

MEETING MINUTES
QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING
Thursday July 30th, 1800 hrs, Martin Shop

Chief Martin called the meeting to order at 1805 hours and thanked everyone for coming. The following members were in attendance: Abb Adkisson, Ari Arroyo, Melanie Banton, Sher Beard, Warren & Trudy Colbert, Lynne Eisler, Leroy & Victoria Goble, Pete & Cindy Holeman, George Lewis, Gary & Sue Martin, James & Janet Parr, Larry & Virginia Pearsall, Chuck Reynolds, Joe Ubbink, Gene & Royella Van Dyne, and Hank & Dory van Loon. These 24 members constituted a legal quorum.

Potential new member Peter Arroyo also attended the meeting.

There were no additional agenda items.

The April 30, 2015 Meeting Minutes were approved by acclimation.

Treasurer Virginia Pearsall delivered last quarter financial report. Copies of the report were distributed to everyone and verbally reviewed by the Treasurer. **The report was approved by acclimation.**

- Chief Pearsall provided an update on the Fresno County allotment of \$2250.00 which has not yet been received. He has been told that the County has received everything they need from PRVFD and the allotment is currently being processed. A check should be sent within the next two weeks.

Chief Martin presented the *Chief's Report*:

- PRVFD has had three public service Incidents this quarter:
 - Assisted the Shaver Lake Volunteer organization in cleaning up the shoreline around Shaver Lake.
 - Provided a learning station at the Edison Company Science Days at Camp Edison.
 - Toured PG&E Helms Power Plant to familiarize us with the layout and safety protocols in case we are ever needed. Jason Beard and Ed Hanson were thanked for the beneficial tour. We assisted *Edison Forestry* by patrolling the North Shore of Shaver Lake during the Fireworks Event on July 5th. Two quads and both patrols were utilized. We also had one small campfire incident.
- Apparatus Status: P68 is available at Chief Martin's. P268 is available at Chief Pearsall's. E68 is available at Engineer Goble's. E268 - Is available at Engineer Van Dyne's. E368 is available at Chief Pearsall's. Work is in process on this engine to bring it into excellent condition. WT68 is available at Engineer Reynold's. E468 has been returned to Cal Fire. The engine was sold and driven successfully to Arizona. We had been leasing the engine from Cal Fire.
- Window decals, for member's vehicles, are now available at no cost from Chief Martin. The cost will be absorbed by PRVFD.

Chief Martin presented the *Fundraising Report*: He mentioned that an extensive BBQ report would be presented during the Continuing Business portion of the meeting. Treasurer Virginia Pearsall urged everyone to take advantage of our fundraising projects, Scrip, Mar-Val, and Amazon Smile. Please call Virginia at 841-7774 or

pearsall@netptc.net for detail information on how to participate in these three easy ways to support the PRVFD with no out-of-pocket expense.

Cpt. Parr presented the Training Report:

- Lori Einem, a Clovis Fire Department member, held a CPR & First Aid class on July 15th. Six of our members attended and received their CPR certification.
- James and Janet Parr have completed their Red Cross *Emergency Medical Responder* (EMR) instructor's course. This allows them to train and certify our members in EMR. The EMR classification is one step below Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and will take approximately 70 hours to complete. A signup sheet was distributed to see how many members might be interested in attending a future EMR class.
- A training schedule for the next quarter was distributed.
 - Thursday, August 6, 2015 – Wildland Fires – At the *Rock*.
 - Tuesday, August 25, 2015 – Wildland Fires – At the *Rock*
 - Thursday, September 10, 2015 – Wildland Fires – At the *Rock*
 - Saturday, September 19, 2015 – WUI Drill – At the *Rock*
 - Thursday, October 1, 2015 – Wildland Fires – At the *Rock*
 - Tuesday, October 13, 2015 – Structure Fires – At the *Rock*
 - Thursday, October 29, 2015 – Medical – At Chief Martin's
- Always look for a flyer for training on the bulletin board at the entrance of Cressman Rd. Times and dates of trainings are subject to change. Please feel free to call Cpt. Parr (841-3230) with any questions.

