

PEND OREILLE TRAINING COUNCIL

June 5, 2008

Meeting Minutes

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Chairman Christopher Lee Smith, Treasurer Janice L. Smith (FD8); Mark Havener (FD3/4), Jay Foster (FD5), Michele Fisk (FD6), Jim Robinson (FD6), Bruce Coleman (FD7), Tom Watson (Newport); Reese Bennett (DNR); Laura Smith-Johnson (POCFire Webmaster)

INTRODUCTIONS

FD6 Representatives Jim Robinson and Michele Fisk

MINUTES FROM MAY 1, 2008 MEETING

Janice Smith clarified that there was no POCFIU meeting in May.

Motion made by Mark Havener to accept minutes as corrected, seconded by Tom Watson. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Janice Smith

Checking Account	\$41.10
Savings Account	\$11,514.31

Fund Breakdown:

POTC - General	\$2,133.94
POCFIU	\$3,937.37
Fire Education	\$5,484.10

Activity:

Dividend Received: \$19.53

POCFIU is expected to issue reimbursements totalling \$1,000.00 later this month.

No outstanding checks or payments due.

Mark Havener submitted two invoices for Life/Safety Cooperative:

Ad in Newport Miner for \$110.00

Booth Space for POC Fair \$75.00

Motion made by Tom Watson, seconded by Jay Foster to accept the financial report as read. Motion carried.

Motion made by Tom Watson, seconded by Jay Foster to approve payment of the two invoices. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

SAFER – PUD Grant – Mark Havener

Havener will send out a reminder by Email. Rosters/account numbers due to FD4 for members in good standing by end of June to participate.

Chris Smith inquired if there was any determination of credits for those not on PUD; Havener confirmed there will be a case-by-case review.

Jim Robinson inquired if rosters are needed monthly; no - annually. Havener will also Email original program guidance document and added that Junior Firefighters can apply credit to another family member.

REGION 9 REPORTS:

Training Council – Chris Smith

Was not a lot of participation at June 5th meeting.

Needs Analysis is due in September. Chris Smith mentioned Wildland course; Tom Watson mentioned HazMat for Structure Recruit School.

Arson Vehicle Fire Investigation training is scheduled for Sept 30, Oct 1, Oct 2 and advised the class is 100% funded, class size is limited. POCFIU members Tom Watson and Chris Smith are to attend. Scott Doughty and Si Carroll also interested in attending.

Chiefs Meeting – Chris Smith, Mark Havener

Chris Smith confirmed as new Chairman for Region 9 Public Ed Committee.

Smith: Contract for CL-215 fixed wings fell through. Rotors are available. Are currently working to get on with BIA resource, perhaps a shared Federal/State contract.

Smith: New 310-1 is out; changes have been made on timing of task sign-offs.

Smith: L&I did accept the change in work limitations/requirements during heat conditions, for which Firefighters are probably exempt from. L&I will hold informational meeting on June 24 at Spokane Valley Library, 1300-1500 hrs.

Havener: New Regional Communications Cache purchased with Region funds: Satellite phones, trailer with programmable radios available during mobilizations; training is, hopefully, in the works.

DNR – Reese Bennett

No news to report.

FOREST SERVICE

No report.

LEPC

No report.

WILDFIRE GROUP UPDATE – Mark Havener

Met in May to review Community Wildfire Protection Plan's identified objectives/goals lists; identified progress, where improvement is needed. Carol Mack to progress report the objectives and will Email; report will include some areas pertinent to Fire Service.

Bead Lake Project: would like help as residents are nonparticipatory in fuels reduction.

Trying to hold public meeting to encourage participation.

All other current projects are on Border and Federal lands.

COMMITTEES:

Structural FFII Academy – Mark Havener

Steve Scott has previously distributed proposed schedule and costs; some interest has been expressed in the program.

POCFire.org Website – Laura Smith-Johnson

No changes.

Fire Investigation Unit – Tom Watson

Some members attended IAAI Pacific Northwest Fire Investigation Conference.

Re: Subrogation. Advised that previous advice was to collect/store evidence if you had a facility to store/secure – and P.O. Sheriff will only store if criminal case. It is now advised to tag and point out to property owner, and leave in property owner's possession. If we take property to hold or examine, we open possibility of responsibility ramifications: Cited where an investigator has been approached by an insurance company for monetary compensation as the "Investigator deprived the individual from collecting damages". For example, removal of cause/origin property results in no way to distinguish a faulty appliance from changes/damages caused by removal/close inspection/transport/etc.

Reminder that it is up to individual owner to pay for analysis if suspected cause/origin was a faulty product.

Chain of Custody – done on a strict basis – applies to criminal but not civil cases.

Let the insurance company be in control of the product.

Next meeting/training will be June 19 at Newport Fire Station: Photography.

HazMat Team – Mark Havener

New Training Coordinator: Don Thomson (FD3), who has prior experience in HazMat.

Brought the HazMat Trailer to FD3 & FD4 FF training to display items on the trailer, set-up the De-Con Tent; had FFs set up a gross de-con corridor.

Offered to have HazMat Team hold similar training at other FDs.

Next training: Damming & Diking.

Recent training included pre-planning on Propane and SO2 for Mill (their two main materials).

Life/Safety Co-op; Life/Safety Trailer – Mark Havener

Newport Rodeo is at the end of June. Havener worked with Curt Knapp; will work with Ray King next Tuesday. Will have Life/Safety Trailer set up following the Rodeo Parade, with fire apparatus and Smoke Detector Program info set up along 1st Street; requested Smokey Bear from DNR. Smoke Detector Program grant awarded 300 lithium detectors per year for 4 years; Newport Miner to have article in next issue; Havener has program information/requirements on installation/documentation.

Region has 50 Carbon Monoxide Detectors: target low-income using wood heat. Install in areas where people actually sleep; one detector per sleeping area (i.e., may be a living room).

NEW BUSINESS:

Mark Havener: Attended **Northeast Region Resource Plan and Mobilization Meeting.**

2008 Rate schedule approved fuel surcharge change, and vehicle rates increased approx \$1/hr. Language was changed to All Risk (e.g., flood) vs. Fire Only.

Resource list expected to be formally updated later this year.

Appendix C-1 Mobilization Request Checklist should be carried by all Incident Commanders; checklist is on the 2008 disk; will Email along with resource phone numbers

Mobilization request assumes you have used up all available mutual aid sources.

Chris Smith: **Next POTC meeting** is ordinarily scheduled for July 3; July 3rd Chiefs meetings will be cancelled due to long July 4th weekend. Brief discussion followed on canceling POTC July meeting. If so, will need to discuss **Fall 2008 Structure Academy** at August POTC meeting.

Michele Fisk: Spoke with Melissa Gannie-WSP re: NFIRS. Gannie can arrange local **NFIRS training** for minimum of 12 people. If interested, send email to Fisk at auntie109@hotmail.com

Approved to cancel July meeting.

Meeting adjourned by Chairman Smith at 1925 hrs.

The next business meeting will be 8-7-08 1830 hours at the Golden China Restaurant.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Janice L. Smith

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