

SONOMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the April 27, 2017 meeting

Russian River Fire Protection District

Dawn Ranch Lodge, Guerneville

ATTENDANCE:

NOTE: There was no roll call sheet passed around at this meeting. Please confirm attendance for accuracy.

Bennett Valley:

Bodega Bay Fire: Dave Kruppa

Cazadero CSD: Michael Nichols

Cloverdale: None

Forestville: Max Ming, Guest Zeena

Geyserville: Robert Stewart, Tatsuo Okaya, Fred Peterson

Glen Ellen: Bob Norrbom, Sr., Ray Fredricks, Matt Atkinson

Gold Ridge: Mike Doyle, Dan George, Al Fiori, Steve Petrucci

Graton: None.

Kenwood: Daren Bellach, Dennis McIntosh

Monte Rio: Dan Fein

North Sonoma Coast FPD: Don McMahan

Rancho Adobe: Mark Hemmendinger

Rincon Valley: John Hamann, Bob Pintane

Roseland: None

Russian River: Nancy Jo Woods + Guest, Nance Jones

SCFDA Secty/Treasurer: Jennifer Crayne

Schell-Vista: None

Sonoma County Fire: James Williams

Sonoma LAFCO: None

Timber Cove: None

Sonoma Valley FRA: None

Windsor: Frank Treanor

Other Guests: Jim Colangelo, Doug Williams

Guest Speaker: David Rabbitt

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

- The meeting was called to order by President Dan George at 7:07 p.m.

- Fire Chief Max Ming welcomed everyone to Dawn Ranch Lodge and thanked them for coming.
- Self Introductions (no roster was passed for sign in)

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Jennifer Crayne gave the Treasurer's Report. The Balance in account as of 03/31/17 was \$4,670.00.
- There was one reimbursement check written to Jennifer Crayne for refreshments for the Ethics & Harassment Training
- Jennifer Crayne announced that after 5 years serving as the Secretary/Treasurer, she has decided to step down. Anyone interested in this position should contact her, Dan George or Frank Treanor.

- **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **FDAC/EBA:** Nothing to report
- **LAFCO:** On May 3rd at 2:00 pm there will be an Educational Forum at LAFCO informing the LAFCO Board about the fire service.
- **POLITICAL ACTION:** Frank Treanor on behalf of Noel Pacheco. He discussed AB288 (extension of SRA Fee deadline from 30-60 days), AB561 (purchases in excess of 800K exempt from sales and use tax) and reported that personal phones and computers of public employees and elected officials are subject to the Public Records Request Act.
- **FAIRA:** None.
- **FASIS:** Frank Treanor read a report submitted by Jack Piccinini. The FASIS Board passed a Resolution imposing penalties for payroll reported late (more than 45 days after the quarter end). He also reminded everyone to take advantage of free physicals from Occu-Med.
- **FIRE SERVICE STUDY UPDATE:** Jim Colangelo reported that more work needs to be done before the next study session. They are working to establish better criteria with a template to go out to each region- this should create better consistency. Valley of the Moon and Glen Ellen Fire will be bringing their proposal to the Advisory Council before it goes to LAFCO. He agreed that money that has been approved is taking a very long time to distribute.

PROGRAM:

President Dan George introduced Supervisor David Rabbitt.

- Supervisor Rabbitt thanked the Association for inviting him and thanked everyone for the tremendous amount of service they provide.
- He stated that fire service in Sonoma County is unique and he feels the County has gotten away cheap for many years. We need to look forward- where are we going? How do we get there?

- Supervisor Rabbitt feels a holistic approach is the best way to determine the most efficient way to use money and create a long term solution.
- He recognizes that some groups are working together and collaborating, for example, Rancho Adobe and City of Petaluma.
- Supervisor Rabbitt thanked everyone for the work that has been done to lead us to this point. He stated that the future of fire service in Sonoma County will come from you.
- The floor was opened up for question/answer.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The minutes from the January 26, 2017 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Forestville Fire to approve those minutes. The motion was seconded by Bodega Bay Fire and passed unanimously.
- SCFDA By-Laws: Jennifer Crayne reported that she met twice with Ernie Loveless and Doug Williams to make updates to the 1994 SCFDA By-Laws. This was the first reading on the updated By-Laws. There were no comments or edits to the draft after the first reading. The final draft of the By-Laws will be approved at the July meeting.
- Rincon Valley Fire made a motion to approve the first reading of the SCFDA By-Laws and move forward to a second reading and approval of a final draft at the July meeting. The motion was seconded by Cazadero CSD and carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Creation of financial review committee:** While updating the SCFDA By-Laws, it was noted that there needs to be financial review committee each year that reviews the books and financials of the Association. John Hamann and Fred Peterson agreed to serve on that committee and coordinate a time to meet with Jennifer Crayne for a review of the financial records.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Recognizing outgoing President Ernie Loveless: Due to the absence of Ernie Loveless at this meeting, this item will be moved to the July meeting agenda.
- There was a raffle hosted by the Russian River Fire District.

NEXT MEETING:

- The next Regular Meeting will be held July 27, 2017 and will be hosted by Bodega Bay Fire.

ADJOURN: The meeting portion adjourned at 8:40 pm and was then followed by dinner service.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Crayne, SCFDA Secretary/Treasurer

Minutes Approved: _____ *Date:* _____
SCFDA Board President