



SONOMA COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION MEETING

MEETING MINUTES
Nov 14th 2018 at 9:00 AM
Hosted By Rancho Adobe

Attendance:

Aaron Abbott	REDCOM	Rob Cassidy	Russian River
Jeff Schach	Petaluma	Steve Akre	Sonoma Valley
Randy Collins	SRJC ARTP	Chris Godley	Sonoma County
Leonard Thompson	RA/Petaluma	Bill Braga	Sebastopol
Sean Grinnell	Bodega Bay	Jeff Weaver	Rohnert Park
Ron Lunardi	Occidental	Jim Colangelo	Sonoma County
Mark Heine	RV/Windsor	Loren Davis	Mountain
Mark Courson	OES	Dean Anderson	AMR
Ron Busch	RV/Windsor	Mike Nicholls	Cazadero
Dave Francheschi	Forestville	Vern Losh	FSS
Bill Bullard	Graton	Roberta MacIntyre	FSS
Mike Mickelson	Wilmar	Darren Bellach	Kenwood
Tony Gossner	Santa Rosa	Kirk Van Wormer	CALFIRE
Dan George	GR	Jason Boaz	Healdsburg

Call to Order: In Chief Derum's absence, Chief Boaz began the meeting at 0935 and asked Chief Thompson to lead the pledge.

Host Chief Intro: Chief Thompson welcomed the group, spoke to enjoying his vacation, explained logistics and encouraged the group to thank Jennifer Ober for providing lunch.

President's Report: Chief Boaz shared the E-Board met on October 25 and discussed the nomination of officers for 2019 who subject to the membership vote will be Chief Boaz, Pres, Chief Akre, VP, Randy as Secretary and Hans as Treasurer. He then opened the floor for any other candidates. Chief George nominated Chief Henie as VP.

He also spoke to potential goals for 2019 including:

- Formally supporting the BOS's Silver Plan and the SLG
- Improving the website
- Requesting specific goals from the sub-groups and having them assign a liaison to our meetings to help promote continuity within the organization
- Improve the installation ceremony including potentially switching to a more formal dinner and recognizing accomplishments of personnel

Approval of Minutes/Changes to the Agenda: Motion to accept the minutes and accept the agenda by Chiefs George & Heine. Unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report submitted by Hans was as follows:

Chiefs General Fund:	\$5,821.27
Survivors Fund:	\$105,896.31
OP's/TO's Fund:	\$19,113.79
FPO Safety Trailer:	\$7,681.90
Career Succession:	\$4,025.67
FPO General Fund:	\$3,320.78
FITF	\$2,048.05
Safety Pals Gen. Fund:	\$41,435.32
Safety Pals Trailer:	\$2,500.00
	\$191,843.09

Correspondence: None received.

Presentation:

Fire Safe Sonoma: Roberta MacIntyre began by thanking the group for directing the \$50K PG & E grant to FSS and inquired how involved the group wanted to be with the spending of the funds. She indicated the desire to accomplish two goals; implement a Ready, Set Go program with books in both English and Spanish and to use the funds to promote FSS's on-line presence to improve the FSS website and was open to using anyone who is hired to also help with the Chief's website. Vern Losh added that he expects the on-line costs to be around \$5k. Roberta anticipates the printing costs for the Ready Set Go books to be approx. \$18k. Chief Davis recommended using the Junior College website design class since they are looking for projects. After a short discussion it the consensus was to give FSS the latitude to spend the funds as they see fit with a willingness to share the website person to help improve the Chief's website. Chiefs Boaz and Davis will serve as contacts for the Chief's website. Roberta ended by welcoming the group to attend their meetings, which are the first Tuesdays, 3 PM at County Fire.

A sidebar conversation on the status of the Red Flag purchase followed. The outcome was Chief Boaz will purchase enough flags for all county stations. FSS expressed interest in paying the costs once they receive their PG&E funding.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- **Nominations for 2019 Officers.** Discussed in the President's reports

Standing Committee Reports:

