

Crystal Lakes Fire Protection District

(970) 881-3521

Board of Directors

**Minutes for January 16, 2020
Base Camp– 7:00 P.M.**

Call To Order: The meeting was called to order by Vice President Don Hass at 7:02 pm

In Attendance: Don Hass, Shirla Race, Duane Jacoby, Jim Kubichek

Absent: Jan Sawyer (excused) Mark Rode (excused)

District Members in attendance: Steve Dirmeyer, Doug Race

Approval of Agenda: Shirla Race moved to approve the agenda and Don Hass seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: November 21, 2019

Duane Jacoby made the motion to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2019 minutes which was seconded by Jim Kubichek. The motion passed unanimously.

President's Report: None

Secretary's Report: It was noted that Shirla and Doug Race will be absent for the February meeting and that Jim Kubichek will be absent for the March meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Race presented the monthly financial reports. Nothing remarkable was noted. The Capital Improvement fund has \$48, 432. Treasurer Race noted that the district has been able to contribute extra to the principal of the bond to retire it earlier than expected.

Jim Kubichek moved to accept the Treasurer's report and the motion was seconded by Duane Jacoby. The motion passed unanimously.

Fire Department Report: In the Chief's absence, Doug Race presented the report. Since the last report there have been 9 incidents for a total for the year of 59. The joint training schedule has been implemented beginning with the January trainings. The AFG grant opportunity will be announced soon with the Department's priority for the grant being an new, and much needed brush truck. The state grants have been announced and are due mid-February. The Homeland Security grant for the station generator continues to proceed. Also presented was a written 2019 summary noting incidents (59), hours of service (4295), personnel (26 members; 10 SDRs and 16 Firefighters), and significant events (Grants, Combined Trainings, and Community Outreach) for the year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

As the Board Desires:

- 2020 Transparency Notice: Doug Race noted District elections are scheduled to be held May, 5, 2020. Doug reported that the state is moving to odd-year elections and to do that the next two elections will be modified to achieve this with the 2020 elections being for 3-year terms rather than 4.
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- Appoint DEO: A resolution (Resolution 001-2020) was presented to appoint Doug Race as the Designated Election Official (DEO). Jim Kubichek moved to accept the resolution as presented with Don Hass seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
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Comments by Attending Public: None

Set or confirm next Board meeting date and location: February 20, 2020 at 7:00 pm

Adjournment: Shirla Race moved to adjourn which was seconded by Duane Jacoby. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03

Crystal Lakes Volunteer Fire Department

237 Blackfoot Rd, Red Feather Lakes, CO 80545
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January 16, 2020

Fire Department Report, YTD plus Full Year 2019 Summary

1. Department Activity since the last board meeting (November 2020)

- Business meetings – 1
- Department trainings – 2, + 1 x EMS Trainings at Glacier View,
- Incidents - 9 since last report, 59 incidents full year 2019, 1 so far in 2020
 - #52 – Elderly male, DOA
 - #53 – Male, Bloody nose for 4 hours
 - #54 – Smoke spotted from forest service burn
 - #55 – Intoxicated female, female hemorrhaging
 - #56 - Intoxicated male, suicidal
 - #57 – Male at Beaver Meadows, possible Heart attack
 - #58 – Female at Beaver meadows, fell on ice, severe concussion
 - #59 – Female at Beaver Meadows, tubing accident, neck pain
 - #1 (2020) – Beaver meadows tubing accident, possible concussion

2. PERSONNEL:

- No new news

3. TRAINING:

- Normal trainings executed. Joint training schedule for 2020 with RFLVFD implemented with January trainings.

4. GRANTS:

- AFG grant will come up in the fall (Oct-Dec). Once it is announced we will have 30 days to submit. Current plan is to apply for a brush truck this year but have no other items in mind at this time. Each year a priority list is published and it may or may not be similar to this year's. Grants are usually for approx 90%.

- Homeland Security grant for station backup generator status: Bid release by City of Greeley and 3 responses received. Bid awarded to supplier but still waiting for EPA approval.

5. OTHER:

- No new news

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Rode
Fire Chief
Crystal Lakes Volunteer Fire Department

CLVFD 2019 SUMMARY

Incidents 59 YTD (56 2018):

- 15 fires/smoke.....25%
 - o 3 Wildland fires (Delaware Ct)
 - o 1 Structure fire
 - o 11 – illegal fires, downed power line, controlled burn
- 40 Medical....68%.....4 helicopter landings, 4 MVAs, heart attacks, strokes, Seizures, intoxications, (Luckily this year, no members on calls!)
- 4 Misc.....7%

Hours of Service:

- 1505 training hours (1387 in 2018)
- 2200 hours of non-training work
- 590 hours of incident response (54x5x2hrs)
- 4295 hours of dedication to the community.....82 hrs per week or 2.0 FTE....

PERSONNEL: Current membership:

- 26 total members (decrease of 6 from 2018 YE 32)
 - o 16 Firefighters..... Including Medical capability of 1 Paramedic, 4 EMTs (Mark R, Mark W, Doug, Evan), 5 EMRs (Tom, Keni, Evan Jann, Anne).....Evan new EMT for 2019!!!
- 10 SDRs
- 15 of 16 Firefighters will be here over winter.....6 of 10 SDRs will be here over winter. All Medical support will be here over winter except for 1 EMT.
- 178 Combined Years of Service!

