people on the audit committee, and it was a successful audit. Barbara has done a fabulous job. A document was written up and noted that the books were in excellent order. All members of the audit committee signed the document.

**Bylaws Committee: Jimi Wilson**

We have sent everything to the Attorney but haven’t heard back.

**Facility Committee: Dorothy Baker**

Dorothy and Scott Baker will not be in town for the first Yard Sale drop off date. However, Scott will ensure the facilities team will be there to get all the storage containers open etc.

**Social Committee: Shawna Presley**

Members of the Social Committee are Kathleen Colvard, Donna Tobias, Tracy Stavang, Dorothy Baker and Shawna Presley and we want to make the meetings fun. Below are some events that have been scheduled:

* July – BBQ and potluck before the meeting at station 91
* August – Ice cream social
* October – Halloween costume contest
* November – Pie baking contest
* January – Chili cook off

**Upcoming Events:**

**New Membership Orientation – May 22nd:**

For those who are new members or those interested in learning more about the Auxiliary, there will be an orientation at the Ponderosa Clubhouse on May 22nd at 6:30 p.m. The presenters will be Jimi Wilson and Stan Morgan talking about history and how we associate with the FF’s.

**Safety Day – Saturday, May 27th:**

The Firefighters will be holding their annual Safety Day on Saturday, May 27th at station 93. The helicopter and rescue boat will both be there. They are looking for 6 – 8 auxiliary volunteers to help with this fun day. Volunteers should arrive about 9:30 and there is a sign-up sheet at the back.

**Yard Sale Drop Off – Saturday, June 3rd:**

The first drop off day on June 3rd will be from 9 – Noon. Velda is looking for as many volunteers as possible and an electronic signup sheet has been sent out.

**Firefighters BBQ – Sunday, June 11th:**

Firefighters BBQ on Sunday, June 11th at Kelly and Jim MacMillan’s house on River Road starting at 1:00 p.m.

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

**Anita Johnson:** Anita talked with Mia at München Haus and Benevolent Night is Tuesday, July 11th. Looking for a few Auxiliary volunteers and Anita is looking to have some Firefighters there and some items to hand out to children. Anita will work with Audry and Plain Community Church regarding the advertising. Tell all your friends to come and eat at the restaurant!

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

**Elizabeth Pollock**: Kahler Mountain Club Women’s Golf League is having their annual charity golf tournament on July 18th. Looking for 8 volunteers to help that morning with bag drops, golf cart items, and hole sponsorship signs. There is a sign-up sheet at the back.

**New Business:**

**Alert Sense Procedures:**

All Auxiliary members are part of the local district Alert Sense and will receive notifications when events occur.

**LWFRA Stickers:**

Currently they are $1.00 per sticker for auxiliary members. However, since we have so many remaining, it is recommended that we hand them out for donations (if we sell them, we must pay tax) and were wondering what the membership thought of this.

A discussion was held and then a motion was put forth to give the stickers away for donations. Bill Miller moved to approve the motion, seconded by Audry Henniger. All but 2 people were in favor and the motion passed.

**Conflict of Interest Document:**

A Conflict-of-Interest policy was developed in 2019 and Elizabeth read excerpts from it. The document was available in hard copy at the meeting and will be sent out electronically to all members. The Conflict-of-Interest policy will be part of the new member packet going forward.

**Event Calendar:**

The 2023 event calendar is available in paper copy at the back of the room. It will also be sent out electronically to help with your planning. It will be updated periodically as more events or information is finalized. It will be posted on Facebook and many of the events are on LWFR.org as well.

**Firewise Bags:**

Marcia Scott gave a talk on emergency preparedness. She had spoken with Kris king and provided flyers and FireWise bags which have a handy checklist on them. Marci discussed what she has in her preparedness bag and reminded everyone to have one for their pets as well. Marcia also proposed having a small safety fair in September so more to come on this.

**Sunshine Report: Sharyl Nelson**

Not in attendance. Dorothy will reach out to her.

**Good of the Order:**

The Social Committee had a Mother’s Day drawing and Audry Henniger won a bouquet of flowers.

**Next Meeting:**

The next Auxiliary meeting is on Wednesday, June 14th, at Station 91 at 6:00 p.m. and a Zoom option will be available.

Kristy Bradwin moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Randy Pollock, and the motion passed.

The meeting concluded at 7:09 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.