

SONOMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the January 27, 2017 meeting

Rancho Adobe Fire Protection District

Cattleman's Restaurant, Petaluma

ATTENDANCE:

Bennett Valley:

Bodega Bay Fire: Liz Martin, Dave Kruppa

Cazadero CSD:

Cloverdale: Carol Giovanatto, Guest Michael Pigoni

Forestville: Max Ming, Guest Zeena

Geyserville: Robert Stewart, Paul Bernier

Glen Ellen: Bob Norrbom, Sr., Ray Fredricks

Gold Ridge: Mike Doyle, Charlie Lachman, Al Fiori, Joe Petersen

Graton:

Kenwood: Daren Bellach, Dennis McIntosh

Monte Rio: Dan Fein

North Sonoma Coast FPD: Bonnie Plakos, Leigh Mueller

Rancho Adobe: Jennifer Ober, Greg Karraker, Carla Grube, Bob Rippon, Harold Griffith, Mark Hemmendinger, Noel Pacheco

Rincon Valley: Gary So, Darrel Mead

Roseland:

Russian River: Chuck Limbert, Nance Jones

SCFDA Secty/Treasurer: Jennifer Crayne

Schell-Vista: Ken Finn, Ray Mulas, Joe Petersen, Robin Woods, Stacie McCambridge, Ernie Loveless

Sonoma County Fire: James Williams

Sonoma LAFCO: Mark Bramfitt

Timber Cove:

Sonoma Valley FRA: Nick Greben, Bill Norton, Brian Brady, Mark Freeman, Terry Leen

Windsor: Jack Piccinini, Steve Klick

Other Guests: Jim Colangelo, Doug & Jodie Williams, Tony Gossner

Guest Speaker: Lynda Hopkins

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

- The meeting was called to order by Ernie Loveless at 7:00 p.m.

- Rancho Adobe Board Director Greg Karraker welcomed everyone to Cattleman's Restaurant and thanked them for coming.
- Self Introductions/roster passed

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Jennifer Crayne gave the Treasurer's Report. The Balance in account as of 12/31/16 was \$4,245.00. The raffle hosted by Graton Fire brought in \$180.00 to the SCFDA- thank you!
- 2017 membership dues are mostly in

- **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **FDAC/EBA:** Nothing to report
- **LAFCO:** Mark Bramfitt reported that applications have been received for MSRs of one or two Districts. A briefing will be prepared to go to the Commission of Fire Services. Your attendance would be appreciated to help educate the Commission.
- **POLITICAL ACTION:** Frank Treanor reported that the Howard Jarvis Tax Group has taken the SRA Fees to court. There will not be any grants issued while the lawsuit is pending because grant money might need to be returned if SRA fees are overturned.
- **FAIRA:** Jack Piccinini reported that the FAIRA group has not increased our rates in 10 years. Financially they are a very strong group and they offer great products. FAIRA board nominations are open right now.
- **FASIS:** Jack Piccinini reported that FASIS will provide physicals (annual and new hire) for no charge. They also offer training products. FAIS potentially has a 10 million rebate from the fund and they will be deciding whether to give money back to policy holders or stabilize rates.
- **SMART:** Nothing to report.

PROGRAM:

President Ernie Loveless introduced Lynda Hopkins, the newly elected Supervisor of District 5.

- Supervisor Hopkins thanked the SCFDA for having her come speak this evening. She thanked the fire departments for everything they do to keep the communities safe.
- With all of the terrible flooding in the 5th District, she has been able to see firsthand just how important fire service is to maintaining safety.
- Supervisor Hopkins stated that there is a huge amount of awareness at the Board of Supervisors that there needs to be change within the fire service. The County is aware that fire districts serve as the safety net for the unincorporated areas in Sonoma County.
- She thanked everyone for sitting in on all of the meetings because the work is essential if we want to establish a sustainable vision of fire service for the whole County.

- Supervisor Hopkins will be on LAFCO and she will be sitting on the Ad Hoc Committee for the advertising (TOT money).
- The floor was opened for questions. There was a discussion about TOT, SRA Fees, VRBO, Open Space impacts, relationships with Sonoma State University, etc.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The minutes from the October 20, 2016 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Rancho Adobe Fire to approve those minutes. The motion was seconded by Valley of the Moon and passed unanimously.
- Fire Service Study to be added as a committee report on future agendas. Chief Tony Gossner is part of the Zone 7 Fire Advisory Counsel and spoke about the importance of working collectively to create an open dialogue about the future of fire service in Sonoma County- what should it look like, what makes the most sense? It is true we could all use more money, but we need to develop an efficient product to “sell” to the Board of Supervisors so they can help fund it.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Selecting Reps for Committee Reports:** The following representative were selected to report on each committee:

FDAC/EBA: open

LAFCO: Mark Bramfitt

Political Action: Nole Pacheco

FAIRA: Jack Piccinini

FASIS: Jack Piccinini

SMART: removed as a committee report

Added Fire Service Study: Jim Colangelo

- **Updating SCFDA By-Laws:** The most recent update to the SCFDA By-Laws was 1994. A committee was formed to draft updated By-Laws. Jennifer Crayne, Ernie Loveless and Doug Williams will bring the updated By-Laws to the April meeting for a first reading.
- **Ethics & Sexual Harassment Training:** Jennifer Crayne reported that the training will be held Saturday, March 11th at 10:00-2:30 @ Windsor High School. A detailed flier will be sent out to the group early next month.
- **Nominations and Election of SCFDA Vice President:**
Nominations were opened for the Vice President position. Valley of the Moon nominated Frank Treanor. Russian River Fire nominated Mark Emmett. Nominations were closed. A ballot count named Frank Treanor as the elected Vice President for 2017.

A motion was made by Windsor Fire to accept the nomination and election of Frank Treanor as the Vice President. The motion was seconded by Rancho Adobe Fire and carried unanimously.

- **Motion Approving the 2017 SCFDA Board:** The following positions will be held for 2017:

Dan George- President

Frank Treanor- Vice President

Jennifer Crayne- Secretary/Treasurer

A motion was made by Rincon Valley Fire to approve the 2017 SCFDA Board. The motion was seconded by Cazadero CSD and passed unanimously.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Congratulations to Chief Mark Freeman who will be retiring from Sonoma Valley Fire & Rescue Authority.

NEXT MEETING:

- The next Regular Meeting will be held April 27, 2017 and will be hosted by Russian River Fire.

ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn at 9:15 pm was made by Gold Ridge Fire. The motion was seconded by Valley of the Moon and passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Crayne, SCFDA Secretary/Treasurer

Minutes Approved: _____ *Date:* _____

SCFDA Board President