

Portal Rescue Incorporated Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

6:30 p.m. in Portal Rescue Classroom

All community members and active Portal Rescue members are encouraged to attend

1 Call to Order

President Jerry Racicot called the meeting to order at 6.42 p.m.. Seven board members and one community member were present.

2 Adoption of Agenda

The published agenda was adopted with the addition of item 7.

3 Acceptance of Minutes

Jackie Lewis moved to accept the minutes as posted of the March 20th meeting. Reed Peters seconded and the vote was unanimously in favor.

4 Reports

4.1 President: Jerry Racicot

"Portal Rescue sent a rescue vehicle and fire engine for a presentation to San Simon High School. We received a nice thank you notice from the school."

4.2 Treasurer: Rick Beno

Rick Beno reviewed income and expenses for 2013, year-to-date.

Revenue: This year, \$1,200 has come from grants, \$7,252.88 has been donated, and \$6,898 has come from fundraising efforts. Interest income now totals \$235.73 and rent \$25.00. Revenue to date totals \$15,611.61.

Expenses: Expenses to date include \$631.24 for office supplies, \$1,504.41 for EMS supplies, \$361.84 for EMS training, \$4,575.37 for EMS equipment, \$1,365.88 for fire supplies, \$875.21 for vehicle operations, \$189.85 for radio operations, \$4,236 for insurance, \$474.45 for structure maintenance, \$10 for dues, \$761.87 for fund-raising expenses, \$1,080.91 for utilities and \$209.60 for miscellaneous expenses. Expenses total \$16,276.63.

Summary of Assets: Currently, our investments total \$65,570.19 and we have \$93,694.93 in checking. Including petty cash and earned interest, assets total \$159,445.12.

Portal Rescue is on target for spending and revenue so far.

4.3 Fire Chief: David Newton

"Since Mar 20, 2013:

Operations: Engine 2 with Racicot and Newton attended the San Simon bus evacuation drill on April 3rd. We provided a Red Cross Client Assistance card on April 15th to a family who had a fire on the previous day.

Training: We've had one training. It was poorly attended. (coincided with a garage sale in Rodeo)

Maintenance: A well attended vehicle maintenance morning was held last week and we identified several things to fix. Brush 5 was painted. Thanks to Lee Dyal.

Grants: We received the signed contract for our 2012 VFA grant. We'll spend \$2800 on hose and strainers and be reimbursed \$1400. No word from Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety on our extrication proposal. Notification should come this month.

Missed alarm on April 14th: The Hidalgo County "Central Dispatch" operator thought the call was in San Simon; however, the Cochise County Sheriff's Office dispatcher did not call our tone-out number, and did not have a good telephone number to reach us.

Actions: We've now clarified/corrected the CCSO instructions for toning us out and have given CCSO and Rodeo Fire Dept our firebar number.

Plans: We'll hold monthly tone-out drills, proceed with the project to put the repeater on an uninterruptable power supply and will move the pager to the same supply. Possible education projects for the future include advising the public to provide their actual location on a cell phone 911 call and advising Hidalgo Central Dispatch about the dangers of deceptive location information coming through their 911 system."

4.4 EMS Chief: Jackie Lewis:

"One call since last Board meeting.

Nine EMTs attending last training session. E.T. Collinsworth attended a seminar in Tucson. Donna & Joe Meenach and Dinah Davidson will attend the same seminar but in Sierra Vista on the 23rd of this month.

Portal Rescue will be represented at the Friends of Cave Creek Canyon event on 5/25 and the 3rd Annual Portal Rescue Health Day is scheduled for June 1st.

Thank you, Joe Meenach for taking care of rescue vehicle maintenance."

5 Old Business

Update of approved budget purchases--Jackie Lewis reported that new blinds had been fitted and a new microwave set up with funds donated by Sew What and earmarked for this project. Joe Meenach had been of great assistance in hanging the blinds and moving the microwaves. A shredder has been acquired too.

6 New Business

6.1 Discussion on how best to invest Portal Rescue's checking account money and maturing CD funds. Rick Beno reported that Portal Rescue's \$93,694.93 in the checking account is earning very little in interest. Our Edward Jones financial advisor discouraged us from investing this money in a tax-free municipal bond because of the high premium. Another investment possibility was a CD, but the best CD rate (for a 15 month CD) was 0.75%. Rick proposed investing \$50,000 from the checking account and the \$10,014.65+ from Rainy Day Fund 5 (which is about to mature) in the Southeastern Arizona Federal Credit Union in Douglas. Approximately \$40,000 would remain in the checking account. The Credit Union is currently paying 1% interest. David Newton seconded the motion and the vote was unanimously in favor.

6.2 Fund-raiser coordinated by Charlene Noland

Charlene Noland proposed to coordinate a fund-raiser to benefit Portal Rescue. She offered to organize an event consisting of music, food and possibly dancing. Funds would come from the sale of advance tickets in Douglas, Sierra Vista and elsewhere, and expenses would be offset by corporate donations. Tickets might cost \$50 a family ticket for up to 4 persons and payment to the coordinators would be negotiable, but probably in the region of 20-30% of the takings. The event would likely draw 200-400 ticket-holders and their families. Board members were concerned about difficulties resulting from the size of the proposed event, in particular, the lack of refrigerated facilities for storing food, the provision of policing and medical services, toilet facilities, sufficient physical space (whether indoor or outdoor) to host the event and parking, and the difficulty of finding sufficient volunteers to sell tickets, set up, cook, control traffic and clean up.

Charlene also suggested that Portal Rescue host a booth at Cochise County Fair, to solicit donations for Portal Rescue and sell tickets for the fund-raiser. Further discussion of this matter was deferred to the next Board meeting.

6.3 Disposal/dispersal of old television and 2 microwaves.

Jackie Lewis reported that the TV has been disposed of. The microwaves would be donated to a charity in Douglas.

6.4 Consideration to purchase a 4th outlying AED.

Jackie Lewis said that we didn't budget for an AED to be stored in Paradise but recommended that we purchase one because, in one week alone, there were three cases of people with cardiac problems in

Paradise. The AED might cost \$1500. Bill Wilbur, seconded by Reed Peters, proposed that we purchase the AED. The motion was carried unanimously.

7 Addenda

Rental of table and chairs by non-residents.

The Board agreed that we would adhere to existing policy regarding the rental of Portal Rescue tables and chairs by people who are not residents of our area. The furniture would need to be booked and renters would be asked to pay \$50.00 or more.

8 For the Good of the Order

9 Adjournment

Jackie Lewis proposed adjournment. Bill Wilbur seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8.18 p.m.