

**YARNELL FIRE DISTRICT**  
**FIRE BOARD MINUTES, REGULAR SESSION**

**July 17, 2017**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Arlon Rice called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM

**2. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call of Board Members:**

Present were Chair Arlon Rice, Treasurer Richard Mayer, Secretary Carole Ryan. Members at Large: Donna Gordon, Kevin O'Donnell . Chief Ben Palm and Safer Grant/Grant Specialist Denise Roggio in attendance. Mike Thomas and Trish Edwards also in attendance regarding use of Admin Building for Chamber of Commerce issue.

**3. Approval of Draft Minutes:**

A. Richard made a motion to accept the Regular minutes for June 19, 2017 as reported.

Kevin seconded. Motion carried by all.

**4. Reports and Correspondence:**

A. Chairman's Report: Arlon discussed attendance at the chili cook-off to raise money for Jeff Shearer's mayoral campaign representing YFD. \$550.00 in proceeds was collected. His next fundraiser will be a pancake breakfast on August 5.

B. Secretary's Report: none

C. Treasurer's Report: (See attached)

Richard presented: Profit and Loss, Budget vs Actual and Reconciliation Summaries through the end of June, 2017.

General Fund: \$ 4,148.32

Donations and Grants: \$1,869.26

Capital Reserve Fund : \$ 5,677.91

Pension and Relief Fund: \$ 17,323.70

Yarnell Training Center: \$ 3, 225.74. This is non tax related money from our EMT classes.

Wildland Fire: \$3,186.56

Carole made a motion to accept this Treasurer's Report as stated. Arlon seconded. Motion carried by all.

D. **Chief's Report:** (see attached) . So far YFD has accumulated \$50,000 from fire revenue and the race. Net income from use of our wildfire ambulance is about \$20,000 and \$13,000 for use of our Tender. Eleven acres of fuel abatement has been completed with 9 acres left to do.

Chief will be able to return to Stage 1 fire ban from our current Stage 2 ban very soon due to monsoon conditions.

E. **Safer Report and Grant Report:** (See both attached). Denise reported that we will probably not get future Safer Grants as they are now requiring very expensive and extensive physicals for staff. We cannot afford these. As a result we will not be able to spend the uniform funds left on the grant.

## **5. OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Mike Thomas discussed the Chamber's problems regarding their Visitor Center. He stated that they will pay \$50.00/month through December 2017. But the Chamber is in debt for \$2000 at this time so money is tight and a lower fee is requested. Trish Edwards explained that people are available to man the information desk only the first weekend of the month. She discussed a plan to weatherproof the outside information stand .

Ben stated that we were told that the desk would be staffed on a regular basis. Denise reported that since our building is now designated as the tourist info center, she and Nina are pulled away from their work often to answer tourist questions and find info for them. Arlon asked Mike to decide if they want to stay in this building

Per Mike's chamber handout (see attached), our answers to these issues are: 1. The cost of \$50.00/month remains until October, 2017. 2. They can use the reception area only. 3. Signage must be improved, including "No Public Restroom" sign. Much improvement re signage is needed, i.e. much larger signs. 4. Improved visitor display on the porch. 6. The reception desk will not be replaced .

Richard made a motion accept these answers and to review this motion at our September meeting. Donna seconded. Motion carried by all. Mike Thomas asked for a copy of this information.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS :**

A. Richard made a motion to accept the Firehouse Subs grant of \$22,946,.69. Second by Kevin. Motion carried by all.

B. (See attached) Richard made a motion that the Chief will work out details regarding the 12% rate increase to Fire Recovery USA and a letter will be sent to Fire Recovery. Kevin seconded. Motion carried by all. We received \$900 due to their billing submissions for us in 2016.

At the end of the meeting, Linda Ma presented a \$10,000 check to Arlon for YFD from the YFD Auxiliary . Denise will send photos to the Wickenburg Sun along with an article highlighting YFD Auxiliary.

**7. Call to the Public:** No further public comments.

**8. ADJOURNMENT: 11:40 AM:** The next regular meeting will be on August 21, 2017 at 10AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carole Ryan, YFB Sec'y