

**RIST CANYON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT  
ANNUAL BOARD MEETING AT STOVE PRAIRIE SCHOOL  
November 4, 2017**

The 2017 Annual Meeting of the RCVFD Board of Directors was called to order at 6:51 pm by President Dale Snyder.

Board members in attendance:

- Dale Snyder, President
- Jennifer Nolte, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
- Carol Dollard, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
- Richard Lund, Treasurer
- Bridget Tisthammer, RistWatch Editor
- Leisa Taylor, Secretary
- Louise Creager, Stratton Park Road Area Rep.
- Jill Smith, Stove Prairie Road Area Rep.
- Juana Jackson, Rist Canyon Road Area Rep.
- Shane Downing, At-Large Area Representative

[59 people signed the attendance roster, and the original minutes contain the list of attendees. For a copy, please contact Board Secretary Leisa Taylor at 970-493-1236.]

**Approval of 2016 Annual Meeting Minutes**

There were no corrections to the 2016 Annual Meeting minutes. Carol made a motion to approve, and with a second by Bridget, the 2016 Annual Meeting minutes were approved.

**President's Comments**

Dale expressed his deep appreciation to the residents, first responders, Festival Committee, and the many Festival volunteers. The members of the 2017 Festival Committee were Jennifer Nolte, Bridget Tisthammer, Karen Steadman, and Vicky Jordan.

Dale reported that the Festival Committee (meeting after the Festival) decided to recommend to the Board that the Mountain Festival not be held in 2018. The (2017) Board accepted the Festival Committee's recommendation. Dale noted, however, that the 2018 Board could decide to hold a festival in 2018.

Dale said Martin Marietta donated the paving in front of Station 1 for a costs saving of approximately \$10,000.

**Treasurer's Report**

Richard announced that the RCVFD is financially sound. [The signed copy of the 11/4/17 Annual Financial Report is filed with the original minutes. For a copy, contact Board Secretary Leisa Taylor at 970-493-1236.]

Richard reported the following:

- After researching investment options, the Board approved opening a Wellesley Fund account with Vanguard. An amount of \$50,000 will be invested each month up to a maximum investment of \$300,000.
- The Annual Drive is up significantly due to several factors, including annual drive letters and articles in the RistWatch.
- Bridget and HJ Siegel have volunteered as the RCVFD's grant-writing team. RCVFD recently received \$10,000 in grant money from the El Pomar Foundation.
- The 2017 Mountain Festival netted \$6,720, which includes donations and sponsorships.

Richard reviewed the figures on the 2017 Annual Financial Report.

Carol made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, and with a second by Jennifer, the Treasurer's Report was approved.

### **Chief's Report**

Chief Carol thanked RCVFD responders, the Board, and the community. She noted that President Dale secured the donation of the paving at Station 1.

Carol reported:

- RCVFD has had 53 calls so far in 2017, approximately 60% medical and 40% fire-related. About one-half of the smoke reports were false alarms.
- RCVFD now has eight EMTs.
- The department's "new" firetruck was donated by the Loveland Fire Authority. It is a no-water, rescue-only truck to be stationed at a responder's home in the Buckhorn. It will cost about \$3000 to fully outfit and equip.
- It is not a myth that improperly-stored oily rags can spontaneously combust. A recent fire in Fort Collins, caused by improperly-stored oily rags, killed a woman. Carol emphasized that oily rags must be stored in a properly-sealed metal container with a lid.

Bridget made a motion to accept the Chief's Report, and with a second by Louise, the Chief's Report was accepted.

### **Grant Report**

Bridget, as the RistWatch editor, said she welcomes articles/photographs from residents for publication in the newsletter.

Bridget and HJ Siegel obtained a \$10,000 grant from the El Pomar Foundation. They will continue to pursue grants to help finance the department's "wish list" of PPE, equipment, supplies, etc. Residents can help by enrolling in King Soopers' Community Gift Card, which returns 5% back to RCVFD when the prepaid card is used. Other ways to support RCVFD are through Amazon Smile and Colorado Gives Day.

### **Presentation of 2018 Board Nominees**

Two positions are open: Vice President and Rist Canyon Road Area Representative. Dale reported that HJ Siegel has volunteered to serve as Vice President, and Jeff Yarberry has submitted his name for Rist Canyon Road Area Representative. Dale read brief bios of Siegel and Yarberry.

With no nominations from the floor, the 2018 Board Nominees were:

President – Dale Snyder	Rist Canyon Rep. – Jeff Yarberry
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President – HJ Siegel	Davis Ranch Rep. – Deb Pedersen
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Carol Dollard	Stratton Park Rep. – Louise Creager
Secretary – Leisa Taylor	Whale Rock Rep. – Brian Finley
Treasurer – Richard Lund	Stove Prairie Rep. – Jill Smith
Newsletter Editor – Bridget Tisthammer	Buckhorn Rep. – Don Diemer

Richard made a motion to close nominations, and with a second by Carol, nominations were closed. Laurie Franklin made a motion to approve the 2018 Board Nominees as submitted, and with a second by Elenore Lund, the 2018 Board Nominees were unanimously elected.

### **Vote on Bylaw Changes**

Dale reported that the Bylaw Review Committee (Leisa Taylor, Bonnie Shetler, Karen Steadman, and Carol Dollard) reviewed the RCVFD Bylaws and have made recommended changes. The Bylaws were last revised in 2007. [The recommended changes were posted on the RCVFD website for a month prior to the Annual Meeting, and copies of the changes were made available for review at the meeting.]

Carol noted that most of the changes were “cleanup”/grammatical. Dale and Leisa reported on the most significant changes: elimination of the \$25 General Member mandatory contribution; addition of the Board position of Assistant Treasurer; and addition of a second Buckhorn area representative.

With a motion by Carol and a second by Louise, the proposed changes to the Bylaws were unanimously approved.

At 7:39 pm, Carol made a motion to adjourn, and with a second by Barb Monesson, the 2017 Annual Meeting adjourned.