**LAKE WENATCHEE FIRE AND RESCUE AUXILIARY**

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Minutes

March 2, 2016

President Dennis led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Thanks to Rollie Schmitten, the evening started with an interesting and informative presentation on Dementia by speaker Cary Ulrich.

**Good of the Order:** Chief Lamar commented that this week was the one year anniversary of the merged fire district and went on to thank the Auxiliary for their help in making it such a smooth transition. He then pointed out some items that are currently being purchased by the department including large diameter hose, a second thermal imaging camera, and life preservers at the Lake. Since December of 2015, 92% of the department’s calls have been EMT calls. Mark your calendars!! This year’s Safety Day will be the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend (May 28) and Auxiliary members will be needed to help with cooking and serving hot dogs. On March 23, The Old Mill will be hosting the annual Chief’s dinner and wait staff is needed*. If you’re interested in helping, contact Terry at Station 91.* The firefighters also donated $300 to the Chiwawa 4H Easter Egg hunt that has grown to nearly 150 kids. They too could use some help if you’re interested. Chief Lamar also thanked Bill Moffat and Deb Newell for all of their Firewise efforts.

**Call to Order:** President Dennis called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. New members Carl Leuck and Terry Hammock introduced themselves. Forty-nine (49) members were present.

**Minutes:** Mogens moved to approve the minutes. Bob Jennings seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report**: January beginning balance was $46,709.75. Total expenses were $40,132.66 ($40,000 was the amount given to the firefighters this year). Total income $147.63. Ending balance $6,724.72. February beginning balance was $6,724.72. Total expenses were $236.86. Total income $286.44. Ending balance $6,774.30. Pete made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Bill Moffat seconded and the motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS*:***

**SMOKE DETECTORS:** President Dennis thanked Bill Moffat and his crew (George, Stan, Pete, Bob Jennings, and Mogens) for their awesome work installing smoke detectors and 10-year batteries in 89 area homes. Bill encouraged people to check their own home and get on his list if you need additional smoke detectors.

**GO-BAGS:** Dennis also thanked Barb and Rita for helping to organize the GO Bags that the firefighters take with them on fires. Pete commented that he had three cases of tuna packs to donate.

**FIREWISE:** Bill Moffat and Deb Newell talked to the group about the goal of firewising all of the Plain and Lake Wenatchee area. Deb reiterated that it’s not a matter of *if* we will have a fire in our area, but a matter of *when*; therefore, we all should be prepared. Deb passed around a sign-up sheet asking for help on either being a Firewise leader for your area or at a minimum firewising your own property. Be sure to keep track of the hours you work, as there are matching grants in place for free chipping. The goal is to have time sheets available on the new Fire Dept. website to make it easier to keep track of hours. **On Saturday, March 19** **there will be a Community Firewise Meeting at Mt. Springs Lodge at 10:00 a.m.**

**SUNSHINE COMMITTEE**: Damaris reported to the group on the number of cards that she and Sharyl had sent to various Auxiliary members this last month.

**YARD SALE**: Jimi let the group know she and George both have keys to the containers. She reminded us to encourage people to hold their items until Labor Day weekend if possible. She then passed around a sign-up sheet for people willing to be on call for furniture pick-up when needed.

**SLATE OF OFFICERS:** The following Slate of *proposed* 2016/2017 Officers was presented with voting to take place next month:

 **President: Dennis Broughton**

 **Vice President: Bob Jennings**

 **Secretary: Kim Broughton**

 **Treasurer: Pam Nicklas**

 **Communications: Jimi Wilson**

There were no nominations from the floor.

**BY-LAWS:** Dick thanked all of his committee members (Mogens, Kathy Gibbs, Bob Love, Bob Melson, Anne Mueller, Gerri Passage, Liz and Paul Rawlins) for all of their hard work. The group held five to six 2-4 hours meetings with each committee member putting in 30-40 hours, resulting in *draft* by-laws that are now compliant with 501(C)(3) regulations. Dick handed out hard copies to the members present, with Kim to also email to the entire group. *There will be a question and answer meeting on Wednesday, March 16 at 1:00 p.m. at Station 91.* **If you have questions, please submit them in writing to Kim prior to the meeting.** *Dennis then reiterated to the group the sentiment given by Gerri Passage that our goal is to not change the culture of our organization.*

Damaris made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30. Frank seconded and the motion carried.

**The next meeting will on Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at Ponderosa Clubhouse.**

Respectfully submitted by Kim Broughton, Secretary