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- Grants
 - o \$22,300 – FEMA, 7 sets of Bunker Gear
 - o \$5,000 – Homeland Security, 2 dual band radios
 - o \$4,392 – Div of Fire Prevention, 4 x SCBA masks, hoods, structure gloves
 - o \$8,800 – VFA, 2 dual band radios, 6 wildland shelters
- CLFIRES – \$25,600 in donations.....up from \$21K in 2018
- Combined Trainings:
 - o EMS combined with Glacier View, RFLVFD and Poudre Canyon
 - o Ice Training, extrication, and SCBA with RFLVFD
 - o Staged structure Incident with RFLVFD
 - o 4 members attended the external structure academy
- Community outreach
 - o 8+ members supported 9 Health Fair
 - o 1 Chainsaw safety classes
 - o 2 Stop the Bleed classes (also provided tourniquets)
 - o Community education/workshops
 - Insurance x 1.....Property mitigation x 2.....Evacuation x 2
- Participated in 2 USFS Controlled Burns with equipment and resource
- 4th of July Community Fun Day
- Community rummage sale
- Installation of 40 ft storage container for CLFIRES
- Installation of Flag pole

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Board of Directors

**Minutes February 20, 2020
Base Camp– 7:00 P.M.**

Call To Order: President Jan Sawyer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm via phone

In Attendance: Jan Sawyer (phone), Don Hass, Jim Kubichek, Duane Jacoby, Mark Rode

Absent: Shirla Race (excused)

District Members in attendance: Harold Alexander

Approval of Agenda: Don Hass moved to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Duane Jacoby. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: January 16, 2020

Don Hass moved to approve the minutes of January 16, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

President's Report: President Sawyer thanked Vice President Hass for chairing the meetings in her absence.

Secretary's Report: Jim Kubichek and Jan Sawyer informed the Board of the planned absences from the March 19 board meeting.

Treasurer's Report: The written monthly Treasurer's report was distributed. Duane Jacoby made a motion to accept the February Treasurer's report and it was seconded by Don Hass. The motion passed unanimously.

Fire Department Report: Chief Rode presented the Department report. Highlights included:

-There have been 3 incidents since the last board meeting. All 3 were medicals

-Joint monthly trainings with Red Feather continue with good results so far.

-The following grant applications have been submitted-

Colorado State Firefighter Safety and Disease Prevention Grant (100%)

6 SCBA Bottles and an air gas monitor. Total request \$7,283

Colorado VFA Wildland Grant (50%/50%)

Wildland PPE and hoses. Total Request \$6490

FEMA/AFG Grant Request (95%/5%)

New brush truck. Total Request \$190,000

Homeland Security Grant for the Station Generator installation is currently scheduled to begin March 23 (weather permitting)

-Slash Depot Burn will be scheduled as soon as weather conditions allow.

NEW BUSINESS

As the Board Desires: None

Comments by Attending Public: None

Set or confirm next Board meeting date and location: March 19, 7:00 PM in the lower committee meeting room of Base Camp

Adjournment: Don Hass moved to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Duane Jacoby. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm

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February 20, 2020

Fire Department Report, YTD.

1. **Department Activity since the last board meeting** (January 2020)

- Business meetings – 1
- Department trainings – 2, + 1 x EMS Trainings at Glacier View,
- Incidents - 3 since last report, 4 YTD 2020
 - #2 – Female, low sodium complaint
 - #3 – Male, slip on ice at Base Camp and twisted knee
 - #4 – Female, fell with pain, refusal.

2. **PERSONNEL:**

- No new news

3. **TRAINING:**

- Normal trainings executed. Joint training schedule for 2020 with RFLVFD implemented with January and February trainings. Results good so far. Joint Ice rescue scheduled for February.

4. **GRANTS:**

- **AFG grant:** Submission due March 13th. Will apply for new Brush truck, approx \$140K. Grants are usually for approx 90%. If cost is \$140K, then AFG would pay \$126, and we pay \$14K.

- **Firefighter Safety and Disease Prevention Grant** - Submitted for 6 more SCBA bottles (\$1K ea) plus an air gas monitor (CO + flammable gas meter). Total \$7,283. Grant is 100% pay. Award anticipated April 2020

- **VFA Wildland Grant**- Submitted for all new wildland gear for Firefighters. Total cost is \$6,490, CLVFD portion is \$3,245. Grant is 50%.

- **Homeland Security grant** for station backup generator status: EPA finally approved grant. Currently scheduled for propane tank and generator install March 23 (pending weather). PO approved by City of Greeley, and all is ready to go.

5. **OTHER:**

- No new news

Respectfully submitted,

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Fire Chief
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March 19, 2020

Fire Department Report, YTD.

1. Department Activity since the last board meeting (February 2020)

- Business meetings – 1
- Department trainings – 2, + 1 x EMS Trainings at Glacier View,
- Incidents - 7 since last report, **11 YTD 2020**
 - #5 – Female, fainted twice at basecamp
 - #6 – Male, wellness check for intoxication on Ottawa, Larimer County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) hold
 - #7 – Chimney fire reported, no fire
 - #8 – Male suicidal and intoxicated, head laceration, LCSO hold
 - #9 – Male suicidal and intoxicated – refusal
 - #10 – Male suicidal and intoxicated, LCSO hold
 - #11 - Male suicidal and intoxicated, 911 hang-up

Note: #6, 8,9,10,11 all the same patient. 10 responses to the same Patient since August 2019. Working with LCSO Mental health team.

