

Key Largo Volunteer Fire Department
Business Meeting
August 13, 2013
MINUTES

Board members in attendance were Ken Edge, Ronnie Fell, Dave Gow, Jackie Harder, and Scott Robinson, and Mark Wheaton. Chief Donald Bock and attorney Jack Bridges were also in attendance. Membership attendance is reflected in the monthly attendance roster.

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by President Ronnie Fell.
2. Announcements
There were no announcements.
3. Approval of Minutes
Motion was made by Jackie Harder to approve the July 9, 2013 minutes seconded by Dave Gow. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Treasurer's Report
Ken Edge reported: Payroll Reimbursement Account, \$6482.25; District Account, \$3191.25, Corporate Account, \$1350 for a balance amount of \$11,024.10. Jackie Harder motioned to approve the treasurer's report seconded by Scott Robinson. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Legal Report
Jack Bridges thanked the board for allowing him to participate in this rather historical transition. He will resign as the fire department board attorney effective upon the retaining of his successor. Jackie Harder questioned the status of the lease with the previous fire department. Jack noted it will be handled by the new counsel.
6. Old Business
 - A. Budget Update
President Fell reported that the district had again made no changes to the budget. Chief Bock reported the district had approved the funding for the honor guard at half the amount requested and have also approved, for one year only, payment to part time employees. This will be for current employees only.
 - B. Other Old Business
None
7. New Business
 - A. Attorney Consideration
Bernadette Restivo of the law firm Restivo and Reilly, LLC presented a proposal to provide legal services to the Fire Department. They will provide legal services up to 4 hours per month at no cost; anything else will be billed at \$150 per hour.

Jackie Harder motioned to accept the Restivo and Reilly, LLC proposal. Ken Edge seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
 - B. By Law Creation
A by-law committee with members Scott Robinson, Jackie Harder, Donald Bock, Don Conord and Eric Fundora was formed to create new by laws for the department.

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C. SAFER Grant

President Fell reported that more time is needed to gather the information to prepare the grant.

D. Other New Business

The new attorneys will be handling the lease issue and will consult with District Council.

Jack Bridges reported that there is a third and final \$800 distribution due to the fire department from proceeds of a will from a woman who died in 2005. Two distributions have been made to the "Key Largo Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department" even though the named entity in the will was "Key Largo Volunteer Fire Department". Knowing that it was meant for the entity that was fighting fires, the two distributions were given to "Key Largo Volunteer Fire and Rescue". Since that time, the district has changed contractors and this entity (Key Largo Volunteer Fire Department) is now the fire-fighting entity. There is a Florida law (Cy Pres Doctrine) that allows the gift to be given to a charity that does similar work. The old corporation (KLVF&R) wants the money. Mark Wheaton motioned to not pursue obtaining the money seconded by Dave Gow. Motion passed with Jackie Harder voting no.

8. Membership Discussion

David Garrido, speaking for Scott Desquotte who was unable to attend, requested that the fire department collect toys for the holidays. After discussion, it was decided that both the fire department and ambulance corps would work together. David Garrido, Scott Desquotte and Ronnie Fell will form a committee and President Fell will ask for volunteers for the committee from the ambulance corps.

Policy changes will be looked at including scheduling and hiring of personnel.

Scott Robinson noted that retirement funds remain in the budget.

A new patch is being designed.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, Jackie Harder motioned to adjourn. Ken Edge seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm

Pamela Johnson
Recording Secretary