

**Portal Rescue Incorporated Board Meeting  
February 20, 2008**

Present were:

Maya Decker, President  
Jeff Gee, EMS Chief  
David Johnson, Secretary  
Jim Algots  
Shela DeLong, Treasurer  
Ken Joens  
Barnet Tomberlin, Fire Chief

Absent: Rick Beno, Vice-President and Roberta Ward

**1.0** Call to Order at 6.01 PM

**2.0** Adoption of Agenda approved by all present

**3.0** Acceptance of the Minutes

David gave notice to resign as Secretary. He would like to remain on the Board but not as Secretary. Minutes were accepted as presented.

**4.0** Reports

**4.1** President: Maya Decker

- Thanked everyone for the great job done at the Soup Kitchen.
- Would like to see a Ways and Means committee to coordinate timing of future fund raisers as well as recruit chair people to make sure they happen.
- Reminds the Board of a men's chili cook-off that has been talked about as a possibility for April.
- Maya requests community members to step forward to plan events and provide leadership for fundraising
- Asks for all newsletter submissions to be submitted to Lisa Bender by Feb. 29<sup>th</sup>
- Reminder of the Annual Meeting next month on March 19.

**4.2** Treasurer: Shela DeLong Revenue/Expense Appendix A

- Soup Kitchen raised \$6,237.00, \$810.00 of which was donations.
- Spoke to Arizona State Land about our submitted grant. No decision has been made.
- \$8000.00 has already been paid to the Brush Clearance crew as part of our matching Fire Fuels Reduction grant.
- Engine 2 was being tested and Shela will be contacted with a progress update.
- Our checking account balance, cleared through 2/20/08, is \$17,698.00.
- **Shela made a motion, which was seconded by Jeff Gee, to hold a potluck luncheon to honor current and retired Active Members of Portal Rescue. It should continue as an annual tradition. A committee will be formed to make this happen. Voted on by all present, all 7 in favor.**
- Ken asked about Firefighters receiving their 1099 Misc for fire pay.

**4.3** Fire Chief: Barney Tomberlin

- Barney asked the Board to vote to ratify all firefighters as Active Members and made a motion to that effect. Maya seconded, all present in favor.
- 26 firefighters attended the January meeting
- Barney Tomberlin was elected Fire Chief by the Firefighters
- Barney announced his appointment of Mitch Webster, and Geoff Bender as Assistant Fire Chiefs.
- Barney met with Rodeo's Fire Chief, Ramon Escobar, to discuss how the Rodeo and Portal departments can work better together.
- Barney is working on the Wildlands Firefighter refresher course, to be held in Portal or close by.
- Barney spoke about our need to get our Fire vehicles on contract with AZ state land.

- Barney introduced Tony Godfrey who will serve as Portal Rescue's Training Officer.  
Tony gave the Board a preview of his thoughts  
and plans for training.
- Portal and Rodeo fire departments should train and work together, especially since both departments respond to our areas structural fires.
- Tony will teach Structural Firefighting I & II.
- He will offer a Hazardous Materials class that should be required training for all Firefighters and EMTs.
- Equipment and clothing are being sought from several fire departments in the state.
- Vehicle driving class for all firefighters.
- Additional training for vehicle extractraction will take place.
- Training will also include incident command instruction.
- The Tohono O'odham Nation will help to supply us with Wildland Firefighting equipment.
- The mice need to be removed, and kept out of, the new engine house because they will chew & destroy very valuable equipment.
- Training books will need to be purchased for \$30.00 each.  
Barney asked Tony to give the Board his fire background
- Tony was involved with different aspects of firefighting for 20 years
- He was with Bisbee FD for 12 years as Captain, and as Training and Safety officer
- Tony was with Northwest Fire in Tucson, and from there went to Casa Grande as a Firefighter and Arson Investigator.
- Tony holds certificates in Firefighting training, and Hazmat training.
- Tony has taught at Cochise College, Central AZ College, and AZ State Fire Marshall School.