2. PERSONNEL:

- No new news

3. TRAINING:

- Joint Ice rescue training with RFLVFD completed on Shagwa Lake. Joint CL/RFL trainings going very well.

4. GRANTS:

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- **County Emergency Services Grant** – Joint mountain grant being developed for Crystal Lakes, Red Feather, Glacier View, Livermore and Poudre Canyon to hold external structure training academy this summer. Approximate \$4,500.

5. OTHER: Covid-19

- Working with Larimer County Emergency Services for daily communications on State and County protocols.
- CL and RFL response developed in accordance with State and County.
- For any “corona-like” symptoms (fever and respiratory difficulties) or someone who's had physical exposure to a person who's tested positive for COVID-19 or who's recently returned from a trip abroad, only a single EMT will approach the patient in full personal protective equipment (PPE), including mask, goggles, gown, and gloves.

- The Patient will be assessed for immediate life threats and if none, the EMT will await for the arrival of the UCH ambulance. UCH will be notified of the Patients condition and the Patient will be moved by the single EMT and the UCH EMT/Paramedic to the UCH ambulance for transport. This will eliminate the need for a completed interior scrub-down of the RFLVFD ambulance.

- If the Patient does indeed have life-threatening symptoms (severe respiratory distress, etc), the patient will be moved to the RFL ambulance by as few dept members as possible. The RFL ambulance will rendezvous with either the UCH ambulance or the Lifeline helicopter.

- Currently, both CL and RFL have enough PPE to manage several corona calls. There have been no "corona-like" medical responses so far, but we do anticipate that to change in the near future. We have "some" access to additional PPE through the county and we will be asking the community for donations of excess PPE (mostly construction-type dust masks).

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Rode
Fire Chief
Crystal Lakes Volunteer Fire Department

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Board of Directors

Minutes for April 16, 2020*

***7:00 P.M.**

***This Board Meeting was held via ZOOM video conferencing due to the Covid-19 Pandemic social distancing recommendations.**

Call To Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:14 by President Jan Sawyer.

In Attendance via Zoom video conferencing: Jan Sawyer, Shirla Race, Don Hass, Duane Jacoby, Jim Kubichek, Mark Rode

Absent: none

District Members in attendance: Doug Race

Approval of Agenda: Duane Jacoby made a motion to approve of the agenda which was seconded by Shirla Race. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: February 20, 2020

Duane Jacoby made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 20 meeting which was seconded by Jan Sawyer. The motion passed unanimously.

President's Report: No Report

Secretary's Report:

No CLFPD Board meeting was held in March due to weather. The April Board meeting is being held via Zoom video conferencing due to Covid-19 social distancing recommendations and 25 inches of snow.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer presented the monthly Treasurer's report noting that nothing was noteworthy. She shared that the next insurance premium will be due in April and the total for the insurance should be below the budgeted amount. Jim Kubichek moved to accept the April Treasurer's report and that motion was seconded by Duane Jacoby. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Race also announced that the audit exemption request was file before the deadline. Also discussed was that, due to a conflict of interest that now exists between the District and CLFIRES, the individual willing to take over the Treasurer's duties will be unable to do so.

Fire Department Report: Since the cancellation of the March meeting, Chief Rode presented two department reports.

For March there were 7 incidents, 6 medical and one suspected chimney fire. It was noted that the joint monthly trainings between Red Feather and Crystal Lakes are going well. Grants have been submitted as noted in previous months' reports and the department is waiting a decision and notification. Regarding the Covid-19 Pandemic, the department is working with Larimer County Emergency Services for appropriate protocols. Currently, on any suspected Covid-19 calls, only one fully outfitted with appropriate PPE EMT will enter the residence. It was noted that currently, both Crystal Lakes and Red Feather have sufficient PPE to manage our calls.

For the April report, Chief Rode noted 1 medical call since the last report. Two members resigned. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic and social distancing requirements, the March meeting was held online with a review of Wildland Fire topics. No change in formerly noted grant statuses. The Chief noted that response protocols continue to evolve with the situation. Currently, ALL medical calls will be responded to with full PPE for the initially responding EMT in contact with the patient. Any other first responders having contact with the patient in any manner will be required to be in full PPE.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

As the Board Desires:

DEO Action-Doug Race, District DEO, noted that there were three positions open on the Board for election but there were only two candidates for the positions so no election was required. President Sawyer has agreed to serve a two year term or until ineligible, to be appointed at the May Board meeting.

Comments by Attending Public: None

Set or confirm next Board meeting date and location: May 21, 2020 at 7:00 PM via Zoom video conferencing.

Adjournment: Duane Jacoby made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Don Hass. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM

***Note: Pension Board meeting will take place immediately following the Board Meeting**

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April 16, 2020

Fire Department Report, YTD.

1. Department Activity since the last board meeting (February 2020)

- Business meetings – 1 via Zoom
- Department trainings – 1, online wildland training module
- Incidents - 1 since last report, **12 YTD 2020**
 - #12 –Make, head laceration, refusal.

2. PERSONNEL:

- Two members resigned, Tom and Keni Bongiovanni.

3. TRAINING:

- Training modified for online. No in-person training at this time. Being reassessed with covid19 protocols.

