

MINUTES
PORTAL RESCUE INC., ANNUAL BOARD MEETING
Saturday March 21st, 2015, 11.00 a.m.
Portal Rescue Classroom

1. Call to Order

Jerry Racicot called the meeting to order at 11.00 a.m.. Six Board members, six active members and sixteen community members were present.

2. Adoption of Agenda

The published agenda was adopted, with a change to the wording of item 6.1 and the addition of items 9.1-3. Motion proposed by Dave Schurian, seconded by Rick Beno and carried unanimously.

3. Acceptance/Correction of Minutes

Jackie Lewis moved, seconded by Dave Schurian, to accept the minutes of the Jan. 7th, 2015 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Reports

4.1 President: Jerry Racicot

Jerry reported that we have fourteen firefighters and nine EMTs (three trained in prolonged care). He thanked members for their contributions and the community for their support.

4.2 Treasurer: Rick Beno

Windfall: Rick reported that O'Leary Squier had made a \$5,000 donation to Portal Rescue, which has just arrived and is not reflected in the reports.

2014 final report: Rick re-presented his report. Revenue amounted to \$49,847.06 and expenses to \$37,336.65.

Summary of Assets: Currently, our investments consist of \$40,930.37 (Edward Jones), \$60,977.73 (Southeast Arizona Credit Union), \$45,327.05 in checking (Chase Bank) and \$43,337.00 in checking and CDs (Washington Federal Bank) Including petty cash and earned interest, assets total \$191,112.15 .

Budget for 2015: Our budget is \$53,700.00. To date we have received \$12,337.00 in revenue and incurred \$6287.80 in expenses.

4.3 Fire Chief: David Newton

Since Jan. 7th .:

Operations: One vehicle wet down a helicopter landing zone.

Training: We trained on recovering vehicles in January and had a well attended training session in February when each firefighter was tested for competence in using a radio. Robert Walton attended a two day fire-wise assessor class in early March.

Grants: We applied for a Volunteer Fire Assistance grant for fittings, headlamps, and radio chest harnesses. The VFA grants are 50/50. The results of our Assistance to Firefighter Grant application will be announced some time between April and September.

Other: Thanks to Chris Wilbur and all who helped with the Soup Kitchen.

4.4 EMS Chief: Jackie Lewis

"2014 Report: During our monthly training sessions we reviewed base hospital standing orders, participated in an extrication exercise, and performed equipment reviews and vehicle and inventory checks. Eight EMTs renewed their certifications. Jackie is out of sync. and will renew this year. Two EMTs were certified for advanced airway and seven for Albuterol administration for assistance in breathing emergencies.

We responded to twenty-four emergency calls and one medical assist** that was not called in through . Our responses included: 7 medical by ground transfers, 2 medical refusals, 3**medical by helicopters, 5 trauma by ground transfers, 4 trauma by helicopters, 4 other, 2 snake bites.

2015 Report (to date): here have been two calls and one cancelled call to date. Six EMTs attended the January, and five the February training sessions. Jeff and Jerry were certified, and ET Collinsworth re-certified in Wilderness Training.

Five community members have expressed interest in becoming Radio Communications Operators and we will schedule a training class. If you are interested and have not yet let Jackie or Susanne know, please talk with us today.

Community Health Day: Please join us on Saturday, April 25th, for Community Health Day, beginning at 10 a.m.. We will cover some basic health care topics, teach you continuous chest compressions and perform blood pressure and glucose checks. You can bring in expired medication (no opiates) and needles (in sealed, puncture-proof containers) for disposal. Several door prizes will be awarded and a community potluck will follow."

EMS Chief Resignation: Jackie said that she would like to thank everyone for their support during her past five years as EMS chief. She is keeping her EMT certification but is turning the reins over to the newly elected EMS chief, Jerry Racicot.

The Board applauded Jackie for her long service as EMS chief.

5. Old Business

6. New Business

6.1 What the Board Could Be Doing

David Newton said the Board was doing a lot of things well but could be doing more; for example, repairing our building and working towards an increase in donations and outside funding. Rick Beno mentioned the need to be proactive about recruiting both project leaders and new active members. Jeff Gee suggested that we offer an EMT class every three years to make sure that we have sufficient EMTs when existing personnel are, for whatever reason, no longer available. We should also make efforts to continue recruiting firefighters.

Several people supported the idea of making Portal a "fire-wise community," a project which would increase our safety and help secure fire reduction grants. Reed Peters suggested that our bulletin board at the Post Office display pictures of the active members so that the community would know who they were and could thank them. The Board will revisit these suggestions in May.

Jeff Gee noted that Pete Miller had for years taken charge of recycling the aluminum cans we collect. The Board thanked Pete.

6.2 Nominations and Elections

The following community and active members were elected to the Board. Community members: Bill Wilbur, Harold Farmer, David Schurian. Active members: David Newton, Jerry Racicot, Rick Beno and Jackie Lewis.

7. Executive Session

Board members were appointed to the following positions: Bill Wilbur, president; Dave Schurian, vice-president, Rick Beno, treasurer, Harold Farmer, secretary.

8. Addenda

9. For the Good of the Order

9.1 Recognition of Rene Blondeau

Pi Irwin nominated Rene for the Honor Roll in recognition of his long and faithful service to Portal Rescue. Rene was a co-founder of Portal Rescue and a longtime EMT and firefighter. He did an enormous amount of physical, legal and organizational groundwork for Portal Rescue, including fund-raising and recruiting volunteers to build the large garage next door to the classroom. Rene never really retired from Portal Rescue. Jerry Racicot noted that Rene's name is already on the plaque. He and Jeff Gee spoke in enthusiastic support of the nomination, which was heartily welcomed by all.

9.2 Calendar Sales.

Vicki Beno reported that her 2015 calendar had realized \$1,705.00. She still had calendars available for anyone who wanted to purchase them. She thanked Rick for his support over the long life of this project, and also thanked the many women who were featured in the calendar.

9.3 Announcement for the Yergers

Morgan Yerger won't be able to clean, move or pack because of her car accident and will need assistance with these tasks over the next two weeks. Jackie Lewis asked volunteers to contact her (Jackie).

10 Adjournment

Jackie Lewis, seconded by Rick Beno, proposed adjournment. The motion was carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 12.10 p.m..