**LAKE WENATCHEE FIRE AND RESCUE AUXILIARY**

**14193 Chiwawa Loop Road, Box 3**

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**Membership Meeting Minutes**

**November 2nd, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. at Station 91**

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

**Welcome:** Jim MacMillan

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**LWFR District 9: Chief Walker**

* Kahler Mountain Club had their Ball Buster golf tournament and thanks to the Auxiliary for the hole sponsorship. $3,000 was donated to Lake Wenatchee Fire & Rescue.
* This is a transition month away from the fires and the seasonal crew is finished for the year.
* It is budget time right now and inflation is a big deal. We are setting our priorities for 2023.
* There was a presentation about 5 years ago on the Upper Wenatchee Pilot Project which is a 74,000-acre project about forest health. The environmental assessment is now complete and will come out next week. This project is an important one and people should pay attention to it again.
* Adopt a Highway trash pickup is on November 15th and will cover Hwy 207 and Hwy 2 to station 95. We will meet at Station 93 at 3:00 p.m.

**LWFR District 9: Danny Bacheldor – Firewise Risk Reduction Coordinator**

* **Chipping** - In 2022, over 260 tons of debris was chipped, and this is up 70% from 2021. There were 290 chipping sign ups which is also up from 2021. The largest residential project was Tall Timber Camp at 19 tons and the largest project was for the White River fire at 24 tons.
* **Public Education** – Over 50 wildfire home assessments were completed; 38 public events were attended or hosted where over 1,100 people were engaged. On social media, wildfire risk reduction posts reach over 76,565 people; local fire public information update posts reached 153,720 people. The summer e-newsletter was sent to 350+ people and a fall newsletter is in the works. Work has now begun on a “Living with Wildfire Guide” which is a county wide project.
* **Other Highlights** – 300 homes in the area had structure triage assessments updated; a wildfire risk reduction 5-year plan was created; and because of FEMA funding, there will be 2 more years of the chipping program.

**Call to Order:** Jim MacMillan called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m.

**Attendance:**  42 members attended in person plus 10 more on Zoom.

**New Member Introductions:**

Annette Millard introduced herself as a new member. Welcome Annette!

**Approve October Minutes:**

Paula Robinson moved to approve the October minutes, seconded by Mike Colwell, and the motion passed.

**October Treasurer’s Report: Barb Harris**

Memorial Account $230.00

General Account

Beginning Balance – September 30 $82,618.28

Donation – Benevity +$ 50.00

Name Badges - $ 53.11

Yard Sale Supplies -$ 9.30

Social Committee -$ 96.76

Kahler MC-Hole Sponsorship -$ 500.00

Ending Balance – October 31 $82,009.11

Kelly MacMillan moved to approve the October Treasurer’s Report, seconded by Erin Colwell, and the motion passed.

**Old Business:**

**Yard Sale Leftovers:**

Just a reminder that there are still boxes in container one behind Station 93 that need to be taken to Wenatchee Good Will, Senior Center etc. The container is open so stop by when you are going to Wenatchee.

**Committee Reports:**

**Clothing: Chris King**

Chris will let the membership know when their Auxiliary GoUSA clothing is available.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Pancake Breakfast: Marilyn Mylius**

There are still 6 themed baskets looking for volunteers. Also, you don’t need to put the entire basket together as you can bring the items to the November 19th basket wrapping at the Rec Club and have it done there. There are sign up sheets at the back if you have interest.

Three raffle baskets are at Plain Grocery and presale tickets are available there for $1.00 each.

We have 75 dozen cookies being baked but would like more as they are a popular item. The cookies should be delivered to the Rec Club before noon on Friday, December 2nd.

Also, we are still looking for a lead person for the dining room and 2 more cashiers.

Reminder on Alcohol – State law does not allow us to have alcohol in the baskets. Alcohol can be donated if purchased at retail price by a private citizen. Also, alcohol is not allowed on the Rec Club premises so a certificate will need to be included in the basket and arrangements made to hand off the alcohol following the event.

**New Business:**

**Auxiliary Name Change: Jimi Wilson**

We have a committee updating the Auxiliary bylaws and making them simpler. However, we need to get our name listed correctly. Based on a review of the April 1st, 2015 minutes and noting issues that arise when potential donors try to confirm that our Auxiliary is a registered 501(C)3 organization - I move that we take the appropriate steps to officially change our name to “Lake Wenatchee Fire & Rescue Auxiliary FNA Chelan County Fire District 9 Auxiliary”.

Mike Colwell approved the motion, and Erin Colwell seconded the motion. All members present were in favor and the motion passed.

**Sunshine: Sharyl Nelson**

A Sympathy card was sent to Judi Kennedy as her Grandson passed away.

**Good of the Order:**

Fred Guimond said that the Lake Wenatchee Water District is looking for 2 commissioners. It is a 2-year paid position and you don’t need to be a property owner, just a voter in Chelan County. Please contact Fred if you have interest.

**Next meeting:**

The next Auxiliary meeting is on December 7th, at Station 91 meeting at 6:00 p.m. and a Zoom option will be available.

Donna Tobias moved to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded by Jenni Bunkelman, and the motion passed.

The meeting concluded at 6:43 p.m.