4. GRANTS:

- **AFG grant:** Will apply for new Brush truck, approx \$140K. Grants are usually for approx 90%. If cost is \$140K, then AFG would pay \$126, and we pay \$14K.

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5. OTHER: Covid-19

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 - If patient does not have covid19 symptoms or contact with positive tested person, Med1 will
 - Currently, both CL and RFL have enough PPE to manage several corona calls. There have been no “corona-like” medical responses so far, but we do anticipate that to change in the near future. We have “some” access to additional PPE through the county and we will be asking the community for donations of excess PPE (mostly construction-type dust masks).

Respectfully submitted,

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Fire Chief
Crystal Lakes Volunteer Fire Department

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Board of Directors

**Minutes for May 21, 2020
7:00 P.M.**

Call To Order: Vice President Don Hass called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. This meeting was held via Zoom video conferencing due to health precautions related to the Covid-19 pandemic.

In Attendance: Don Hass, Shirla Race, Jim Kubichek, Duane Jacoby, Mark Rode

Absent: None

District Members in attendance: Jan Sawyer, Doug Race, and Jody Randol.

Approval of Agenda: Shirla made a motion to accept the agenda which was seconded by Duane Jacoby. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: April 16, 2020

Shirla Race made a motion to approve the minutes of April 16, 2020 as corrected. Don Hass seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

President's Report: None

Secretary's Report: None

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Shirla Race presented the monthly Treasurer's report. Regarding the operating budget, the report was unremarkable other than May's propane cost which was due to the addition of a second, 1,000 gallon tank dedicated to the generator use. The Administrative Services line was influenced by the payment of dues for both Crystal Lakes Water and Sewer and Road and Recreation Associations. Jim

Kubichek made a motion to accept the report which was seconded by Don Hass. The motion passed unanimously.

Fire Department Report:

Chief Rode presented the monthly Department Report. Highlights include;

- Calls YTD- 13
- Firefighter recruitment efforts will be undertaken this summer
- Most grants are under review and decisions have been delayed due to Covid 19.
- The department, through a regional grant from RETAC will receive a disinfectant fogger and disinfectant and 3-M respirator masks and filters. These items will help better protect our firefighters as they respond to medical incidents during the Covid-19 pandemic. The grant will also fund the same items to the other Mountain departments of: Livermore, Poudre Canyon, Glacier View, and Red Feather Lakes.
- The department is working closely with Larimer County Emergency Services regarding Covid-19 response protocols to best protect the patient and the responders.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Designated Election Official Report: There is an open position on the Board due to President Jan Sawyer's resignation (due to change of resident status). This leaves a two-year term position vacancy. Doug Race (DEO) also noted that all special district elections must move to odd-years.

NEW BUSINESS

As the Board Desires:

-The board wishes to thank Jan Sawyer for her many years of service to the Crystal Lakes Fire Protection District. Her contributions to the District and the Board will be missed greatly. The District has benefitted from her time, leadership, and efforts.

-Jody Randol has expressed great interest in filling the Board vacancy created by the resignation of President Jan Sawyer. Duane Jacoby made the motion to appoint Jody Randol to the open Crystal Lakes Fire Protection District Director position. Shirla Race seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Comments by Attending Public: None

Set or confirm next Board meeting date and location:

The June 18th Crystal Lakes Fire Protection District Board meeting will be held at the Lower Committee Meeting room of Base Camp at 7:00 PM. All appropriate Covid-19 precautions will be followed with masks and physical distancing recommendations to be followed.

Adjournment: Shirla Race moved to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Don Hass. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM

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May 21, 2020

Fire Department Report, YTD.

1. Department Activity since the last board meeting (April 2020)

- Business meetings – 1 via Zoom
- Department trainings – 1, in person training on hose deployment
- Incidents - 1 since last report, **13 YTD 2020**
 - #13 – 70 YOF, suspected Covid symptoms (later determine negative).

2. PERSONNEL:

- No new news. Officers developing recruitment plan for the summer.

3. TRAINING:

- In-person hands-on trainings resumed in May. Face masks and social distancing still being practiced.

4. GRANTS:

- **AFG grant**: Will apply for new Brush truck, approx \$140K. Grants are usually for approx 90%. If cost is \$140K, then AFG would pay \$126, and we pay \$14K. Still under review.

- **Firefighter Safety and Disease Prevention Grant** - Submitted for 6 more SCBA bottles (\$1K ea) plus an air gas monitor (CO + flammable gas meter). Total \$7,283. Grant is 100% pay. Still under review.

- **VFA Wildland Grant**- Submitted for all new wildland gear for Firefighters. Total cost is \$6,490, CLVFD portion is \$3,245. Grant is 50%. Still under review.

- **Homeland Security grant** for station backup generator. Generator and 1000 gallon propane tank installed and working. Generator is 48KW and can run the entire station. Station will become potential community haven in the event of a long(er) term power outage.

- **Homeland Security grant** for 2 dual band radios was awarded and out to bid. \$5,000. We will be responsible for any excess currently estimated at \$400. We should receive radios in a couple of weeks.

- **County Emergency Services Grant** – Joint mountain grant developed for Crystal Lakes, Red Feather, Glacier View, Livermore and Poudre Canyon to hold external structure training academy this summer. Approximate \$4,500. Grant was awarded and academy being scheduled for October.

