



MINUTES
Portal Rescue
Wednesday, January 18, 2017

1.0 Call to Order:

1.0 President Bill Wilbur called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm. Six Portal Rescue Board Members were present. Board member present were President Bill Wilbur, Treasurer Jackie Lewis, Secretary Greg Wayman, Fire Chief David Newton, EMS Chief Jerry Racicot, John Yerger. Vice-President David Schurian excused. There were no active members nor community residents present.

2.0 Adoption of Agenda:

1.0 Add 8.3 Annual meeting

4.2 Treasurer report not a correct/accurate report. Will amend by year end report.

1.2 Motion to accept Agenda as corrected by Jackie Lewis, seconded by David Newton. Motion passed.

3.0 Acceptance of Minutes/Corrections:

1.0 6.1.3 Change the word 'fore coming' to 'forthcoming'.

Motion to accept December 14, 2016 meeting minutes as corrected by David Newton, seconded John Yerger. Motion Passed.

4.0 Reports:

4.1 President Bill Wilbur:

President Bill Wilbur expressed his sincere thanks to the community for their generous contributions and their volunteerism.

Bill stated that he has had many community conversations over the direction that Portal Rescue is now heading:

1.1 Are we going back to the Purpose of Portal Rescue and stay within Cochise County?[Portal proper]

1.1.1 No, the EMS Chief and Fire Chief determine where Portal Rescue personnel and assets are placed.

1.2 Should Portal Rescue vehicles stay at Portal Rescue.

1.2.1 No, as in years past, The Chiefs' and Board determine the placement of assets that best support all the community. History of vehicle placement stretches well back into the 1990's.

1.3 Was Cochise County training (rope, large animal rescue, and etc.) necessary?

1.3.1 Yes, we have had recent examples in 2016 where the benefits of special training paid off in extractions from difficult locations using techniques learned in the training classes.

- 1.4 How can we new recruit members?
 - 1.4.1 This is not only the responsibility of Portal Rescue members but also a responsibility of the Community at large. When I am asked, “Why aren’t you recruiting new members?” My reply is now, “ I am, but are you looking for new members?” Surprisingly it’s the Community member who has more influence in finding new volunteers for Portal Rescue.
- 1.5 Workers Compensation.
 - 1.5.1 This answer was in the December minutes under 5.1 and 5.1.1.
- 1.6 Questions on the Treasurer and Secretary qualifications to hold those positions.
 - 1.6.1 Since our Secretary and Treasurer are not paid positions, Portal Rescue will gladly accept any volunteer willing to accept the position. Since most past Board members that have worked in these positions are willing to assist current members, these positions have functioned relatively smoothly.
- 1.7 Portal Rescue should consider adopting new SOGs and a policy manual.
 - 1.7.1 This is a work in progress and new SOGs are forthcoming.
- 1.8 Community concerns.
 - 1.8.1 The President asks “Why are the residents willing to quote misinformation and not seek answers from Portal Rescue Board members?” Ask us! Currently the “**Hot Rumor**” is that Portal Rescue will not support members of the community of Rodeo. We are working with Hidalgo County to overcome issues caused by changes in the laws of New Mexico the currently prohibit EMTs from Arizona to support New Mexico residents. One immediate solution is for New Mexico residents to relocate ones’ self to an Arizona address and then call **911** from a land line. Portal Rescue can then provide assistance.

4.2 Treasurer Report Jackie Lewis:

Donation: \$15,575.43 year end 2016
Budget-- \$109,125.43 year end 2016
Expenses \$94,421.83 year end 2016
Total dollars left from Budget **-\$871.83**
Total of all funds (Muma, CD’s) \$198,361.58 year end 2016

4.3 Fire Chief David Newton:

Since December 14, 2016.

Operations: On December 20, 2016, we responded to a wildland fire at Apache School that had escaped a burn barrel. Thank you to Rodeo Fire for their mutual aid. On January 18, 2017 Engine 2 and Portal Rescue 4 went to San Simon School for their annual bus evacuation drill.

Training: In December we had a discussion meeting.

Vehicle: All vehicles are back in service

Grants: The county's dispatching radio channel is still not working correctly so I have still been unable to test the pagers purchased under our 2014 AFG grant. We were awarded 2 of our proposed 4 VFA grant projects totaling \$972. Hose, one large fire shelter, and sawyer chaps. This is a 50/50 grant.

4.4 EMS Chief Jerry Racicot:

Calls: Portal Rescue EMTs responded to 1 medical call since last meeting.

New EMTs: All four of our new EMT students passed all exams. They now hold both National and Arizona state EMT licenses. They were the top of all Cochise College's classes for this semester. I am very proud and excited to have these new members on our department.

San Simon School: Jackie Lewis and Jennifer Racicot took Rescue 4 to the San Simon School for their annual bus drill. Our EMTs strapped children to backboards and let them look through our rescue vehicle. This is done in order to acquaint children with emergency personnel in the event of an accident.

Hidalgo County: David Whipple and I have negotiated an agreement for Portal Rescue EMTs to provide mutual aid assistance to residents of Hidalgo County. Portal Rescue EMTs will need to apply for a New Mexico license, take a 16 hour transition course, take a state EMS exam and pass a background check.. This will Portal Rescue approximately \$500 per EMT to complete. There are currently 6 EMTs willing to go through the process to receive a New Mexico license.

5.0 Old Business:

5.1 Budget final.

5.1.2 Motion to accept budget as proposed pending final corrections by John Yerger. Second by David Newton. Motion passed.

5.2 Ten(10) Portal Rescue SOGs

5.2.1 Portal Rescue Board approved eight of the proposed SOGs. Motion by John Yerger second by Greg Wayman to send two(2) to committee. Motion passed.

5.3 GPS units

5.3.1 Motion to strike 5.3 from Old Business by Jerry Racicot second by John Yerger. Motion passed.

5.4 Agreement with Hidalgo County

5.4.1 Motion by John Yerger to grant the signing authority to EMS Chief Jerry Racicot. Second by Greg Wayman. Motion passed.

6.0 New Business

6.1 'Soups On'

6.1.1 Many questions and comments on meaning of Soup Kitchen. Many people, visitors and new residents to the area, thought we serving and feeding the needy and homeless. Motion by Jerry Racicot to change name from 'Soup Kitchen' to 'Soups On' second by David Newton. Motion passed.

6.2 Election of new EMTs; Barbara Roth, Joan Galanis, Jennifer Racicot, and Tim Lawson. Motion to approve new EMTs as listed by John Yerger second by Jerry Racicot. Motion passed. All new EMTs are Portal area residents.

7.0 Addenda:

8.0 Good of Order:

8.1 Soups On

8.1.1 Dates for Soups On are February 21st, 22nd, and 23rd.

8.2 Annual meeting will be March 8, 2017 at 6:30pm at the Portal Rescue classroom following a Potluck dinner starting at 5:00pm. Volunteers needed at 4:00pm to help with set-up.

9.0 Adjourn:

9.1 Motion to adjourn passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm

1.0 Next meeting March 8, 2017 at 6:30 pm at Portal classroom.