

HLVFA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 15, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Peter Thomson and the agenda was adopted. (moved Sharon Mattick, seconded Tim Wasilieff).

Business arising from the 2008 minutes included the concern that the plaque to honour longstanding, contributing members had not been bought. The Directors will look into this. The minutes were adopted. (moved Fran Campbell, seconded June Clarke).

Reports:

Fundraising: Harvey Ostroff spoke on behalf of the fund raising committee (Harvey, Georgina Kay, Sharon Mattick). The raffle made \$3223.00 and the 20th anniversary celebration raised \$668.00. He thanked all who'd helped make it a success.

Treasurer: Katherine Ridley was unavailable but left a printed report. Fran Campbell noted that the funds on hand from last year were incorrect—we had \$40.00 more than was written. July 31, 2008 fund on hand were \$10,441.20 and July 31, 2009 funds on hand were \$13,468.90. Moved Ray Mattick, seconded Anssi Rantamaa that the report be adopted. Carried.

Chief's report: Bob Campbell reported that the campfire ban was still in effect. There were a few callouts this summer. One involved a machine piled slash fire. The HLV firefighters wet the perimeter and contained it. Forestry was called.

Our fire department was involved in the Buffalo Creek fire, helping to protect the Pincott's ranch and several other houses. HLV firefighters spent two days fire fighting.

Our firefighters located and contained a lightening strike fire on the ridge north of Hawkins Lake. Forestry was contacted and responded quickly and the fire was put out.

There was a lightening strike fire on Maurice Clark's ranch, which was put out by our fire department.

Nightly patrols continue during this dry spell. Our mandate is fire protection and prevention.

Bob mentioned some changes since last year. 1) He had a good response from ads and we were given respirators and masks as part of our updating to SCBA. These are the same type as Forest Grove has and Bob Felker (Chief of Forest Grove), can service and train our people on the

equipment. We still need light-weight oxygen packs.

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We bought a new to us truck from Grand Forks Fire Department. This truck, after much consultation, was deemed to suit us; most versatile, user friendly, certified until 2010 and had been used in rural areas, similar to ours. We need nozzles and hoses for the truck, and Bob has ordered 300 feet of the smallest hose, which will cost approximately \$650.00 Bob said "money is needed and it will be used!" The new truck is for seasonal use now, but we hope to close in a bay, heat it, and therefore, be able to use it in the winter.

Other items we need: 1) a G.P.S. so we can give locations of fires using longitude and latitude.(cost \$200.00-\$300.00) 2) a small digital camera. This was suggested by forestry to assist our communication about fires. 3) our own barbeque and canopies for our events.

Bob would like to organize a cleanout day at the fire hall and suggested tomorrow (August 16th), after fire practice. Volunteers would be welcome at noon.

There is a new call out list and everyone should take one after the meeting.

Don Reynolds has a small trailer with a water tank and equipment that is available for use by our fire department. In the event of a fire outside our district(i.e. forestry needs help up the 6000 road),we can't leave our district devoid of equipment. Don's tanker could be used as backup. This would be very helpful!

President' report: Peter Thomson reported we had close to \$4000.00 as a result of the raffle and picnic. He gave a long list of people who deserved thanks.

Peter suggested the dues remain \$40.00. It was moved by Ray Mattick, seconded Bob Campbell that the dues remain at \$40.00. Carried.

Peter asked Donna Rantamaa to run the election. Harvey Ostroff moved and Sharon Mattick seconded that Peter Thomson, Ray Mattick, Teri Sobo, Katherine Ridley, Charlie Dutton, and Tim Wasilieff be confirmed as directors. Carried. Philip Kline was nominated and also acclaimed.

New Business: It was moved Harvey Ostroff, seconded Donna Rantamaa, that we have a second plaque for the names of the past presidents and fire chiefs. Carried

It was moved, Harvey Ostroff, seconded Don Reynolds that a card and gift be purchased for Charlie Dutton, who is recovering from surgery. Carried.

June Clarke gave us an update on Charlie's condition, and Peter Thomson expressed our hopes for a speedy recovery.

Moved Sharon Mattick, seconded Philip Kline that we adjourn. Carried.

After the meeting we held the raffle draw.