- **RETAC grant for Covid supplies** - Joint mountain grant developed for Crystal Lakes, Red Feather, Glacier View, Livermore and Poudre Canyon. Grant is for \$13,000. Supplies include 7 foggers and disenfecant concentrate, 100 x 3M P100 masks and 200 replacement filters. Masks are much better than N95 masks and can be decontaminated and reused multiple times. There will be enough of the enhanced masks for all firefighters of all the mountain depts. Grant submitted and approved within 4 hours! All supplies being purchased now. Crystal Lakes acting as group purchasing agent. We place the supplies order and make payment. Reimbursement to come back to CLVFD

5. OTHER: Covid-19

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Respectfully submitted,

Mark Rode

Fire Chief

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Board of Directors

Minutes for June 18, 2020

***7:00 P.M.**

Call To Order: The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Don Hass at 7:02 pm

In Attendance: Don Hass, Shirla Race, Jim Kubichek, Duane Jacoby, Jody Randol,
Mark Rode

Absent: None

District Members in attendance: Doug Race

Approval of Agenda: Shirla Race moved, and Duane Jacoby seconded to approve the June agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: May 21, 2020

Duane Jacoby moved and Shirla Race seconded to approve the minutes of the May, 21 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

President's Report: None

Secretary's Report: None

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Shirla Race presented the monthly written report.

Notable were;

-May utilities increased due to filling the second 1000 gallon propane tank at the station for the new generator. This may result in an overage for line in the 2020 budget. It will not require filing a supplemental budget.

-The District is waiting for some grant reimbursement payments to be received.

-Administrative Services expenses for post cards and CPA audit exemption expenses were noted.

-Treasurer Race noted that additional signatories are needed for First National and Colorado Trust. Vice President Don Hass will be the second signatory for both.

Jim Kubichek moved and Don Hass seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion passed unanimously.

Fire Department Report:

Chief Rode presented the monthly Department Report. The Chief noted:

-Weekly NW Larimer Fire Chiefs are meeting via Zoom conferencing weekly. This has been a valuable forum for the departments.

-There have been 10 incidents since the last report resulting in 23 YTD for 2020.

-In-person training continues.

-Most grants are awaiting review and decisions. The department has received the flat of drinking water from the National Volunteer Fire Council / Budweiser grant. The RETAC grant materials have been received and distributed to the mountain departments.

-Community education programs continue with appropriate Covid-19 precautions.

-There was discussion of the use of Squad 1 by the Chief for all fire district business. It was noted that the vehicle lacks modern safety equipment like air bags but the Board was supportive of the use of Squad 1 for use on all responses, medical and fire, starting in June by the Chief.

-Fourth of July extended parade for Crystal and Red Feather districts was discussed. All other activities are cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Doug Race, Designated Election Officer (DEO) announced that the election season is completed for 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of New Board Member: Jody Randol took the oath of office prior to the beginning of the meeting.

New Board Officers:

- President: Don Hass
- Vice President: Jody Randol
- Treasurer: Shirla Race
- Secretary: Jim Kubichek
- At-Large: Duane Jacoby

As the Board Desires: Nothing

Comments by Attending Public: None

Set or confirm next Board meeting date and location: July 16, 2020, 7:00 PM in the Lower Level Committee Meeting Room at Base Camp.

Adjournment: Shirla Race made a motion which was seconded by Jody Randol to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM

Crystal Lakes Volunteer Fire Department

237 Blackfoot Rd, Red Feather Lakes, CO 80545
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June 18, 2020

Fire Department Report, YTD.

1. Department Activity since the last board meeting (May 2020)

- Business meetings – 1 via Zoom
- Department trainings – 1, in person training on Tender operations
- **NEW** – Weekly “NW Larimer Fire Depts” Chiefs ZOOM call every Wednesday. (Crystal Lakes, Red Feather, Poudre Canyon, Glacier View, & Livermore). Started initially to discuss how to handle covid response but has migrated to current issues for all depts.
- Incidents – 10 since last report, **23 YTD 2020**
 - #14 – Male, broken ribs, came to station
 - #15 – Elderly female fell, possible concussion
 - #16 – Moose attack on elderly male
 - #17 – Hazmat spill on CR73C (Diesel from damaged commercial dump truck)
 - #18 – Wildland fire at Creedmore lakes, spread from abandoned campfire
 - #19 – Male, fell in garage, lift assist only, refusal
 - #20 – Injured female riding horse at Beaver Meadows
 - #21 – Smoke report, legal campfire ring on Ottawa
 - #22 – Traumatic arm injury, Pt at W&S bldg, bandaged and refusal
 - #23 – Wildland fire at Lost Lake, spread from abandoned campfire

No covid symptom patients for these 10 incidents

2. PERSONNEL:

- Several seasonal members back on the mountain.

3. TRAINING:

- In-person hands-on trainings continued in June.
- Monthly EMS training at Glacier View changed from “in-person” meetings to You tube videos. NW Fire Depts working with PFA to re-institute hands-on training.

