

PORTAL RESCUE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
March 15, 2007

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors was held March 15, 2007 at the Portal Rescue Classroom. A quorum present of the Board was present but the meeting was delayed until a quorum of Active Members was present. **The meeting was called to order at 7:18 p.m. with 25 of 33 Active Members present.**

Board Members present:

Fran Zweifel, President Dennis McAvoy, Fire Chief

Geoff Bender, Treasurer Jeff Gee, EMS Chief

Rick Beno Maya Decker

Barney Tomberlin Jim Algots

The agenda was adopted with no additions.

The minutes of the February 21, 2006 minutes were not available and will be presented at a later date.

President's Report: President Fran Zweifel thanked Pi Irwin for initiating so many Portal Rescue Actions during her term of presidency.

The year in review recounted the President's report that is printed in the 2007 Portal Rescue Newsletter.

Some of the highlights are:

- New building completion - approved on March 13, 2007 by the Cochise County Building Inspector.
- EMT class which provided 11 new EMTs
- Community Response Resource Team (CERT) training
- Revision and distribution of the Evacuation Plan (available at the Portal Library)

Upcoming fundraisers:

Polish Feast on March 30, 2007 - contact Zola Stoltz at 558-1124 for reservations.

Men's Chili Cook-off on April 29, 2007.

EMS Chief Report: EMS Chief, Jeff Gee thanked all new EMTs. He also recognized all current and previous Portal Rescue Members and CERT graduates.

Fire Chief Report: Fire Chief, Dennis McAvoy reported that 17 firefighters attended the monthly meeting on March 11, 2007. Items of discussion included pack tests, red cards, fire season, upcoming training and NIMS requirements. The members re-elected Dennis as Fire Chief.

Eight firefighters will be attending the Arizona Wildfire Academy in Prescott the week of March 17th.

The monthly meeting for firefighters has been changed to the third Saturday of the month and will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Many thanks to all of the people that support Portal Rescue, the men and women that serve as firefighters and the faithful dispatchers that answer the emergency calls 24/7/365.

The year in review recounted the Fire Chief's report that is printed in the 2007 Portal Rescue Newsletter. 2006 has been a very successful year.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Geoff Bender gave a wonderful "year in review" with power point assistant Rick Beno.

2006 Financial Challenges:

-Absorb the cost of building over donations - Done, including investment income - \$2,444 over

-Absorb 14 new EMTs and the inherent cost increases, namely radios and training costs – Done, 11 new EMTs trained and equipped

-Continued optimization of assets – Done , Investment income for 2006 was \$2,297.05

-Continued surplus spending or No deficit spending – Not done, VFA Grant = deficit spending \$12,000 was moved out of investments to cover requirements for the grant

-Emphasis on developing fire income opportunities – Done, Resources in place = 2 new trucks
Near completion, 11 new firefighters, advance training in progress.

2007 Financial Challenges:

-Outfit 11 new firefighters

-Another rescue vehicle

-Pad our endowment to cover one year of Operating Budget

-Back up funds if fire revenue falls short of budget

Administrative Issues

-form a grant committee

– Share the administrative wealth – more firefighters, more EMTs, more assets, more revenues

And more expenditures = more WORK and more TIME

Discussion Items:

Appreciation to all builders! Portal Rescue is unique.

New building dedication is scheduled for April 21st if the Muma family is able to attend.

By-law changes accepted with corrections made tonight. Dennis motioned, Maya seconded and the changes were passed by all present.

Election of New Board Members:

Nominated for Active Members were – Rick Beno, David Johnson and Ken Joens. Nominations were closed.

The three nominated were accepted by acclamation of all 25 Active Members present. EMS Chief, Jeff Gee and Fire Chief, Dennis McAvoy round out the 5 Active Members required to fill Governing Board positions.

Nominated for Community members were – Maya Decker, Jim Algots, Tony Godfrey, John Bush and Roberta Ward.

Elected community members are – Maya Decker, Jim Algots, Tony Godfrey and Roberta Ward.

The elected Board members then elected the officers of Portal Rescue, Incorporated.

They are: President – Maya Decker

Vice-president – Rick Beno

Secretary – Tony Godfrey

Treasurer – Roberta Ward

Roberta has also agreed to be the grant administrator.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. by new President, Maya Decker.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Jackie Lewis, Secretary, Pro tem