

Portal Rescue Inc., Board Meeting: Minutes, August 18, 2010

1.0 Call to Order (Kristine Stone)

In the temporary absence of President Bill Wilbur, Vice-President Kristine Stone called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm. All board members except Bill were in attendance, but Bill arrived in time for Old Business (below). Attending community members included: Barbara Miller, Bob Morse, and Jeanne Williams.

2.0 Adoption of Agenda

No one had any agenda items to add. Jackie moved that agenda be accepted without change, Susanne seconded the motion, and no objections were raised.

3.0 Acceptance/Correction of Minutes for July 21 meeting

A correction was raised. Rick pointed out that the minutes neglected to say that we required that people from the Willcox hospital provide drawings of proposed building changes for consideration and approval, and he asked that a statement to that effect be inserted. Dinah will make this change, and she had already corrected the spelling of Squier. Rick moved that the minutes be accepted after these corrections, and Jackie seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous.

4.0 Reports

4.1. President (Rick Beno for Bill Wilbur)

Bill is behind in getting the new Brush 6 modified, but the job will be completed by month's end.

4.2 Treasurer (Rick Beno)

Rick reviewed income and expenses.

We are back to receiving positive interest (\$130.78), rather than a loss, from our investments.

Two deposits, totaling \$696 will be made on Friday. Of this, \$496 comes from advertising in the new phone book (thanks to Susanne and Barb!).

One CD will mature in October, and we must figure out what to do with them. All available options with low risk are paying at very low rates.

\$14,000 will come from the State for the Horseshoe Fire, but about \$4,000 will go to fire-fighters.

Advance payment was made in July for three EMTs who attended the Trauma Conference in August.

We received the new estimate for workman's compensation insurance. Rick will contact the insurer to deal with an overestimate based on double billing for EMTs who are also fire-fighters. However, our rates will increase by 40%, and the insurer

continues to assume that all our people make (the insurer's) minimum of \$4800/yr, though they actually make less (or nothing). There is no way around this; our total bill should be about \$1500. Year-to-date, we have taken in \$21,102 and spent \$23,283. We have more than \$27,000 in liquid funds (checking account with Chase).

4.3 EMS Chief (Jackie Lewis)

We had one call this month.

Three EMTs attended SATNET earlier this month.

EMTs will meet on Saturday, August 21st at 9 am.

4.4 Fire Chief (David Newton)

We had one call this month, a false alarm. Community members are reminded to call the PR business number (558-2206) and leave a message 24-hrs in advance of burning brush.

Joint training with Rodeo went well.

5.0 Old Business

5.1 Proposed health clinic here in September (Kristine Stone)

Francis Grill dropped by before our meeting with bay renovation plans for review by Board.

Rick pointed out that the local contact for our insurance policy believes that, because of liability issues, it will not be possible to permit a for-profit clinic to be held in a PR building. However, she will refer the

issue to her superior. Any

Board approval of plans tonight must be subject to that decision.

The hospital's proposed plan calls for a lockable door to the right as one enters through the classroom door, so that patients would not have to enter through the bay. Rick pointed out that we also need to have a door (which could be permanently

locked this year) between the newly enclosed room and the bay. If fumes from the bay are an issue, that second door could be framed and covered with drywall for removal later. Kris moved that we adopt this modified plan, subject to the insurer's

decision, and Cheri seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

We were again reminded that PR handles emergencies only through the hospital in Douglas, and that it cannot send patients to Willcox. Francis could not hand off any patients to PR or the Douglas ambulance, because that would route patients from higher

(Francis) to lower levels of care (PR EMTs, or paramedics). Should one of her patients require emergency care, the patient would have to go through the normal route of notifying PR, or Francis would have to accompany the patient to her/his destination in

Douglas or Tucson.

5.2 Donation drive letter (Jackie Lewis)

Things continue to move along well. JoAnn will give assistants the task of obtaining mailing addresses of residents for whom we now have just phone numbers.

5.3 Classroom cleaning (Bill Wilbur)

To plan her work schedule, Sheila wants us to verify the availability of the classroom in advance. The classroom calendar and schedule will soon be available on the PR website, and someone will be designated to serve as a link between the calendar and

Sheila.

5.4 Brochure (Jackie Lewis)

Rick rejects the submitted images because people in them are posing in front of trucks, rather than working. Alternative pictures will be taken this Saturday at the EMT meeting. Rick noted that we will need permission to use images where faces are

shown. Model releases have been sent out to people in the current photos.

5.5 Update on phone book.(Barb Miller and Susanne Dyal)

Barb and Susanne now have the framework for the classified section and are continuing to edit and make changes to the white pages. Kerri will design the front cover. Information about PR is being rewritten. The book is still on track to be ready

before Oktoberfest.

6.0 New Business

6.1 Fire grants approved

We have been notified that two April grant applications will be funded. One is a 90:10 grant for \$10,000, and is somewhat less than we applied for, since they didn't fund GPS systems or training at state fire school. The second is a \$1,000 50:50

grant. David moved that we accept both grants, and Rick seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor.

6.2 Roof repair

Bill has some volunteers who will go up with him and some patching material. Kristine pointed out that there was a second leak around the back window that will require caulk.

6.3 CWPP/Firewise donation

Individuals working on the Firewise and CWPP projects requested use of the copy machine in exchange for their supplying a toner cartridge and paper. A motion in favor was passed unanimously by the Board. Mechanisms for funding these projects were

discussed, though funds cannot come from PR, which is not involved. Barb and Pete Miller will temporarily divert money they raise from cans and produce to this work. Very little funding should be needed, and perhaps someone from the community will step up.

7.0 Addenda (there were none)

8.0 For the Good of the Order

8.1 Clinic space

Board members took a 'field trip' to the ambulance bay to determine what would be needed to move tools out of the area to be used as a clinic (pending approval by the insurer). We will ask hospital people to build new shelves in the fire truck bay and to move the tools over there, with some supervision by David Newton.

8.2 New EMTs needed

Barb Miller brought up the necessity of finding and training new EMTs. We are down to 2 in the vicinity of the station. All of our fund-raising will be beside the point unless we enlist new people for training, which represents a major commitment of time. Bill will contact Cochise College with the message that we could soon be in a crisis situation, and that it would be easier to find recruits if they didn't have to travel to Cochise College twice a week for a semester. All will look for possible young recruits, though a problem is that many of our younger residents do not live here year-round.

8.2 Local fire course

David Newton pointed out that a fire grant will bring instructors here for a class (basic wildland course), held over 3 weekends this winter.

9.0 Adjournment

At 7:12 pm, Bill Wilbur asked for a motion for adjournment. Dinah so moved, Cheri seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.