4. GRANTS:

- **AFG grant:** Will apply for new Brush truck, approx \$140K. Grants are usually for approx 90%. If cost is \$140K, then AFG would pay \$126, and we pay \$14K. Still under review.
- **Firefighter Safety and Disease Prevention Grant** - Submitted for 6 more SCBA bottles (\$1K ea) plus an air gas monitor (CO + flammable gas meter). Total \$7,283. Grant is 100% pay. Still under review.
- **VFA Wildland Grant**- Submitted for all new wildland gear for Firefighters. Total cost is \$6,490, CLVFD portion is \$3,245. Grant is 50%. Still under review.
- **Homeland Security grant** for 2 dual band radios was awarded and out to bid. \$5,000. We will be responsible for any excess currently estimated at \$400. We should receive radios soon.
- **County Emergency Services Grant** – Joint mountain grant developed for Crystal Lakes, Red Feather, Glacier View, Livermore and Poudre Canyon to hold external structure training academy this summer. Approximate \$4,500. Grant was awarded and academy being scheduled for October.

- **RETAC grant for Covid supplies** - Joint mountain grant developed for Crystal Lakes, Red Feather, Glacier View, Livermore and Poudre Canyon. Grant is for \$13,000. Supplies include 7 foggers and disenfecant concentrate, 100 x 3M P100 masks and 200 replacement filters. Masks are much better than N95 masks and can be decontaminated and reused multiple times. There will be enough of the enhanced masks for all firefighters of all the mountain depts. Grant submitted and approved. All supplies being purchased now. Crystal Lakes acting as group purchasing agent. We place the supplies order and make payment. Reimbursement to come back to CLVFD

5. **OTHER:**

Covid-19

- Working with Larimer County Emergency Services for daily communications on State and County protocols.
- CL and RFL response developed in accordance with State and County.
- Little change in response protocols.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION:

- Annual flag raising at Basecamp and CLVFD station held on Memorial day
- Chainsaw safety and Stop the Bleed classes provided in person at the CLVFD station. Social distancing and face masks were required. Very little attendance (in conflict with R&R annual mtg).
- Future community classes at the CLVFD Station:
 - o 6/27 Fire mitigation
 - o 7/10 Evacuation tips, how/when
 - o 7/25 Insurance tips
 - o 8/7 Stop the Bleed
 - o 8/15 Evacuation tips, how/when
 - o 8/29 Fire mitigation

USE OF SQUAD BY CHIEF – For all responses, medical and fire, start June.

4th OF JULY ACTIVITIES – All activities for CLVFD and RFLVFD including fireworks, craft fairs and Basecamp activities cancelled this year. There will be an extended vehicle parade through Crystal Lakes and Red Feather including RFLVFD vehicles.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Rode
Fire Chief
Crystal Lakes Volunteer Fire Department

Crystal Lakes Fire Protection District

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Board of Directors

**Minutes for July 16, 2020
7:00 P.M.**

Call To Order: The meeting was called to order by President Hass at 7:00

In Attendance: Don Hass, Jody Randol, Shirla Race, Jim Kubichek, Duane Jacoby, Mark Rode

Absent: None

District Members in attendance: Doug Race, Steve Dirmeyer, Harold Alexander

Approval of Agenda: Shirla Race made a motion to approve the agenda which was seconded by Jody Randol. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: June 18, 2020

Jody Randol made a motion to approve of the minutes from July 16, 2020 which was seconded by Don Hass. The motion passed unanimously.

President's Report: No Report

Secretary's Report: The current Board of Directors list was distributed. It was decided that, due to space limitations and Covid precautions, that the Board meetings will be held in the Community Center of Base Camp from now on.

Treasurer's Report: Shirla Race presented the written monthly report. The district is on track for income and expenses for the year. Nothing remarkable was noted. Jim Kubichek made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report which was seconded by Jody Randol. The motion passed unanimously.

Fire Department Report: Chief Rode presented the written Fire Department Report.

Among the highlights were:

- Business meetings held via Zoom conferencing due to Covid precautions.
- There have been 9 incidents since the last report. 31 incidents YTD.
- The July training theme was fire engine hose deployment.
- The weekly meetings of the mountain chiefs has proven to be valuable.
- A recruiting open house will be held in conjunction with the community seminar on July 25.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was discussion related to a comparison of Fire Chief issues with other districts and compensation for use of private vehicle. Discussion will continue in future meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

As the Board Desires:

- Saturday, December 5 will be the annual awards dinner.
- The Board decided that the lower committee meeting room at Base Camp was no longer suitable for our Board meetings due to Covid precautions. Future Board meetings will be held in the Base Camp Community Center to allow for proper social distancing.

Comments by Attending Public:

- Steve Dirmeyer notified the board of a resident willing to contribute funds to a drone for the department. Due to licensing and training costs the District is not able to entertain the purchase of a drone at this time.
- Harold Alexander submitted a written proposal to the District Board for Chief compensation. No action was taken on the proposal. The proposal will be discussed at a future meeting.

Set or confirm next Board meeting date and location: The next District Board meeting will be held at 7:00 pm, August 20 in the Base Camp Community Center.

Adjournment: Duane Jacoby made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Jody Randol. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Crystal Lakes Volunteer Fire Department

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July 16, 2020

Fire Department Report, YTD.

