



Boundary County Fire Chief's Association
P.O. Box 437 Bonners Ferry, Idaho 83805

Meeting Minutes, 1/17/2018
Hosted by South Boundary

Recorded by Cole Schiermeister

Members present:

Bonnors Ferry Fire Department----- Dave Winey
North Bench Volunteer Fire District-----Gus Jackson
South Boundary Fire Protection District-----Tony Rohrwasser
Idaho Department of Lands-----Cole Schiermeister/Ken Homik
Moyie Fire-----absent
Paradise Valley-----Tom Bennett
Hall Mountain-----Absent
Curley Creek Fire Department-----Brad Stalcup
Search and Rescue-----Absent
Boundary County Chaplain's Corp-----Len Pine
US Forest Service-----Lee Colson/Jason Scott
Boundary Ambulance Service-----Absent

Guests:

Idaho Fire Marshall- Jason Blubaum
Bill Steele- Timberlake Fire
Dave Kramer
ISP-----Dusty Kralic
Boundary County Emergency Management----- Mike Meyer
Paradise Valley Fire-----Josh Wortly
SMT-----Mike Elam

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Election of Officers- Gus Jackson nominated for President, Jeff Lindsey nominated for Vice President, Cole Schiermeister nominated for Secretary, Youngwirth and Davis hired as Treasurer. All positions unopposed. Cole and Gus sworn in.

Minutes – Reading and Approval of Minutes from November 15, 2017. Minutes approved with minor layout changes. Motion to approve made by Tony, seconded by Len.

Treasurer's Report – With the formation of a 501c3 there is a one time fee of \$275. Should the association disband, a decision needs to be made as to where the leftover

money would go. Youngswirth and Davis will begin work with the formation of the 501c3.

Honor Guard Committee Update- Len Pine-Go fund me page setup for uniforms. (page not associated with the chiefs association). 1 donation so far. Waiting on some grant opportunities. Waiting on 501c3. Schedule of events has been put together. Potential benefit dinner. Practice starts back up this Friday. Request for \$200 for gloves and pike poles. Motion by Tony to spend \$200 on accessories. Seconded by Tom. Amendment approved to move to \$300. Motion to amend by Len. Motion by Tony to spend \$300. Seconded by Tom.

Guest Speakers-

Jason Blubaum

- Sprinklers system write off with new tax bill.
- Classes available for fire investigation.
- Expanding relationship with ATF for training reasons.
- IFERS? Reporting is lacking
- Fire code Recertification time. Exam has changed.
- Code enforcement? Who will be handling it in Boundary County?
- Help offered from the Marshalls if there are any questions with code enforcement.

Bill Steele

- Chevy Pickup/Fire Engine available as federal excess
- Type one engine MAY become available from Timberlake Fire

Mike Elam – Needs highest quality logo available from each cooperator for the website. Going to be online next month. Send logos to selkirkmtntech@gmail.com

Training Updates

- Spring FODA class, dates will be March 3rd at Shriners in CDA
- NIESA April 6-8, 2018
- BAS EMR class February 2018 Every Tuesday and Thursday
- Ken Homik- Advertising Wildland Training classes. Available to all. Especially Investigators. State Fire Marshall now available for investigator.
- Idea of a training Subgroup with-in the association.

Old Business

-Accountability boards-South Boundary will be creating new boards, several others have interest in creating boards as well. Is there an option to standardize across the area?

New Business

-Option for the city to use IDL burn permit program. The City is unsure of the idea currently. Ken volunteered to visit with the city. Open discussion about the pros of using the IDL burn permit system.

-Fire Prevention Co-Op- Discussion on Pro's of restarting the fire prevention co-op in Boundary County. School visits, press releases, signage. Idea is to get the message out under a common name for the greater good. Reception of the idea seemed good and it appeared most were on board with the idea.

Open Forum:

Lee Colson-Introduction of Jason Scott, the new Forest AFMO in Bonners Ferry

Mike Meyers- Planning meeting for county table top exercise. Jan 23rd, 2018

Len Pine- Chaplain Corp received an old ambulance for use. Call sign Angel 1.

Dave Kramer

-Penguin Plunge a week later this year. March 17th 2018.

-Offer made to transport anything from Federal surplus. Will be making a trip down to pick up a few things.

-Priest Lake search and Rescue has folded. Few resources left. Will be ran under Boundary County now.

-Ready. Set. Go. Try to get a basic plan put together for the county. Suggested to put on the agenda for next month.

-Communication Group Update -Dusty and Gus- Everything is hashed out. Standardized group of channels. Still trying to confirm call signs for each cooperator. Control needs to be kept so channels don't become available to the public.

Next Meeting – North Bench Station 1- February 21st, 2018

Len made motion to adjourn, Gus seconded. Meeting adjourned 8:16 PM