**LAKE WENATCHEE FIRE AND RESCUE AUXILIARY**

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**Membership Meeting Minutes**

**January 4, 2023 – 6:00 p.m. at Station 91**

**Board members present**: Dorothy Baker, Chris King, Barb Harris, Scott Baker, Paula Robinson, Jim McMillan, and Elizabeth Pollock.

**Welcome:** Dorothy Baker

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**LWFR District 9: Chief Walker**

* Chief Walker acknowledged the passing of Barbara Weeks who was one of the original founders of the Auxiliary. There is a lot of history in this community, and she was a big part of this.
* In memory of Bobby Atwood of Fish Lake who died from Covid a year ago, LWFR will do an acknowledgement and make a donation.
* Over the past month, finalized the purchase of the tender with the $400,000 grant (and have a match). The bid went to Midwest Apparatus and it will be 12 -18 months before the equipment is received.
* There has been a lot of snow training done. Our water and snow rescue programs don’t have a funding source. Plus, avalanche training was held where 120 to 130 people were there from various services.
* Had fewer calls this year than last year.
* There were a couple of structure fires on a very cold night and the Auxiliary came with food and hot beverages.
* The Cascade Medical mobile clinic will now be here every other week at Station 93. It is great to have them here in the community.

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

**Attendance:**  31 members attended in person plus 19 on Zoom.

**New Member Introductions:**

No new members.

**Approve November Minutes:**

Kevin Stavang moved to approve the November minutes, seconded by Randy Pollock and the motion passed.

**November/December Treasurer’s Report: Barb Harris**

Memorial Account $230.00

General Account

Beginning Balance – December 1st $83,001.38

Pancake Bkft Sales and Donations +$ 9,689.07

Donations +$ 4,100.00

Pancake Bkft Expenses in Dec -$ 1,785.77

Yard Sale Leftovers Hauling -$ 917.48

Administrative - Square -$ 55.04

Ending Balance – December 31 $94,032.16

Jenni Bunkelman moved to approve the November/December Treasurer’s Report, seconded by John Tobias and the motion passed.

**Old Business:**

**Update on Auxiliary name change: (Barbara Harris)**

We are still waiting to the Secretary of State to complete the paperwork. Until that is finalized, for tax purposes, please use the current name of Chelan County Fire District #9 Auxiliary.

**Yard Sale:**

Thank you to those who provided feedback and it has been sent to Velda.

At station 93 in container 1, there were still a lot of items in it, and we arranged for Vamonos to pick it up and take it to the dump. The container is empty now and we no longer need people to take boxes to Wenatchee.

**Pancake Breakfast:**

A big thank you who played a part, and it was a fun event for the community. Also, thank you for the feedback. The Santa House had 61 kids come through and have their picture taken with Santa. We had over 305 people come and eat breakfast and over 80 plates of cookies were sold. We had a little higher budget this year due to materials that needed to be replaced which should lower expenses next year. The Santa House decorations are now housed in a temperature-controlled space at Station 94 which will help to preserve the items.

If anyone would like to lead the pancake breakfast in 2024, please let Dorothy know. Dorothy will take the lead for 2023 but would like someone to shadow her who will then take over the Pancake Breakfast in 2024.

**Committee Reports:**

**Nominating Committee:**

Every year we have a nominating committee who help with talking to Auxiliary members to see if they are interested in serving on the Board. The Committee is a maximum of 5 people and 2 of those are from the current Board (Elizabeth and Dorothy). We are looking for 2 or 3 additional members to serve on the Committee. If anyone would like to be on the Nominating Committee, please let Dorothy Baker know.

The list of people interested in serving on the Board needs to be finalized by the end of February. Those people will need to provide their bio in March, and we will vote for the new Board members in April. There are 3 people up for nomination this year.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Lake Wenatchee Fire and Rescue Appreciation Banquet:**

The LWFR Appreciation banquet will be held on March 14th at Pine River Ranch. You will receive an official invitation for the banquet from Kim Wiley and are asked to RSVP directly to her.

**New Business:**

**Clothing Orders: (Chris King)**

There has been a lot of interest in the jackets and hats. Therefore, if we get a firm commitment for 12 items, we will open the GoUSA store for these specific items.

Elizabeth will send out an email from Chris to the Auxiliary to see how many people would be interested in ordering jackets and/or hats.

**Vote: Funds to hold for 2023 Auxiliary budget:**

Before we determine the amount of money to give to LWFR for 2022, we are recommending holding back $11,000 for expenses, insurance, bylaw fees etc.

***A motion was put forth to hold back $11,000 by Dave Salmon, seconded by Chris King and the motion passed.***

At the February meeting, we will vote on the exact amount to give to LWFR which will be a round number.

**Vote: Lawyer Fee for streamlining By-Laws**

We are meeting with a Lawyer to help revise and streamline the By-Laws. Our goal with the revised By-Laws is to remove a lot of the process and procedures so that there is more flexibility in them. We don’t expect the cost to be very high and there is a donation that may come to us for this.

***A motion was put forth by Paula Robinson for the Board to pay the Lawyer up to $2,000 to revise the By-Laws and seconded by Donna Tobias. All were in favor except one person who opposed and the motion passed.***

Once the By-Laws are changed, they will be brought to the Membership for approval.

**Sunshine: Sharyl Nelson**

Sharyl was not in attendance.

Jimi Wilson volunteered to speak with Don Weeks on what he would like the Auxiliary to do as a memorial for Barbara.

**Good of the Order:**

There was a house fire on December 20th and a thank you to Randy and Elizabeth Pollock and Dorothy and Scott Baker who took food and hot beverages to the firefighters in the wee hours of the morning. The Firefighter’s really appreciated it. If you would like to be added to the Tone Out list to supply Firefights with food/beverages, please let a Board member know.

Mike and Marci Scott said they were glad to be back on the Auxiliary, and we are glad to welcome them back.

**Next meeting:**

The next Auxiliary meeting is on February 1, at Station 91 meeting at 6:00 p.m. and a Zoom option will be available.

John Tobias moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Chris King, and the motion passed.

The meeting concluded at 6:59 p.m.