**LAKE WENATCHEE FIRE AND RESCUE AUXILIARY**

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**Membership Meeting Minutes**

**April 10, 2024 – 6:00 p.m. at Station 91**

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

**Welcome:** Jim MacMillan

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**LWFR District 9**:

**Chief Walker**:

Dave and Chuck are doing the final inspection on the new tender. The tender was purchased with a grant from FEMA and money that the Auxiliary raised. The new tender should arrive here sometime next week.

We have 7 new people taking the EMT class and the LWFR group performed well on the testing. They will have to take the National Registry test in the next week or two. LWFR will then have about 35 EMT’s.

The annual Banquet is next week at Pine River Ranch, and we are looking forward to it.

Our seasonal chipping crew started training last month and it is a combination of people returning from last year and new people. The chipper program has a great crew, and they look to take on some bigger jobs this year.

**LWFR Association:**

**Deb Wadkins:**

I want to thank the Auxiliary as we used some of the money you raised to purchase new quad certified boots for each fire fighter.

I also want to thank Chris King for always having yummy snacks available for our Association meetings.

A flagpole will be installed at the new property for Station 93 in September, and there will be a dedication. The permits for this will take 4-6 months to get. This was funded through Auxiliary/Association money.

The Jerry Jennings memorial garden will be on the current Station 93 property. When the new fire station is built, we will move it onto the new property.

Mike Stanford is doing much better. We got a Captains Helmet, had firefighters sign it, and gave it to him this week.

**Call to Order:** Jim MacMillan called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

**Attendance:** 36 members in person, 16 via Zoom, and 1 guest for a total of 53 in attendance.

**New Member Introductions:**

Nevonne McDaniels’ first meeting and her Husband is Kelly McDaniels.

Visitor – Monique Tuttle – her husband just joined the LWFR fire department.

Welcome Nevonne and Monique!

**Approve March Minutes:**

Fred Guimond moved to approve the March meeting minutes, seconded by Paula Robinson, and the motion passed.

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

Memorial Account $230.00

General Account

Beginning Balance March 1, 2024 $89,735.72

Squirrel Tree Benevolent Day +$ 1,501.00

Square Donations +$ 243.12

Name Badges -$ 47.60

Pancake Breakfast -$ 45.11

Ending Balance as of March 31, 2024 $ 91,387.13

Kelly MacMillan moved to approve the March Treasurer’s report, seconded by Stan Morgan, and the motion passed.

**Old Business:**

**Easter Egg Hunt: Liz Gilbertson**

Thank you to everyone from the Auxiliary who helped with this event. Over 250 people attended and about 125 of them were kids. Over 2,500 eggs were hidden and then found in about 20 minutes. All cookies were eaten, and the Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success.

**Committee Reports:**

**50th Anniversary Planning Committee: Marcia Scott**

T-shirts with the 50th Anniversary logo on the front and back are being ordered. The Association will work through GoUSA to purchase t-shirts. There will also be a 50th Anniversary challenge coin and banners placed at all 5 fire stations and around down.

If you have any historical pictures or articles, please send them to Elizabeth so we can include them in picture boards and social media.

**New Business:**

**New Board Members and Officer Positions:**

The new Board members for 2024 are:

President: Dorothy Baker

Vice President: Liz Gilbertson

Secretary: Elizabeth Pollock

Treasurer: Barbara Harris

PIO: Audry Henniger

At Large: Franklin French and Kris King

Thank you to Jim MacMillan and Scott Baker for being Board members for the past 2 years!

**Proposed 2024/25 Budget: Barbara Harris**

We need to approve the budget for this year. A couple of notes regarding this year’s budget: We have finished paying for the lawyers for the bylaws, the cost of food for the pancake breakfast is higher, the Auxiliary is paying for the insurance for the pancake breakfast, and we added $300 for technology. The total budget is $8,700 and is smaller than last year’s budget. I would like to ask for a motion to approve the budget.

Velda Millard made a motion to approve the 2024/25 budget, seconded by Sharyl Nelson. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Auxiliary Clothing: Chris King**

We will open the Auxiliary clothing store tomorrow and it will run through April 22nd. Also, we have Auxiliary aprons for sale for $12.00. Elizabeth will send out an email with the details.

**Alert Sense Change to Everbridge: Elizabeth Pollock**

On April 1st, Alert Sense emergency alert system changed to Everbridge to create uniformity across the counties of Chelan, Grant, Okanogan, and Kittitas. The new system will send alerts more efficiently for critical situations such as evacuations etc. All Auxiliary members are registered with Alert Sense and your information will automatically transfer to the Everbridge system.

**Firefighters Treats:**

Discussion was held regarding the cost and time of making treats, and if the membership should be providing these any longer.   Dorothy Baker will meet with the LWFR Association to discuss future options for training nights and report back to the membership.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Awards Banquet – April 17th:**

The awards banquet is next Wednesday at Pine River Ranch. If you haven’t RSVP’d yet, please do so to Kim Wiley. Chris King showed the check that will be presented at the event.

**Upper Wenatchee Pilot Project Meeting April 25th: Jim MacMillan**

An Upper Wenatchee Pilot Project meeting will be held on April 25th at the Rec Club from 5:00pm to 8pm. It is an important project which will include logging and forest clearing.

**Tour De Bloom – Sunday, May 5th: Marcia Scott**

Thank you to all the people who volunteered for the event, and I am still looking for 12 more volunteers. The morning briefing will be held at Station 93 at 8:00am where you will also collect your gear and signs. The people for the afternoon shift will go directly to your positions. All details will be sent out in an email.

**Blewett Brewing Benevolent Event – Wednesday, May 15th: Scott Baker**

The Auxiliary Blewett brewing benevolent day is Wednesday, May 15th. Mark your calendar and we will provide times as we get closer to the event.

**Safety Day – Saturday, May 25th: Elizabeth Pollock**

The firefighters are holding their annual Safety Day event on Saturday, May 25th at Station 93. Bicycle helmets and life vests will be given out to kids. It is a great event where kids can get in the fire engine, ambulance and play fun games. If you would like to help with this event, there is a sign-up sheet out on the table.

**Women’s Golf League Tournament on July 16th: Elizabeth Pollock**

The Kahler Mountain Club Women’s Golf League has chosen LWFR (via the Auxiliary) to be the beneficiary of the 2024 golf tournament. The tournament is on Tuesday, July 16th and we are looking for 8 volunteers to help (6:45am to 8:30am) with bag drop, putting out signs, carts etc. There is a sign-up sheet out on the table.

**2024 Yard Sale – Drop Off Day: Velda Millard**

It’s that time again and I am thinking of having a drop off day the first weekend in June and will send out a sign-up sheet for those who can help. We will not be doing a Wednesday set up day this year. Set up days will be Thursday/Friday (8/29-30). We will redo the “can’t take” signs so it is clear on what we can’t take. It was suggested to use a red sticker if an item can’t be taken.

**Sunshine Report: Sharyl Nelson**

Sent cards to Bob Adamson and Stan Morgan who both had surgery.

**Good of the Order:**

There are two “Get Well” cards out on the table for Mike Stanford so please sign the card.

A Night of Community at Wildflour Restaurant on April 24th from 4-9pm to raise money for Mike Stanford. There will be live music, great food, and more. Please come out and support the event!

Thank you to the Social Committee for the lemonade and cookies.

**Next Meeting:**

The next Auxiliary meeting is on Wednesday, May 8th, at Station 91 at 6:00 p.m. and a Zoom option will be available.

The meeting concluded at 6:59 p.m.

Mary Morgan moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Chris King, and the motion passed.

**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.