

MINUTES
PORTAL RESCUE INC., BOARD MEETING
Wednesday July 16th, 2014, 6.30 p.m.
Portal Rescue Classroom

1.0 Call to Order

Bill Wilbur called the meeting to order at 6.35 p.m. Five Board members were present.

2.0 Adoption of Agenda

The published agenda was adopted, with the inclusion of item 5.7 in the Treasurer's Report. Motion proposed by Rick Beno, seconded by Jackie Lewis, carried unanimously.

3.0 Acceptance/Correction of Minutes

The minutes of the May 21st meeting were accepted. Motion proposed by David Newton, seconded by Rick Beno, carried unanimously.

4.0 Reports

4.1 President: Jerry Racicot

Because the President was unable to attend, his report was deferred to the next meeting.

4.2 Treasurer: Rick Beno

Rick Beno reviewed income and expenses to date.

Revenue: \$0 grants; \$8,198.88 donations; \$6,940.04 fundraising; \$507.43 interest income; \$219 rent; \$0 fire income; \$150 misc. revenues.

Total: \$16,015.35

Expenses: \$516.23 office supplies; \$678.69 chiefs' meeting; \$330.88 EMS supplies; \$1,455.60 EMS training; \$1,538.82 EMS equipment; \$1,418.93 fire supplies; \$426.46 fire training; \$0 fire pay; \$1,887.41 vehicle operations; \$1,208 radio operations; \$9,789 insurance; \$304.63 structure maintenance; \$250 dues; \$289.03 fund-raising expenses; \$1,519.11 utilities; \$507.43 Rainy Day account; \$0 miscellaneous expenses.

Total \$22,120.22

Summary of Assets: Currently, our investments consist of \$66,119.25 (Edward Jones), \$60,671.12 (Credit Union) and we have \$39,573.33 in checking. Including petty cash and earned interest, our assets total \$166,443.70.

Workers' Compensation:

Although our insurance brokers (All Workers Compensation) had quoted a highly competitive rate to us, after we canceled our policy with CopperPoint the brokers immediately raised the quoted rates to an even higher level than CopperPoint. CopperPoint refused to take us back. We were then forced to get insurance from NCCI, a company which cannot refuse a policy; however, the rate they charged is slightly higher than that set by CopperPoint.

4.3 Fire Chief: David Newton

"Since May 21st.

Operations: Tiny wildfire off Portal Rd. on May 31.

Training: Training in June was well attended.

Vehicles: Brush 6: Dyal washed accumulated foam concentrate out of the vehicle bed and Beno greased the hose reel. Brush 5 is temporarily out of service while the parking brake is being replaced.

Building maintenance: June 21 – Walton and Newton cleaned out the gutters on the classroom.

Grants: Our VFA grant period was extended due to a delayed shipment of a shut-off valve from our supplier.

FCC License: In mid-June I asked Action Communications to renew our 10-year radio frequency license. They quickly submitted the renewal application and it is currently being processed by the FCC.”

4.4 EMS Chief: Jackie Lewis

“There have been five EMS calls since last meeting. We did not provide patient care at two of the calls; one had no patients, the other had Hidalgo County EMS on scene.

Seven EMTs attended training and the presentation by Dr. Ottman on June 18th. The July meeting was canceled due to the low number of EMTs available to attend. Next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 16th at 9 a.m.

Four EMTs are scheduled to attend the trauma conference at the end of July. The lodging budget will be over the approved amount by approximately \$50 per night because of taxes and the required resort fee. Three rooms will be paid for. The total budget will be approximately \$300 over approved rates for this conference. This increase has been discussed and authorized in the past, so I have not brought it to the Board for approval. The issue can be revisited if necessary.”

5.0 Old Business

5.1 **Donation drive:** Finding a person willing to train with and replace JoAnn Julian, who will retire from organizing the donation drive after this year.

Jackie reported that so far she had not found a replacement for JoAnn but JoAnn would be available this year.

5.2 **New brochures** for donation drive due in October.

Jerry Racicot is waiting for proofs with the new design, which Bill will forward to Kerry (the printer). Jackie suggested that if we haven't got a proof from the designer by August 1st, we'll need another plan. (Last year five hundred brochures cost \$115 plus shipping.)

5.3 Publication of air ambulance insurance plans.

The last helicopter flight leaving Portal cost nearly \$50,000; however, three helicopter companies offer air ambulance insurance or membership plans to defray expenses. Portal Rescue does not get to choose which helicopter will be available for any given call. Please research all three plans and see which plans best fits your needs. Here is the contact information:

LIFELINE (based in Douglas) has a plan based on membership of the service. Members do not need medical insurance to join. Medicaid recipients are not eligible.

<http://www.mtcmembership.com> or 1-866-751-45151-866-751-4515

PHICARE (based in Safford) offers two membership plans: one for those with medical insurance, another for those without.

<http://www.phicare.com/states/arizona/join.shtml> or 1-888-435-97441-888-435-9744

LIFENET/OMNI ADVANTAGE, now known as LIFE SHIELD Alliance (based in Willcox) offers an insurance plan for those with medical insurance.

<http://www.lifeshieldalliance.com> or 1-855-896-90641-855-896-9064

5.4 Cost of new Portal Rescue members' T-shirts.

Jackie Lewis reported that the consignment of new shirts will arrive by 27th August and will cost approximately \$750 in total, part of which will be met by active members purchasing extra shirts.

5.5 Updating/creating RCO protocols terminology used during incidents.

This item was deferred till the next meeting.

5.6 Approval of March 19th, 2014 minutes.

David Newton proposed, and Rick Beno seconded, a motion to accept the attendance numbers as described in the minutes. The motion was carried unanimously.

5.7 Further comments on Workers' Compensation insurance.

(See Treasurer's Report above)

6.0 New Business

6.1 Cochise County Community Wildfire Protection Plan

Cochise County wishes to obtain resolutions of support from the county communities by 8-1-14. Harold Farmer proposed and Jackie Lewis seconded a motion to support the resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

6.2 Update Reimbursements to New Government Rates

Jackie Lewis proposed and David Newton seconded a motion to raise the accommodation and subsistence rates. The accommodation rate would be \$86 per person per night, which amount could be increased at the Chief's discretion, the Chief's signature being required for increases. The daily rate for three meals would be \$51 (\$9 breakfast, \$13 lunch, \$29 dinner).

7.0 Addenda

8.0 For the Good of the Order

8.1 Art for Kids

Chiricahua Gallery thanked Portal Rescue for the use of the classroom for Art for Kids on 21st-23rd July.

8.2 Calendar

Vicki Beno has finished her 2015 calendar on The Women of Portal, which will be sold for \$20 each, in aid of Portal Rescue. The calendar will be on sale for Oktoberfest.

9.0 Adjournment

Jackie Lewis, seconded by Rick Beno, proposed adjournment. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8.00 p.m.