

PORTAL RESCUE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
April 18, 2007

1.0 Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Board Members present:

Maya Decker, President Dennis McAvoy, Fire Chief Absent: Jeff Gee, EMS Chief

Rick Beno, Vice-President Ken Joens

Roberta Ward, Treasurer John Algots

Tony Godfrey, Secretary David Johnson

2.0 The agenda was adopted with one addition to the Addenda as 7.1.

3.0 The minutes for the annual meeting held on March 15, 2007 were accepted without corrections.

4.0 Reports:

4.1 Presidents Report: Maya Decker

- Polish dinner was a huge success; eleven different polish dishes were served. A total of \$885.00 was raised for Portal rescue. Job well done by many volunteers and coordinated by Zola Stoltz and her son-in-law Jacek Gawron.
- Maya presented new donation thank you cards.
- Men's chili cook-off scheduled for April 29th is now postponed until Spring 2008.
- New ideas offered by community members for Portal website suggestions were presented to the board. Check website for updates.

4.2 Vice Presidents Report: Rick Beno

- New EMT's scattered all over the valley are having a hard time hearing the paging system. Dispatch will now page out twice: once on Channel 1, then again on Channel 2.
- The ambulance (Med 3) was taken to Sierra Vista for repairs. It is currently out of service. Douglas Fire Department will respond to Portal until repairs are complete.

4.3 EMS Chiefs Report: Jeff Gee was absent. No report.

4.4 Fire Chiefs Report: Dennis McAvoy

- During March, seven firefighters attended an Arizona wildland class in Prescott.
- Portal Fire responded to two fires in the past month. One of which was a 13,000 acre fire in New Mexico.
- The 2007 Wildland refresher class will be held at the Portal fire station on the 29th April, at 9:00 a.m. This is a required class for all firefighters.
- Several Portal members had the opportunity to conduct a controlled burn with the United States Forest Service.

4.5 Treasurer's Report: Roberta Ward

- We are still in the process of turning over all the files from the out-going treasurer to the incoming treasurer. Hereafter we will be able to give you a more thorough report

- Several people would like reimbursements for expenses. A new reimbursement form is now available and should be submitted with expense receipts to speed up the payment process. They are now available at the post office in the Treasurer's slot on the Portal Rescue mail stand.

5.0 Old Business:

5.1 Right of Way issue with Driveway:

Maintaining Right of Way requires a private driveway sign for the Portal fire station. On the back of sign, we will put "Use caution when entering Portal Road". The driveway will be closed for public use, one day a year. This is required to maintain Portal Rescue right of way.

5.2 Building Completion update/Dedication rescheduling:

5.2.1 What still needs to be done?

- New building needs decisions and work. An example is the new building needs lights. Lights have been donated, but need modifications. Chief McAvoy and Rick Beno will look into the lighting situation. Board has voted to explore cost comparison of new lights compared to donated lights. New metal siding is need for exterior base of walls for the new station. The siding can be installed in-house at no cost. A motion was made for the Fire Chief to price tin siding and purchase at a reasonable cost, was seconded by Rick Beno and passed by all present.

(At 8:01 there was an emergency call from our Portal Rescue Dispatchers which directed all EMTs to call the Portal Store. Three Board members [Rick Beno, Ken Joens, and Dennis McAvoy], and two audience members [Pi Irwin and Bonnie Sites] responded to the call. After their departure, the Board meeting continued.

- Rene' Blondeau volunteered his and Bob Dearing's services to price and install new indoor light fixtures if they turn out to be less expensive than the modifications that would need to be done for the donated lights. The remaining Board members unanimously passed a motion to authorize them to do so.
- "Since the new building is essentially done and has passed County inspection", Rene Blondeau has submitted his resignation as coordinator of new-building construction. On behalf of the Board, Maya accepted his resignation and extended the heartfelt gratitude of the people of Portal, Rodeo, and Paradise for his years of tireless effort to help the whole community.

5.2.2 Reschedule Dedication

- All Board members present, and all community members present voted to move the new building dedication to November, possibly during Thanksgiving week. It was uniformly expressed that many of our citizens, including part-time residents, will want to be a part of the dedication ceremony.

5.3 Quick review of community-formed goals from Five-Year Plan:

Tabled until the May meeting.

6.0 New Business:

7.0 Addenda (Public Input):

7.1 Jim Mclendon wishes to donate a brass bell to Portal Rescue in memory of his parents. The Board accepted his bell and the stone mount that he will build to hold it.

8.0 For the Good of the Order: None

9.0 This meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. by President Maya Decker
These minutes are respectfully submitted by Tony Godfrey, Secretary