

**RIST CANYON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
November 7, 2020**

The 2020 RCVFD Annual Membership Meeting was held Nov. 7th via Zoom because of the Covid-19 pandemic. Due to this virtual format, a written attendance sheet could not be circulated for signatures. A complete attendance roster, therefore, is not available.

Board members in attendance: Jeff Yarberry, President
 HJ Siegel, 1st Vice President
 Jeff Elsner, Fire Chief and 2nd Vice President
 Richard Lund, Treasurer
 Bridget Tisthammer, Ristwatch Editor
 Leisa Taylor, Secretary
 Louise Creager, Stratton Park Rd. Area Representative
 Carolyn Stanley, Davis Ranch Rd. Area Representative
 Tim Stratman, Stove Prairie Rd. Area Representative

Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by President Jeff Yarberry.

Determination of Quorum

President Jeff confirmed a quorum of at least 25 attendees.

Review and Approval of Agenda

President Jeff amended the agenda to include Old and New Business. With a motion by Richard and a second by Tim, the amended agenda was unanimously approved.

Approval of 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes

There were no corrections to the draft 2019 Annual Meeting minutes. Moby Wile made a motion to approve those minutes, and with a second by Richard, the 2019 Annual Meeting minutes were approved.

President's Comments

President Jeff commented on the unprecedented events of 2020, including the pandemic, wildfires, and economic hardships. He noted that community and relationships are more important than ever.

Report of Officers: Treasurer's Report

Richard reviewed the amounts on the 11/7/20 Annual Financial Report (see attached). He said that the \$39,335.19 in the PayPal account represents donations related to the Cameron Peak and Lewstone fires. RCVFD has also received funds through King Soopers (\$6,527), CO Gives (\$1,010), Benevity (\$1,446), and Amazon Smile (\$614).

With a motion by Moby Wile and a second by Louise, the Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved. Any questions for Treasurer Richard Lund can be sent to treasurer@rcvfd.org.

Report of Officers: Chief's Report

Chief Jeff said RCVFD has responded to 64 calls to date this year (see breakdown in attached email). It is important to note that the Cameron Peak Fire counts as one call.

The Chief also reported:

- On the Cameron Peak Fire, RCVFD has logged 2,300 firefighter hours and another 1,000 hours on the trucks;
- RCVFD engines have been run hard – with 3,000 gallons of fuel used – and repairs/maintenance work will be necessary;
- In this same time frame, RCVFD responded to additional smaller fires (for example, the Lewstone, Picnic Rock, and Springtown Gulch fires);
- The fire level danger changed today from moderate to low; and
- With the recent surge in Covid cases, RCVFD responders are taking all appropriate precautions.

On a motion by Carol Dollard and a second by Richard, the Chief's Report was accepted.

Report of Officers: Festival Committee Report

HJ reported that the 2021 Mountain Festival will be held Saturday, Sept. 11. More volunteers are needed, including chairs for Corporate Donations and the Bake Sale.

On a motion by Leisa and a second by Carol, the Festival Committee's Report was accepted. Questions about the Mountain Festival can be sent to HJ at vicepresident@rcvfd.org.

Report of Officers: RistWatch Report

Editor Bridget said she welcomes community photos and/or stories for the Ristwatch. Richard added that the latest issue of the Ristwatch was mailed Oct. 22.

Presentation of 2021 Board Nominees

President Jeff reported that Don Diemer has stepped down as the Upper Buckhorn Road Representative. The other current board members are willing to serve in 2021, as follows:

President – Jeff Yarberry	Rist Canyon Rep. – Idris Hamid
1 st Vice President – HJ Siegel	Davis Ranch Rep. – Carolyn Stanley
2 nd Vice President – Fire Chief Jeff Elsner	Stratton Park Rep. – Louise Creager
Secretary – Leisa Taylor	Whale Rock Rep. – Brian Finley
Treasurer – Richard Lund	Stove Prairie Rep. – Tim Stratman
Assistant Treasurer – Steve Denlinger	Upper Buckhorn Rep. – open
RistWatch Editor – Bridget Tisthammer	Lower Buckhorn Rep. – Raina Clingan

Invitation for Nominations from the Floor

President Jeff welcomed nominations from the floor for RCVFD Board positions. There were no nominations from the floor.

Election of Nominated Officers

Carol Dollard made a motion to elect the 2021 board nominees as presented by President Jeff. Tim seconded the motion, and the nominees were unanimously elected.

Other Business

There was no Old or New Business.

Moby Wile and Jennifer Stratman expressed their appreciation for the Rist Canyon VFD and community.

Adjournment

On a motion by Louise and a second by Leisa, the 2020 Annual Membership Meeting adjourned at 6:36 pm.