

Portal Rescue Inc., Board Meeting: Minutes, January 19, 2011
Agenda for Wednesday 19 January, 2011

1.0 Call to Order at 6:01

2.0 Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Rick/seconded Jackie

3.0 Acceptance/Correction of Minutes for 20 December 2011

Moved by Jacki/seconded by Susanne

4.0 Reports

4.1 President

Forgotten in newsletter is the thank you for the phone book (oops). Jackie will add a blurb. Bill has gotten three calls from employers stating their potential employees have been "employed" by Portal Rescue. Bill responds that they were serving in a voluntary capacity.

4.2 Treasurer

Final 2010 accounting shows no surprises. Final tally is income of about \$63K, spent \$43848.67. The difference is essentially what was taken in during the donation drive. We got approximately 18% return on requests (approx. 95 out of 548 letters yielded a response).

So far in January, not much has happened, other than a small amount in donations, phone books, and rents. Expenses included normal office expenses and vehicle ops (hose replaced on fuel tank), as well as a workman's comp insurance payment and repairing broken water pipes from freeze, plus a small fund-raising expense.

4.3 EMS Chief

There were two calls this month. There will be an EMT-Basic class in Benson beginning August that will be either Friday afternoon/Saturday morning or full day Saturdays (not yet known) for twelve weeks. This is the only daytime class that will be offered. Cost is approx. \$700 for the class.

This month's meeting will be Saturday January 22 before the 4-H walkathon. Four EMT's are required to support the walkathon.

4.4 Fire Chief

Brush 9 assisted with 1 medical call. Tender 1 is working on the Johnson Peak Prescribed burn today (1/19), tomorrow, and maybe Fri. (1/20 and 1/21).

Five firefighters attended training last week.

Red Brush 6 still has mechanical problems (leaking transmission fluid).

Our re-application to the FCC made it in just in time.

We put in a request for final reimbursement for the 2009 RFA Grant. That should get us \$2,440 back.

5.0 Old Business

5.1 Budget review

Donation drive brought in about \$21,000 — Rick suggested \$20K for 2011 budget. Soup kitchen is major fundraiser — suggested \$8K for 2011. Other suggestions for budget categories are slightly different from 2010 but not much. Rick suggested a major change to the way the budgets are done. Instead of choosing an arbitrary number for fire income (which is a complete unknown), budgeting \$0 would be a worst-case scenario. The budget would run at a deficit, which would have to be supplemented by the Rainy Day fund, but the deficit would decrease with every fire. The goal is to spend no more than half our assets (approx. \$48K).

EMS supplies should remain the same. Training — suggest \$4000 (this will NOT cover a new EMT training class). EMS equipment should remain the same.

Fire supplies were \$1600 last year; Newton suggests same for 2011. Fire training (last year \$2500 spent) — more training planned for this year so will budget \$7000 (\$5820 should come back under a 90/10 training grant).

Fire equipment: (\$7500 spent last year) — \$6000 for 2011

Vehicle ops: nothing major last year (\$1900 out of budgeted \$6000). There is always the likelihood of a major repair. It was decided to leave it at \$6000.

Radio Ops: Increase budget to \$3000 for 2010 budget for repeater and misc. radio work, and rechargeable batteries for firefighters. Plus, \$6200 for radios (90% of which will come back on a grant (total \$9200).

Insurance: same. Structures/maintenance: increase to \$800. Misc. expenses: increase to \$700. Dues: \$200. Fundraising expenses: \$1000.

Total: \$44,300. Will vote on this next month

5.2 Lock box/key status

A lever knob/lock is to be purchased for the classroom door (current lock difficult to use). A new lockbox for door to be purchased.

5.3 Classroom responsibilities update

Deferred to next month

6.0 New Business

6.1 Wal-Mart grant application

Wal-Mart no longer makes donations; they give grants. Need a Portal Rescue application. Will look at form and submit by deadline (end of February or end of March).

6.2 VTC Grant discussion

What do we want to ask for? This may be for major items (licensed mobile repeater?)

To be discussed further. Deadline also in a month or so.

6.3 Board candidates?

Need to have a couple of new community members.

7.0 Addenda

Walkathon gift certificate disposition

It was decided to use them as door prizes for the soup kitchen

8.0 For the Good of the Order

8.1 Newsletter Mailing; newsletter to go out next week.

8.2 Brush dropoff 2/28

9.0 Adjournment 7:56 (moved by Jackie)