

Sixes Rural Fire Protection District

MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING

September 9th, 2003, at the High School

The Call to Order was by Chairman Ken Brewer at 7:00 PM.

In Attendance were Wayne Moore, Ken Brewer, Fred Bitgood, Ray Johnson, Chuck Gunther, Bill Zimmerman, Carl Malamud, Howard Walter, Wendell Bird, Insurance Agent Dave Campbell and Jerri Walter. There were no Agenda Changes.

Under Board Business the bank deposit box keys were discussed briefly before Dave Campbell arrived at 7:05 to address the board on insurance matters. Dave spoke at length on OSHA concerns, ethics violations, victim's privacy rights, the need for a Standard Operating Procedure, and hearing protection. He then handed out copies of the proposed 2004 insurance coverage up for renewal in January. Amounts of coverage on equipment and the firehouse were discussed. He concluded by encouraging attendance at the annual fire fighter's conference in Seaside, Oregon, held in November. Bill Zimmerman asked Dave if the replacement of his eyeglasses (lost on scene) would be covered by the district's insurance policy. Dave said yes, noting that there would be a deductible of about \$50. He finished up his presentation at about 7:37pm. Carl Malamud then addressed the board with regard to the web site that he and his wife Becky are setting up for the district. The domain name is sixes.net and they are accumulating local history, department history, fire regulations, safety suggestions, chimney maintenance, and lots of other good information to round out the web site. And finally, under Board Business, the mail and correspondence received, was talked over with no action taken.

Reports were next. The Secretary's minutes from the August Meeting were approved as read. Then the Treasurer's Report for September was read and discussed. Wendell cautioned that the funds required from the General Fund to match the grant dollars received may leave the district short when it comes to paying the insurance premium in January. Chuck moved that the bills be paid and the report accepted. The motion was seconded and passed. Grant Coordinator Ken Brewer Reported that he had a favorable response on the \$22,000 FEMA Grant available to the District. But, he asked if it was needed and, "can we afford it?" After some more talk, Ken asked for a motion to use the 2 grants already granted and forgo the 2003 FEMA Grant. Fred put the motion forward; it was seconded and passed. Fire Chief Wayne Moore reported that there were 4 calls in the past month. August 16th was the 50-75 acre VanLoo wild land fire off Cape Blanco Road. August 26th, there were 2 grass and brush fire calls. One was in the Langlois District and one was up Crystal Creek Road. August 29th, there was another grass and brush fire around mile marker 292 off Highway 101. Wayne mentioned that some of the other departments pay their volunteers a small amount for attending meetings and going out on calls. This might be an incentive for the volunteers to turn out and join in. Carl and Becky Malamud are two new volunteers and John Jarboe is moving to Langlois, so he'll resign here and join up there. Wayne plans to do the inventory list when all the new equipment arrives and is mounted on the truck. The Safety Committee Report was given by Bill Zimmerman. He said they were training with the new SCBAs, documenting training times and working on the Standard Operating Procedures.

Under Public Forum no one spoke.

Under Old Business Ray said he would be working on the Coast Guard License renewal.

There was no New Business. The meeting Adjourned at about 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted by SRFPD Sec. Jerri Walter