

BCRFPD Monthly Board Meeting

May 17, 2023

Fryburg Rural Hall

Present: Vice President Jon Klym, Secretary Treasurer Corey Simnioniw, board members Sandy Baertsch, Dwayne Shypkoski, Kasey Malkowski, acting Fire Chief Cody Armbrust, Called In, Brian Buckman and Fire Chief Kyle Shockley.

Also present: Dean Rodne, Garrett Kessel, Julie Reis, and Rochelle Simnioniw

Meeting called to order @ 7:35 PM

April 19, 2023 minutes were reviewed, Kasey Malkowski made a motion to approve as read, Sandy Baertsch seconded, all present members were in favor.

Old Business:

- 2023 NDFA convention Update. Kyle Shockley and Cody Armbrust gave a report on the approximate Money In vs Money Out, currently about \$15,000 on the plus side. As of 5/14, 134 Convention Registrations, 95 Golf Registrations, 7 Pistol Shooters, and 55 Spouse event registrations with additional ones still coming in. BCRFPD members interested in attending parts of the conference should notify Kyle to be registered. Notice of volunteer workers has been sent out, still working on covering all bases. Friday meal was discussed, 4 Corners Café will provide Brisket, Chicken Breasts, salads, dinner roll, potato and desert bar for \$20/plate. 2 recent additional sponsors for \$2000 came in, TRMF and Heiman, ads are being worked into booklet just in time. Additional last minute possible \$5000 sponsor Dinges Fire Company, supply AMKUS Rescue Systems expressed interest in an auto-ex demonstration at the conference. If this materializes, it could possibly be scheduled at same time as parade, Friday, 4:45 PM. 7 parade entrants so far.

Rochelle Simnioniw gave an update on the convention booklet and had a proof available for final review. She plans to have Service Printers a final copy end of this week so there adequate time for them to print. She's also working on several banner layouts recognizing all sponsors. Kyle proposed one banner with all the smaller donation amounts, and a couple larger banners with the higher donation amounts. He's getting Rochelle a final list of sponsors for the banners.

Doug Koester setup Golf event, adding \$100 prize for hole in one.

200 T-Shirts have been made for selling, cost \$10.50/ shirt, suggested selling price \$20. Black shirts with white lettering, having both City of Medora FD and BCRFPD logos on them with NDFA 2023 Convention as well.

Sandy got an order of nice dress shirts for workers, White for Friday, Tan for Saturday. T-shirts can be for Thursday/setup and tear-down. They'll be stored in Medora County Hall upstairs. Kyle mentioned if needed, County Road Dept may be able to provide some help on Thursday.

- Park Service truck (2000 F450 7.3 liter with 33,000 miles) was approved to be given to BCRFPD at no cost. It's currently in Medora, awaiting taking decals off, but tentatively/temporarily to be parked in Fairfield Station until final location is determined. One possible idea would be for it to replace Fryburg Ford Truck if it breaks down and needs major repair. Fryburg station Deputy Chief and other Deputy Chiefs will be alerted of the truck to see where it's the best fit.

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Old Business (Continued)

- Commissioner meeting in June will review Forest Service and County Burn Ban restrictions, working toward further consistency. Other counties including Golden Valley, McKenzie, and Slope County also involved in review.
- TRNP did not perform the control burn in the SE corner of the park.
- No updates yet on Fairfield radio tower construction. Waiting for contractor to schedule soil sample/tests prior to construction.
- Forest Service Grant equipment all in except for the water tank. Payment from the grant was received and deposited.
- Medora water truck/tender Kyle still needs to touch bases with MT Sales Rep.
- Planning for new Medora Rural FD, EMT, County building still in discussions. At past Commissioner meeting, Interstate Engineering recommended it not being feasible at proposed location and recommended a land swap or alternate location. Kyle strongly recommended keeping Rural FD on south side of RR tracks with Medora City FD on north side. A meeting next week Wednesday is being held with Commissioners, EMT, others to discuss. Concerns about city sewer not being able to handle any increased usage. Dean talked to City and expressed usage above current amount is not expected.

New Business

- 3 new calls, 19 so far this year.

4/22: TRNP Building false alarm, 5/4: Medora School false alarm, 5/9: Oil Well flare pit burning oil, near Randy Mosser's north of TRNP.

- Sandy brought attention to increased bank pledge amount. Corey Simnioniw made a motion to approve increased pledge, Dwayne Shypkoski seconded, all present members were in favor.
- Garrett Kessel brought to boards attention that Fryburg station ice maker wasn't operational and asked if they could pursue getting it repaired. Cody Armbrust and Brian Redding looked at it at the last station meeting and it was recommended to go ahead and get a HVAC service tech to come look at it. It was agreed that it was good to have an ice maker at the stations for calls during summer season, especially. Garrett will get with Brian Redding to setup a service tech to check it out.
- Kasey made a motion to approve the financial statement and pay bills, Dwayne seconded, all present members all in favor. Sandy made a motion to adjourn, Brian seconded, all present members all in favor.