1. Department Activity since the last board meeting (June 2020)

- **Business meetings** – 1 via Zoom.
- **Weekly “NW Larimer Fire Depts” Chiefs ZOOM call** every Wednesday. (Crystal Lakes, Red Feather, Poudre Canyon, Glacier View, & Livermore).
- **Incidents** – 9 since last report, **31 YTD 2020**
 - #23 - Wildland fire at Lost lake, abandoned fire pit
 - #24 – Medical call on incident #24, heat exhaustion and dehydration
 - #25 – Female fell and hit head, loss of consciousness, possible seizure and/or concussion
 - #26 – Forklift crash into Crystal Lake, brake failure, oil spill in lake, haz mat cleanup
 - #27 – Smoke report on Black Mtn, legal campfire
 - #28 – Motorcycle crash on Deadman, possible puncture lung (Lifeline)
 - #29 – Overturned boat in Crystal lakes spotted, boat just got away from owner on shore
 - #30 – Female, strong stroke symptoms, (Lifeline)
 - #31 – Female, spider bite, reported anaphylactic shock, but just panic attack

No covid symptom patients for these 8 incidents

2. PERSONNEL:

- One new SDR started and one new firefighter (Don Harlan). Don is full time resident in CL.

3. TRAINING:

- **Department trainings** – 2, in person trainings on Fire Engine hose deployment, including joint training with RFLVFD on same topic. “Optional” additional trainings being held every Wednesday. Four since last report
- In-person hands-on trainings continued in July with joint training with RFLVFD as planned..
- Monthly EMS training at Glacier View changed from “in-person” meetings to You tube videos. However, RFLVFD Chief Bobby Hill gave hands on training at GV with covid (mask) and social distancing practiced.

4. GRANTS:

- **AFG grant:** Will apply for new Brush truck, approx \$190K. Grants are usually for approx 90%. If cost is \$190K, then AFG would pay 95% (\$126, and we pay \$14K. Still under review.
- **Firefighter Safety and Disease Prevention Grant -** Submitted for 6 more SCBA bottles (\$1K ea) plus an air gas monitor (CO + flammable gas meter). Total \$7,283. Grant is 100% pay. Still under review.
- **VFA Wildland Grant-** Submitted for all new wildland gear for Firefighters. Total cost is \$6,490, CLVFD portion is \$3,245. Grant is 50%. Still under review. Possibly July?
- **Homeland Security grant** for 2 dual band radios was awarded and out to bid. \$5,000. We will be responsible for any excess currently estimated at \$400. Radios are in Ft Collins. We should receive radios soon.
- **County Emergency Services Grant** – Joint mountain grant developed for Crystal Lakes, Red Feather, Glacier View, Livermore and Poudre Canyon to hold external structure training academy this summer. Approximate \$4,500. Grant was awarded and academy being scheduled for October.
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- **AFG grant 2018** – Approved for 7 sets of bunker gear. \$12,985. We bought 3 sets of bunker gear so far (\$8,283). One additional set planned for new member. Must spend by Sept 15th. Possible amendment for other priority gear.

5. **OTHER:**

Covid-19

- Working with Larimer County Emergency Services for daily communications on State and County protocols.
- CL and RFL response developed in accordance with State and County.
- Little change in response protocols.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION:

- Community classes at the CLVFD Station:
 - o 6/13 Stop the Bleed & Chainsaw Safety - COMPLETED
 - o 6/27 Fire mitigation - COMPLETED
 - o 7/10 Evacuation tips, how/when - COMPLETED
 - o 7/25 Insurance tips
 - o 8/7 Stop the Bleed
 - o 8/15 Evacuation tips, how/when
 - o 8/29 Fire mitigation

USE OF SQUAD BY CHIEF – Stalled. Insurance concerns and safety of Squad (no airbags). No progress.

BURN RESTRICTIONS: Fire risk levels very high with several red flag warning days. Forecast is wind and heat.

- Burn ban in National Forest- does not appear that there is much enforcement by USFS.
- Possible Larimer County burn restrictions being discussed this past week but not approved. Additional discussion to be held next week by County Commissioners and Larimer County Emergency services. Unanimous support by all mountain fire dept Chiefs for implementation of burn restrictions.
- Burn Restrictions for Crystal Lakes to be considered if/when implemented by Larimer County.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Rode
Fire Chief
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Board of Directors

**Minutes for August 20, 2020
7:00 P.M.**

Call To Order: The meeting was called to order by President Don Hass at 7:00 pm

In Attendance: Don Hass, Jody Randol, Shirla Race, Jim Kubichek, Duane Jacoby, Mark Rode

Absent: None

District Members in attendance: Doug Race, Harold Alexander, Steve Dirmeyer

Approval of Agenda: Shirla Race made a motion to add an Executive Session to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Jody Randol. It passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: July 16, 2020

Jody Randol made a motion to approve the previous minutes of July 16, 2020. The motion was seconded by Shirla Race. The motion passed unanimously.

President's Report: None

Secretary's Report: None

Treasurer's Report:

Shirla Race presented the monthly Treasurer's report. She noted that grant funds from granting agencies about equal expenditures. Revenue and Expenses in general are on track for the budget year. \$10,000 was paid to FPPA for the yearly contribution.

Revenues from the state remain on track for the year. It was noted that fund raising expenses were in the red temporarily due to the purchase of 250 red address signs and

numbers. Jim Kubichek made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Jody Randol seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Fire Department Report: Chef Rode presented the written monthly Department report. Highlights of the report included:

- 10 more incidents since the last report with 40 incidents YTD for 2020.
- Two new firefighters joined the department.
- Last month's joint training was a comprehensive structure/wildland scenario.
- Most grants are still under review. The 2018 AFG grant has been extended 12 months due to Covid and issues with the managing software.
- There is one community education seminar remaining for this year on mitigation.
- Burn restrictions have been put into place with Crystal Lakes announcing on August 16, the County announcing on the 18th, and the state announcing on the 20th.

