

MINUTES
Portal Rescue Incorporated Board Meeting
Saturday, July 25, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.
Portal Rescue Classroom

1 Call to Order

President Bill Wilbur called the meeting to order at 4.07 p.m. Seven Board members were present.

2 Adoption of Agenda

The published agenda was adopted with addition of item 7. Motion proposed by Jackie Lewis, seconded by Jerry Racicot and passed unanimously.

3 Acceptance/Correction of Minutes

Deferred until next meeting.

4 Reports

4.1 President: Bill Wilbur

Bill Wilbur thanked the Board members for their cooperation during his recent illness. Bill noted that Painted Pony Resort in New Mexico had thanked Portal Rescue for their recent assistance. The performance of Portal Rescue stood out, even though Hidalgo County Sheriff's department also attended. Google Earth was a great asset to RCOs on this occasion.

4.2 Treasurer: Rick Beno

Rick reviewed income and expenses, year-to-date. Currently we have two bank accounts, one in Chase Bank and one in the Washington Federal Bank. The Chase account, which we intend to close, is being used for expenses only, the Washington Federal for deposits only.

Revenue: (Washington Federal): total \$23,416.92

Expenses: (Chase): total \$18,013.08

Summary of Assets: Currently our investment and checking accounts, including petty cash and earned interest, total \$188,906.83

4.3 Fire Chief: David Newton

"Since June 10th:

Operations: There was a false alarm on July 4th. Brush 5 was in the Rodeo parade.

Training: We had one training with okay attendance.

Vehicles: We changed the oil in Brush 5 and replaced a couple ignition parts on white Brush 6.

Grants: VFA—All items have been purchased. We will request reimbursement from the State in a couple weeks. Portal Rescue should receive about \$530.

AFG—A few days ago we received an email from a man in FEMA Grants telling us we had to get our direct deposit documents in order immediately. He takes this as a hopeful sign that we'll be funded (\$11K) for our proposed pager purchase."

4.4 EMS Chief: Jerry Racicot

"Calls: Portal Rescue responded to 3 calls, including 1 in New Mexico.

Training: The July meeting was well attended; we covered standing orders and brain injury procedures. A Tucson Medical Center representative visited Portal station in June for a training exercise which every EMT attended. We will be updating our CPR training in September, with Dennis MacAvoy volunteering his time to teach the course. An EMT refresher course will be held at Portal Station in January 2016.

Vehicles: The air conditioning on Rescue 4 has been repaired by Lance Shultis.

SATNET: Two EMTs will be attending Southern Arizona Trauma Network Conference next week."

5 Old Business

5.1 Portal Rescue building repairs: Bill Wilbur had inspected the damage himself and also contacted Scott Stamer, Bob Dearing and Jeff Gee for their assessments. Jeff thought that skylight repairs might

cost as much as \$1500. The crack will be repaired with "Through the Roof", a clear waterproof sealant. Bob offered to inspect and report on the skylight damage and damage to the side of the building. Bill will work on the side of the building and is waiting for Bob's report before organizing repairs to the roof. Roofing screws will need to be replaced with larger screws and new waterproof washers. Additional screws will be added to reduce flex caused by the winds.

5.2 What the Board could be doing

5.2.1 Update Portal Rescue bulletin board: Jerry Racicot said that once he obtained the necessary camera he would take action shots and portraits of members.

5.2.2 The Fire-wise program will be coordinated with the Forest Service by Friends of Cave Creek Canyon. FOCCC, not Portal Rescue, will be the main sponsor for this program. At some point Portal Rescue will need to provide a contact person for them. Jerry said that FOCCC would hire a prison crew to do the labor. No action is required from Portal Rescue at this point.

5.3 2015 Donation Drive committee: Jackie reported that she and Morgan Yerger are co-chairs of the committee. Morgan will work on potential donor lists and donation letters.

5.4 Power backup (Uninterruptible Power Supply) for the radio repeater: Rick reported that the unit has been bought and installed and appears to be working.

5.5 GPS for rescue vehicles: Rick reported that he had bought a Garmin 2689 GPS for personal use which cost him about \$270. He is considering recommending it for the ambulance and, if he does so, will teach a class on it.

5.6 What to do with White Brush 6: David Newton is waiting to see if the latest repairs are effective. If not, we should replace the vehicle. Dave Elbrock has offered to keep Portal Rescue in mind if he is able to donate a utility vehicle.

6 New Business

6.1 "I Support Portal Rescue" T-shirts. Jackie reported that some community members and members of other fire departments have asked to buy these shirts. The shirts will display the current design with "I Support Portal Rescue" on the pocket patch and the AZ map on the back. Jackie explained the relative costs of ordering or pre-ordering shirts from various potential suppliers. Dave Schurian, seconded by Jerry Racicot, moved to order a minimum of 100 shirts. Motion passed unanimously.

7 For the Good of the Order

7.1 Red Cross Blood drive

Portal Rescue is coordinating this event. Jackie Lewis reported that the Red Cross hoped for at least 14 donors and could take as many as 30. The event will be held from 11.00 a.m.-2.00 p.m. August 26th. Appointments must be scheduled with Jackie: Tel. 558-2287.

7.2 Internet Connection

Rick reported that Howard Topoff had suggested we install an internet connection in the Portal Rescue classroom. Rick said it would cost about \$500-\$600 per year. He asked the Board to think about the proposal for future discussion.

8 Adjournment

Jackie proposed, Rick seconded, a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5.00 p.m.