**LAKE WENATCHEE FIRE AND RESCUE AUXILIARY**

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**Membership Meeting Minutes**

**July 6, 2022 – 7:00 p.m. at Ponderosa Community Club**

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

**Welcome:** Jim MacMillan

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**LWFR District 9: Chief Walker**

Our fire danger is down and there is some confusion on burning restrictions. We are in the mountain zone and fire restrictions are moderate. Burn piles and exploding targets are not allowed.

Thank you to the Auxiliary volunteers who continue to bring treats for the firefighters at our training events. The protein and nutritional snacks are much appreciated.

Thank you to the “Tone Out” volunteers who brought peanut butter sandwiches, snacks, and drinks, to the firefighters who were responding to the long water rescue event.

We ordered two new red fire engines this week and have been told they are twelve to eighteen months out. A big thanks to those working on this project.

There has been lots of training over the past couple of months. We now have two FAA licensed drone pilots within the fire department – Kalea D’Atre and Jarrett Payne.

We are continuing with the Station 93 project on soil, elevation and design work. Over the next month, we will be looking for community input and will bring the drawings to the August meeting for people to look at.

Rivers are dangerous for floating right now as the water is swift and cold. If you’re not prepared to be in the river then you shouldn’t be on the river and everyone should be wearing a life jacket.

**LWFR FF Association President:** Jeff Robinson – Not in attendance.

**LWFR FF Danny Bacheldor:**

Danny is the Wildfire Risk Reduction Coordinator and works with other agencies to increase knowledge on wildfire.

**What makes a fire pit compliant?** An outdoor fire pit should not be larger than 3 feet in diameter by 2 feet in height. It must be made out of a non-combustible material such as rock, concrete, or metal. People must burn corded wood (not brush etc.) and keep the fire height down. Call Rivercom Non-Emergency Line (509-663-9911) if there is an issue.

**Fuels Mitigation** – LWFR has a successful chipping program that is free to homeowners and is one of the most successful chipping programs in the country. The chipper operates 7 days a week from April to October with a staff of 2 people. Just go to the website and sign up (lwfr.org) and let your friends and neighbors know about the program.

We’ve already chipped 61 tons of wood. We are up on sign ups but down a little on the amount of wood chipped. Branches should be no bigger than 8” and piles should not be taller than 5’ and no wider than 5’ so 2 people can load the branches into the chipper. Branches with pine needles or leaves are okay but can’t just be pine needles. Chips are left with the homeowner and spread in an area or left in a pile. Driftwood cannot be chipped if it is decomposing. Right now, there is some chain saw ability for very small projects.

Danny brought lots of fire pamphlets on creating defensible areas around your home. The Home Ignition Assessment has someone come out to your home for the assessment and it’s a free service. You are given a written report on what they saw and found. It’s a good learning process for the home owner who can also educate the neighbors as well.

There is a new commercial compost at Winton Manufacturing that can process all-natural yard waste. It is $15.00 per cubic yard. We are forming a team with Winton to allow more people to get the natural debris off their property. More details to come.

**Call to Order:** Jim MacMillan called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m.

**Attendance:**  42 members attended.

**New Member Introduction:**

Craig and Sunny Robinson are new members and they live in Chiwawa Pines. Welcome!

**Approve May Minutes:**

Paula Robinson moved to approve the May minutes, seconded by Chris King and the motion passed.

**Approve June Treasurer’s Report:** Barb Harris

Memorial Account                                         $   230.00

General Account

              Beginning Balance       $10,033.41

              Insurance                       $    233.89

              Donation                        $10,000.00

              Ending Balance as of 6/28/22        $19,799.52

Paul Robinson moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report, seconded by Chris King and the motion passed.

**Old Business:**

**Vinyl Stickers:**

Vinyl Stickers are $1.00 per piece and Kim Wiley has them available for Auxiliary members.

**Tour De Bloom – May 8:**

Every post was covered and the tour organizers were very pleased with the Auxiliary volunteers.

**Safety Day – May 28:**

About 200 people attended the event. That day life jackets were given out; people were fit for bike helmets and N95 masks were handed out. The Helicopter was a big draw and the participating agencies enjoy coming to this very successful Safety Day.

**Trash Pick Up – May 11:**

LWFR and the Auxiliary did trash pick-up on Hwy 207 and Hwy 2.

**Fire Fighters BBQ – June 4:**

It was well attended and enjoyed by all. This will be an annual event.

**Munchen Haus Benevolent Night – July 5:**

There was $82 in the boot and we are waiting for the amount of the main donation.

**Committee Reports:**

**Clothing: Dorothy Baker**

If anyone has spare neon LWFRA shirts in good condition, please bring them to the August Meeting to donate, loan out, or sell to other Auxiliary members. These bright colored shirts allow Auxiliary members to be quickly identified at the Yard Sale. The next on-line clothing store will be in the fall. If you have any requests for items to be sold in the store, please let Chris King know at *redwineking@yahoo.com**.* Chris has volunteered to be our new lead for online store purchases.

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

This Saturday (7/9) is drop off day and the sign-up sheet is available. Volunteers should park at the school and meet at 8:30 behind station 93. The Public will be dropping off items from 9:00 to Noon. We don’t have a ton of space in the trailers so people are encouraged to hold their items until September 2nd if they can. We need Yard Sale lead people for various categories and there will be more information at the August meeting.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Kahler Mountain Club Golf Tournament:**

The Kahler Mountain Club Women’s Golf League is having their Charity Golf Tournament on Tuesday, July 19th at Kahler Mountain Club (formerly Kahler Glen). This year the golf tournament is benefitting the Lake Wenatchee Fire & Rescue. We are looking for 8 volunteers from 6:45 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. to help out at the tournament. The LWFR picture board will be on display showing the golfers what donations are used for such as firefighter training, equipment and gear.

**New Business:**

**Airlift NW and Life Flight**

It’s time to renew for this emergency transport. It is $48.00 for Airlift NW and $65.00 for Life Flight ($113 for both). If you are new to the program, you will need to fill out the application. If you are already participating, you only need to provide a check. Sign-ups and payments can be made today or at the August meeting.

**Sunshine: Sharyl Nelson**

Cards sent to Jim McVay, Rollie Schmitten, and Kathy Gibbs for surgery. Sent cards to Bob and Marilyn Barr as their granddaughter passed away and to Mike and Marci Scott as their daughter passed away.

**Good of the Order:**

Dorothy Baker has created an Auxiliary Social Committee. (Shawna Presley, Kathleen Colvard, Tracy Stavang, Donna Tobias, and Kelly MacMillan). The committee’s main role is to help create some fun. If you have any ideas, please bring them forward to someone on the Social Committee.

Chief Walker announced that Mike Pirotto was nominated for the 2021 Volunteer EMT Of the Year through the GWEMS Council and won the award. Congratulations Mike!

Scott Baker moved to adjourn the meeting, Fred Guimond seconded, and the motion passed.

Jim MacMillan adjourned the meeting at 8:01.

**Next meeting:**

The August Membership meeting will be on Wednesday, August 3rd at station 93 at 7:00 p.m.