

Board Members Present:

Glenn Borland, Robert Carlyle, Donna Dose, George Evangelou, James Ewen, Elizabeth Getzoff, Sue Hanson, Rosemary Johnston, Michael Pique, Alan Serry, Yvonne Vaucher, Michael Walsh. Betsy Tainer (alternate for Elizabeth Getzoff) was on video link.

Board Members Absent: Terri Bailey, Heather Beer, Brenda Fromlath.

The PMPO Board Meeting was called to order at about 10:05 AM September 3, 2016, at the Palomar Mountain Fire Department, by Glenn Borland, chair. A quorum of Board members was present.

Treasurer George Evangelou reported our current combined checking and savings account balance is \$45,799.05.

Secretary Michael Pique presented the minutes of the February 13 and May 28, 2016 Board meetings. The minutes were approved with February 13 correction of Terri Bailey as requesting sign funding and addition of Sue Hanson/Jon Blake information; and May 28 correction of Highway to the Stars contact and removal of Fire Safe Council as magnet sponsor.

Old Business

Traffic Safety:

Alan Serry says Sgt. Brad Denham is now our CHP contact. CHP has funds for twice-a-month motorcycle control this summer, including September 11 and 18. Yvonne Vaucher suggests putting up a sign at the Summit, "XXX motorcycle accidents this year so far"; perhaps also posting copies of newspaper articles describing Palomar Mountain accidents.

Palomar Mountain Fire Safe Council (PMFSC):

FSC Chair Yvonne Vaucher, President, reported that the Council is making progress on fully reinstating its not-for-profit status, achieving federal IRS approval on August 25 which is retroactive to February 15, 2014. The PMFSC is now filing for 501(c)3 approval by the California Franchise Tax Board.

Bonnie Phelps is posting the PMFSC meeting schedule on their web site

<http://www.mypalomarmountain.com/firesafecouncil>

Notices and information are also regularly placed on the community bulletin board outside the Palomar Post Office. The local class on the Wildland-Urban Interface, on "thinking like a fire fighter", organized by Cecelia Borland, was successful. PMFSC priority is to evaluate alternate evacuation routes from Crestline/Birch Hill.

PMFSC has applied for two small grants; neither was funded. US Forest Service funding of \$121,000, including funds for free chipping and 50-50 cost-share preparation work on private land in the 100' defensible space around habitable structures, was obtained by the Fire Safe Council of San Diego (FSCSDC), which is the grant coordinator and administrator. The PMFSC has applied to get work crews from the California Conservation Corps to clear the area around the Summit including the Fire Station and along the State Park Boundary. Mike Wilson, vice-president, has reviewed federal grant proposal requirements which are voluminous and very complex; if we obtain any federal grants, the PMFSC will likely use the Fire Safe Council of San Diego as administrator, simplifying our local paperwork.

Telephone Number Fridge Magnets:

Alan Serry has verified the phone numbers and will print both magnet-backed and cardboard editions; we can include the cardboard ones in the next newsletter.

Community Center of Palomar Mountain (CCPM):

Terri Sproul says three events are upcoming: today, food and music festival outside the Fire Station; October 1, evening dessert potluck and star party at the Observatory; December 3, Christmas potluck at Mother's Kitchen.

Neighborhood Watch:

Terri Bailey is managing the west side (State Park Road and Bailey Meadows) while Alan Serry is managing Crestline, Birch Hill, and the East Grade. Alan has copies of the "Trespassing arrest authorization" form you should file with the sheriff's office. Your property must be posted with "No Trespassing" signs.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT):

James Ewen, CERT program manager, encourages residents to be ready to evacuate if necessary, and to be ready to shelter-in-place for snow emergencies.

Palomar Mountain Mutual Water Company (PMMWC):

Sue Hanson says the Mutual Water wells, in Pedley Valley, are holding up OK. She asks shareholders please to come to the annual meeting, 10 AM this Monday.

Palomar Mountain State Park:

Michael Walsh said the park had a very good summer, with the campgrounds at capacity. Projects underway include rebuilding the Doane Pond bridge and repairing the road to the Boucher Hill lookout. The State Park hired Ingemar "Iggy" Sorency as interpretive specialist, the position funded by the "Friends of the Palomar Mountain State Park". He is a history enthusiast and is preparing campfire programs about the Park's homesteader heritage.

Rosemary Johnston went to Sacramento May 3 for Park Advocacy Day. She said a three-billion-dollar California bond proposal appears defeated. An assembly bill (AB 2249) prohibits trademarking of public facility names.

Gold-Spotted Oak Borer:

Betsy Tainer, on video link, reported that signage requires a building permit and, if on road right-of-way, an encroachment permit. State Park ranger Jessica Murany notes that the USFS station at Lake Henshaw has an 5x8-foot Oak Borer sign we could order a copy of. They are not seeing much oak firewood being brought to the park. Betsy says the State Park web site has good information but a roadside sign would reinforce the message. The bottom of South Grade road would be a good site; Mike Pique to look into who owns the parcels around the road junction. Sue Hanson says we need to inform weekend vacation cabin renters to not bring up wood. Robert Carlyle suggests including GSOB identification magnets in the next newsletter: either copies of the ones from gsob.org, or of our own design. George Evangelou will evaluate magnet designs and availability. Board approved \$750 to print 750 magnets.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 AM.

Next board meeting is on December 3, 11:00 AM to allow for Fire Board meeting before.

Michael Pique, Secretary (email: secretary@pmpoinfo.com)

Minutes approved by PMPO board December 3, 2016.