



Boundary County Fire Chief's Association

P.O. Box 437 Bonners Ferry, Idaho 83805

Meeting Minutes for 09/18/2019
Hosted by: BAS @ the Boundary County Extension Office

Recorded by Jason Wilkerson

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-----Jason Wilkerson
Moyie Fire----- Absent
Paradise Valley-----Mike Glazier
Hall Mountain-----Absent
Curley Creek Fire Department----- Brad Stalcup
Search and Rescue-----Tony Jeppesen
Boundary County Chaplain's Corp-----Len Pine
US Forest Service-----Lee Colson
Boundary Ambulance Service-----Julian Bethke

Guests:

SMT-----Mike Elam
Bonnors Ferry Fire Department----- John Youngwirth

Minutes -- Reading and approval of Minutes from August 21, 2019. Tony R. made motion to accept minutes without corrections, Seconded. Motion passed.

Financial Report -- Review of all accounts for Chief's Association. Lee C. asked when we pay dues. Gus said in January.

Guest Speakers/Seasonal Updates – Wildland Season – Jason W. relayed fire danger went to moderate on Sept. 9th. Provided information on burn permits available and that open burn season starts on October 20th. Provided some statistics for 2019 season – 18 fires and 12.5 acres. Announced that the IDL is looking to provide FFT2 & FFT1 training next spring if the fire departments have the numbers and interest in attending.
Wildland Season – Lee C. – Average number of fires and slow nationally all season.

Honor Guard Committee Updates -- Len Pine – Honor guard is reconvening for the fall. Looking to have 2 personnel to do high school flag raising events i.e. football games. Have purchased a casket flag.

Fire Prevention Co-Op Updates – Jason W. – Continuing to work on home assessments and finishing up on the last of the names from the fair sign-up.

Gus – Moving forward with the effort to assist Red Cross with distributing free smoke detectors in Boundary County. Ken H. has prepared a letter to be distributed to kids in grades K-5 along with a signup sheet for smoke detectors and wildland fire home assessment. Discussion on liability installing detectors and wear/tear when enter houses.

Upcoming Trainings/Events

- Tony R.
 - Emergency Vehicle Driver Training September 27-29, get names to Tony R. Starts Friday at 6pm on the 27th.
 - Saturday Nov. 2nd Leadership TRN (\$25) contact Tony R.
 - Nov. 6th and 7th NFA: All hazard (Intro to Unified Command)
 - Selkirk Fire hosting NFA training on Nov. 16th & 17th
 - STCO training in Moscow, ID Nov. 24th & 25th
- Gus J.
 - 9/21 @ 10AM - Carry the Fallen. Looking to have Coop participate if possible.
 - 9/21 @ 5PM – The Beast Challenge. Looking for participates to compete for prize money for the Coop. Names in to Gus by Friday 9/20.
- Len P.
 - 10/6 @ 1415 – National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend Observance. Vehicles/apparatus to gather behind Super 1 before parade. Need readers and apparatus for event. Individual agencies are checking with personnel to find availability for event readers. Len will send out material to practice before event. Duty department dress is okay as long as it is consistent within each agency. Len informed that Dusty K. has also volunteered to read names. Len encouraged all to attend and needs names of readers by Friday 9/20.
 - 11/2 @ 5-8PM – Chili Feed. No silent auction. 3 or 4 bigger ticket items for raffle. \$5 Adults and \$2 Children. Additional tickets for purchase. Len asked for input on for how to market the event whether it is for new uniforms or ceremonial bell or to pay off deficit. Discussion on where Honor Guard money earned goes either into Honor Guard fund or Chiefs fund – Honor Guard fund was the answer.

Communications Meeting Updates

Gus – Informed the group that Ken H. had asked for a communication meeting to review interagency radio plan. Group decided that Monday Oct. 7th @ 11AM would work. North Bench to host.

Additional Follow-up - Upcoming Training.

Tony R. – ICS in Hayden on Sept. 30th, Oct. 1st & 2nd (No Cost)

Old Business

- Simulcast System Ownership – Subcommittee – Tony J., Drew R. & Tony R. – Drew had left for a while and the subcommittee is still working on proposal. Hoping to have something by October.
- Active 911 System – No updates. Crystal is back and still working on Active 911.
- Boundary County Fire 1 Dispatch Protocol– sent to Sheriff's office – some positive feedback but no commitment/approval yet from dispatch.

- Evacuation Process for Wildland Fires – Evacuation process table until next calendar year

New Business

- Color Guard or Honor Guard (Is Color Guard Needed) – Len P. – Following the turned down of an event that did not follow SOPs or align with Honor Guard’s mission, there was talk of creating a Color Guard. Honor Guard – honoring the fallen; whereas, Color Guard – presenting the colors (flag) at events. Discussed possibilities of separate uniforms, trainings and how to pay for new uniforms/equipment. Mike E. – asked if Honor Guard or Color Guard could charge for events. Len P. responded that they don’t unless it is to cover travel costs. Tony R. ask if there would be confusion as to which Guard would respond to requested events. Gus responded that Honor Guard should be only for memorial services whereas Color Guard can raise the flag at other events. Len P. – willing to propose a Color Guard but would like to recruit someone to head up the trainings. Discussion on ‘Is Color Guard a group that is wanted?’ – Dave W. suggested that the agencies be solicited for members/volunteers. Discussion on number of events, training and time commitment. Anticipating: (Minimum of 2 persons per event. Training every other Friday from 6-8PM. More events to cover than Honor Guard). Gus revisited reaching out to agencies for volunteers.
- BCFCA Co-Op Bylaws – Gus J. – Passed out copies of proposed bylaws. Brief period to review and Tony J. motioned to approve. Brad S. seconded. Vote to approve: majority ayes and none apposed. Motion to approve passed.
- 9/11 Memorial for 2020 – Gus J. – Discussion about possible events for next year to expand ceremony. Len P. provided recap of this year’s ceremony process. Gus asked Len to create a program for next year’s 9/11 memorial service.
- Elections in November – Gus J. – Elections coming up in November... think about it.

Open Forum

Len P. – Has lost a Chaplain to a church in California.

Tony R. – Pancake Breakfast: Saturday Oct. 6th (7-11AM). Proceeds go to creation of a mobile shed for BoCo backpacks/food bank. Also raffling of a crossbow with hard carry case.

Next Meeting

Host for next meeting: Hall Mountain was volunteered. Gus to notify.

Meeting Adjourned

Motion to adjourn. Seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned: 7:45PM.