- **Strategic Leadership Group:** Chief Heine reported the groups priorities are to support the BOS ad-hoc committee's goals, especially the VFC's with the transition the County is going through. He queried those members of the group that had tax measures in the last election. In the discussion that followed, Chief Thompson reported RA's measure is at 68% and if successful, will have a tremendous impact bringing P/T staff to F/T status as well as addressing apparatus and infrastructure needs (Chief George asked he forward the apparatus and station information to the SLG so it can be included in their master list). Chief Akre shared they had 3 measures. Measure X for Schell Vista (75% at this time and permit them to get out of deficit spending and go to 2-0 staffing). Glen Ellen's Measure T which also looks positive and will allow them to remodel the station and add a stipend FF. Measure Y (Valley of the Moon) is at 65% and if successful, will eliminate their deficit. Monte Rio's measure U was reported at 61%.
- **Regional Zone Reports:** Chief Boaz asked for and received the following reports from the Zones:
Zone 2: No report
Zone 3: Chief Akre reported they are moving forward with recruitment and retention running staff through the Volunteer Fire Skills class at the JC. He also thanked the public for their support with the various measures and for the mutual aid they received at their 2-alarm structure fire yesterday.
Zone 4: No report
Zone 5: Chief Lunardi shared they have distributed stipend checks and are watching the Monte Rio measure. Some questions regarding the activation of the alert system were raised which was clarified by Director Abbott. A long conversation regarding the status of public alerting followed.
Zone 6: Chief Boaz shared they are getting good participation in their COPE programs, have developed pre-attack maps (at the printer) and will be sending out a mailer soon.
Zone 7: Chief Gossner shared Roseland voted to dissolve last month. Chief Heine shared the consolidation is moving forward with the BOS being the last body to approve it. Their new Board will have 3 reps from Windsor, 3 from RV and one from BV and expect to go live on April 3rd. Chief Busch asked for the groups patience as they work through their new ESZ's. Chief Heine reinforced that despite rumors, that the end result will be a stronger working relationship with Santa Rosa.
Zone 8: Chief George shared they filled to Engineers positions and they are working on a shared Battalion 8
Zone 9: Chief Thompson shared Petaluma hired 4, RA has a Captain's opening, Jeff Holden is retiring in Dec
- **Training/OP's:** Randy shared the meeting was rescheduled for Dec 11 at the SR Tower

- **FPO's:** No report
- **Fire Districts:** Chief George shared the meeting is tomorrow in Forestville with Linda Hopkins as the speaker.
- **Volunteer Fire Companies:** No report

Ad-Hoc Committee Reports:

- **Fire EMS Committee:** Chief Akre reported they are meeting weekly and have made some progress. They are addressing the common occurrences of the system being drawn down. Chief Heine asked we agendaize for the next meeting our support to help fund the Trident group who is working on EMS issues for us and Cal Chiefs.
- **County Alerting System:** Chris Godley spoke to the September test and that the three systems did not perform well with success rates at about 60%. Surprisingly, it was the only alerting test performed in the US in the last 9 months. It will take some time to fix and there are a lot of politics involved. Chief George stressed the need to improve our communication with the public, a job that we are currently falling. To fill the void, he used the example of a BV homeowner's group that is implementing their own siren system. Chris added that with the Dept of Emergency Services going away, he needs this group to help fill this void and advocate more. Chief George indicated he can help in this regard along with Chief's Gossner, Boaz and Director Abbott. Chief Gossner spoke briefly to the problems experienced with NIXILE.
- **Peer Support:** Chief Boaz shared the Resiliency training is this weekend and encouraged participation as only 5 are registered at this time.
- **Sonoma OP Area Up-Staffing Plan:** Chief George reported to date, \$191K has been invoiced to the County for up-staffing and thanked those present who have made it happen. Chief Gossner indicated that it is time consuming to implement but the process is getting better the more its used. He is also looking for feedback from the ST/TF leaders on how the process has been working. Chief Boaz thanked Chief Gossner for all his efforts. Chief Heine stressed the importance of having each Zone participate in the Monday conference call. A discussion on the paperwork process followed.

REDCOM: Director Abbott reminded the group the per their SOG's it is on the agency making changes to their ESZ's to notify their neighbors and that you are still obligated to honor the existing

Closed Session: None

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- Chief Heine shared they expect to conduct hiring up to 15 positions with their new agency
- Chris Godley warned that with burn scars tend to be more subject to flooding mudslides in year two.
- Chief Davis shared they have their fund raiser on Dec 15 and that he will be stepping down to the first of the year (a change from the original April date)
- Chief Gossner will be holding an alerting system community meeting in Oakmont and invited the group
- Chief Braga inquired if Chief Dahl was ok (vehicle accident). Chief Gossner indicated he was.
- Chief Boaz shared he has a meeting for a CWPP for Fitch Mt on Thursday and they took delivery of a new type VI.
- Chief Courson shared that many agencies are dropping out of the OES Type III program while there is a growing interest in Type VI's so they have placed a large order for them.

Motion by Chief George to adjourn at 11:59. Second by Chief Boaz. Unanimous vote

Next Meeting: December 12th at Santa Rosa

Respectfully Submitted: November 26, 2018

Randy Collins,
SCFCA Secretary