Leroy Goble presented the Troop Tribute Report. Thirty five boxes have been sent, but one was returned. There is \$483.03 remaining in the fund. **Additional donations would be much appreciated...**

Cpt. Hank van Loon presented the *Cressman Road Clearing Project Report*: Cal Fire is ready to proceed with the project as soon as permission from all the involved property owners is received. Apparently the letter requesting permission was not clear that everyone needs to contact Forester Edwin Simpson to give their approval. Forester Simpson is heading up the project and is hoping to get started in September or October after fire season. **If you live on Cressman Rd., Lower Cressman Rd., or Upper Cressman Rd. And want to take advantage of this incredible opportunity, please contact Forester Simpson at 281-4337 (Cell), 493-4300 (Office) or edwin.simpson@fire.ca.gov (Email).**

Melanie Banton presented the *Station Wear Report*: She currently has several orders holding and hopes to place the orders soon. Several member's indicated that they would like to purchase items. Please let Melanie know if you would like PRVFD hats, T shirts, polo shirts, sweatshirt, jackets, etc. She can be reached at 841-7879 or bantunca@netptc.net.

There were no additional reports.

Continuing Business: Chief Martin presented an extensive report including a Power-Point show that dramatically presented all the results of the very successful, 2015, Tri-Tip BBQ Fundraiser.

- **Our total income from donations and sandwiches and drinks sold was \$5633.00.**
- **Our total expenses were \$812.16.**

- **Our net profit was \$4820.84 which is the highest ever.**
- The following graphic, from the slide show, depicts how this year's BBQ compares to previous years:



Firefighter Pete Holeman headed up the entire event and Sher Beard was influential in obtaining donations. Chief Martin praised and thanked them both for the fantastic jobs they did and presented them with PRVFD mugs as a token of his appreciation. Everyone applauded Pete and Sher.

Royella Van Dyne suggested we keep the next BBQ open till 6:00 pm in hopes of more business.

Sher Beard volunteered to head-up the 2016 BBQ next year.

Chief Martin informed everyone that 80 more pounds of tri-tip were delivered than we had ordered. He and Pete Holeman purchased the overage so we wouldn't have to dispose of it.

New Business: There were several items of *New Business*:

- PRVFD has been requested to participate in the upcoming Fresno County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Department's running race in August 2015. We would be patrolling the event with quads and our patrols. **It was MSC to participate in the August event.**
- Chief Martin gave a detailed report of how we acquired our new engine from the San Pasqual VFD, and the problems that occurred during the drive home from Escondido. The repairs cost approximately \$1600 more than the Chief has authority to approve, but it had to be done in order to get home. **It was MSC to approve the additional expense over and above the Chiefs authority.**
 - Chief Martin then disclosed that he received a donation from San Pasqual VFD for \$5000.
- The heavy duty alternator on E368 also requires repair. It periodically stops charging the battery. Chief Pearsall will be taking the alternator to Leslie Electric in Fresno for repair, but the cost is not yet known. **It was MSC to pay for the alternator repair. Chief Martin thanked Chief**

Pearsall and Gene Van Dyne for working on E368 and getting it ready for service.

- Peter Arroyo has expressed his desire to join the PRVFD as a firefighter: The Executive Board has met with Peter and they recommend that he be inducted into provisional membership. Peter came forward and told everyone why he would like to join the PRVFD. **A motion to induct Peter Arroyo into Provisional Membership was made, seconded and unanimously passed.** Peter was welcomed with a round of applause.

There was no further New Business.

There were several Roundtable discussions:

- Cpt. James Parr informed the membership that the Shaver Lake Cal Fire engine, 4352 is currently assigned to a wildland fire and will be off the mountain for an extended time. Also, American Ambulance may be taking one of the ambulances that responds to our calls away. James made the point that we must be aware that we may not receive the normal fast response when we are involved in a call. We must persevere and do the best we can. **Chief Martin praised James and Janet Parr for their exemplary service.**
- Royella Van Dyne requested more radio training. **Cpt. Parr said that he will provide that training.**
- Sher Beard reminded everyone that she will be taking individual photos of all members after the meeting for the new *Facebook* page. Chief Martin mentioned that Sher is also updating our website and again thanked her for all she does. He asked the members to raise their hands if they ever look at our website. Almost everyone quickly raised their hands. That response was very gratifying.
- Chief Martin announced that he will be having a very special party for Sue Martin's birthday. It will feature a tri-tip dinner with **potluck sides, salads, and desserts.** Jeremy Pearce will perform his wonderful Elvis Presley impersonations. **It will be held September 6th at the Banton barn. All Fire Department members are invited.**

Next Meeting: The next Meeting will be held Thursday, October 29, 2015, at 1800 Hours.

- **Sher Beard volunteered her house for the meeting.**

The meeting was adjourned at 1920 hours.