



August 10th 2008

Peter Thomson opened the meeting and the agenda was approved and adopted by attending members.

Catherine Ridley read the 2007 minutes; they were adopted by Shannon Mattick and seconded by Charlie Dutton.

Business arising from the 2007 minutes included updates by Bob Campbell concerning the fire attended by the department in 2007 for which Forestry reimbursed us in the form of foam concentrate. The concentrate is valued at around \$150 and this was deemed good value for the service.

Catherine Ridley read the treasurer's report which revealed a total of \$10,405.42 funds on hand after expenses of \$3,606.42 and revenue of \$5,313.40 for the 2008 fiscal year. Terry Sobo moved the report be approved and June Clarke seconded the motion.

Business arising from the treasurer's report came in the form of a request from June Clarke that a balance sheet for the fiscal year be included in the next report, this was also approved.

It was decided that the membership fee remain the same for the coming year, and that the budget remain the same as for the 2008 year, this was approved and adopted by the members.

Peter spoke to the grant that Fran Campbell had applied for and obtained which was used to cover the purchase of new fire fighting apparel for the crew. The new turn-out gear is lighter in weight but more fire resistant, and the fire fighters are very pleased.

No specific accounting of the grant funds was provided as the grant was not to be deemed part of our operating expenses.

Chief's report:

Bob Campbell showed the members one of the new turn-out uniforms purchased with the grant. They are bright yellow in color, have the HLVFA logo and name on the breast, and are made of very sturdy material.

10 portable fire extinguishers were also purchased by the department. These were given to each of the firefighters for first response when they are called out as most of them go straight to the fire and wait for the rest of the equipment and trucks to arrive. With the new extinguishers, they will be able to begin putting out smaller fires, especially those involving vehicles, right away.

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There were only 4 call-outs this year. Two of these were in response to medical emergencies wherein help was provided to the ambulance crews in loading patients. This is part of the new 911 call-out service for our department. Better awareness of the danger of uncontrolled burning resulted in only 2 slash burns needing attention by the department. Both fires were quickly doused, and no damage was reported to people or property.

Bob spoke next about a grant that has been applied for to cover expenses involving the purchase of 4 sets of breathing apparatus. This equipment will prove invaluable for our members when attending fires at the Transfer station and vehicle fires, both of which could possibly involve dangerous chemicals.

Harvey Ostroff made a motion that the director's contact WCB concerning possible coverage for auxiliary members who help out at fires but are not regular fire fighters. The motion was seconded by Charlie Dutton and carried by all members.

Peter Thomson reported for Kate Adams who was not in attendance, that as of this date we have around 70 paid up members, and with several new families recently taking up residence in the area we can expect that number to increase.

Peter spoke next about a question from Harvey Ostroff regarding the amalgamation of the Forest Grove and South Canim Lake fire departments. The CRD is dealing with this matter and it in no way changes or affects our department.

The directors had talked about a plaque which would honor longstanding members whose contribution to the HLVFA was considerable. Joyce Bradshaw and Don Rolson are 2 of the names put forward so far. This was approved by the members, and will be looked into further by Bob and Peter.

Bev and Dale McWilliams once again hosted the Chicken Bar-B-Q. Though attendance was done slightly from previous years, those who turned out for the feast had a great time. Joyce and Al Bradshaw were the guests of honor and were 'roasted' in fine style by Charlie Dutton. After expenses, a total of \$861 was raised by the event.

Both Ted North and Dale McWilliams will not be here next summer. With the venue and our chief cooks unavailable, the possibility of having a barbeque next year is not certain at this time.

Next, Peter reported on the community wide garage sales which provided around \$300 revenue so far. More monies are expected as not all participants had provided their donations at the time of the AGM.

Due to family and travel commitments, Bev McWilliams has decided to resign as secretary. Her many contributions were acknowledged by the members with a grand round of applause.

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Elections:

Peter called upon Harvey Ostroff to hold elections for positions on the board of directors, which he did in fine style. Members voted to retain the current board with unanimous approval. The position of secretary will be jointly held by Catherine Ridley and Charlie Dutton. Two new directors were elected to the board and we welcome Charlie Dutton and Terry Sobo and look forward to their participation.

The board of directors consists of:

Peter Thomson – President

Bob Campbell – Fire Chief

Dale McWilliams – Assistant fire chief

Catherine Ridley – Treasurer

Charlie Dutton/Catherine Ridley – Secretary

Kate Adams – Membership Director

Ray Mattick – Director

Terry Sobo – Director

Harvey Ostroff moved that a committee be struck for fund raising purposes, and the motion was carried by all members. Harvey and Georgina Kay will co-chair the committee and we look forward to many innovative fund raising ideas from the committee.

All business, new and old, having been attended to, a motion for adjournment was made by Charlie Dutton and seconded by Sharon Mattick.

- *End of Minutes* -