Chief Rode also presented a summary and assessment to day for the Cameron Peak Fire that is affecting the Crystal Lakes and Red Feather Lakes fire districts.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

S.I.C. Update: Doug Race reported that the Red Feather and Crystal Lake Chiefs have meet to investigate the formation of a fire authority. The current situation is that the two district's operations are mostly combined now. There are financial concerns going forward and it was noted that the funding differences between the districts make it difficult to move forward at this time. It was decided that no formal association will be pursued but the districts will continue to cooperated operationally with training and responses to incidents.

NEW BUSINESS

As the Board Desires:

- Shirla Race inquired of the Chief regarding any needs.

Comments by Attending Public: None

Executive Session Called: The executive session was called to discuss personnel matters.

Set or confirm next Board meeting date and location: September 17, 2020 at 7:00 PM at the Base Camp Community Center.

Adjournment: Duane Jacoby made a motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Jody Randol. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:35.

Crystal Lakes Volunteer Fire Department

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August 20, 2020

Fire Department Report, YTD.

1. Department Activity since the last board meeting (July 2020)

- **Business meetings** – 1 via Zoom.
- **Weekly “NW Larimer Fire Depts” Chiefs ZOOM call** every Wednesday. (Crystal Lakes, Red Feather, Poudre Canyon, Glacier View, & Livermore).
- **Incidents** – 10 since last report, **40 YTD 2020**
 - #31 - Female, spider bit at lost lake, refusal
 - #32 – Female, low sodium issues (Notified Adult Protective Services)
 - #33 – Mistake by dispatch – no call
 - #34 – 85 YOF fell
 - #35 – Female, fish hook in arm, refusal
 - #36 – CO detector going off
 - #37 – CO detector going off, same home
 - #38 – Broken ankle, compound fracture at Hohnholtz lake (cancelled due to distance, approx 1.5 – 2 hrs)
 - #39 – Male, smashed thumb, bleeding
 - #40 – SDR Road control of entrance to Deadman on CR74E (start of Cameron Peak fire)

No covid symptom patients for these 10 incidents

2. PERSONNEL:

- One new firefighter (Nick Marouf). Nick is full time in the winter. He is only here for this summer because of covid travel restrictions.

3. TRAINING:

- **Department trainings** – 2, in person trainings on big scenario, including joint training with RFLVFD on same topic. “Big scenario” was a culmination of training since April, incorporating all aspects of a residential structure fire.

4. GRANTS:

- **AFG grant:** Will apply for new Brush truck, approx \$190K. Grants are usually for approx 90%. If cost is \$190K, then AFG would pay 95% (\$126, and we pay \$14K. Still under review.

- **Firefighter Safety and Disease Prevention Grant** - Submitted for 6 more SCBA bottles (\$1K ea) plus an air gas monitor (CO + flammable gas meter). Total \$7,283. Grant is 100% pay. Still under review.

- **VFA Wildland Grant**- Submitted for all new wildland gear for Firefighters. Total cost is \$6,490, CLVFD portion is \$3,245. Grant is 50%. Still under review. AWARDED to CLVFD!

- **Homeland Security grant** for 2 dual band radios was awarded and out to bid. \$5,000. We will be responsible for any excess currently estimated at \$400. Radios are in Ft Collins. We should receive radios soon.

- **County Emergency Services Grant** – Joint mountain grant developed for Crystal Lakes, Red Feather, Glacier View, Livermore and Poudre Canyon to hold external structure training academy this summer. Approximate \$4,500. Grant was awarded and academy being scheduled. Challenges because of covid.

- **AFG grant 2018** – Approved for 7 sets of bunker gear. \$12,985. We bought 3 sets of bunker gear so far (\$8,283). Two additional sets planned for new members. Must spend by Sept 15th. Possible amendment for other priority gear.

5. **OTHER:**

Covid-19

- CL and RFL response developed in accordance with State and County.
- Little change in response protocols.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION:

- Community classes at the CLVFD Station:
 - o 6/13 Stop the Bleed & Chainsaw Safety - COMPLETED
 - o 6/27 Fire mitigation - COMPLETED
 - o 7/10 Evacuation tips, how/when - COMPLETED
 - o 7/25 Insurance tips - COMPLETED
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 - o 8/15 Evacuation tips, how/when - COMPLETED
 - o 8/29 Fire mitigation

USE OF SQUAD BY CHIEF – Stalled. Insurance concerns and safety of Squad (no airbags). No progress.

BURN RESTRICTIONS:

- Implemented by CLVFD for all of Crystal Lakes on August 16. End date TBD based on circumstances.
- County implemented 30 day fire ban on August 18.
- State implemented 30 day fire ban on August 20.

CAMERON PEAK FIRE: See attached

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Rode
Fire Chief
Crystal Lakes Volunteer Fire Department

CAMERON PEAK FIRE:

START DATE: Aug 13

START LOCATION: Chambers lake campground area (approx 15 miles from Crystal Lakes)

CURRENT FIRE SIZE: 16, 500 ACRES

CURRENT LOCATION: Still approx 15 miles from Crystal Lakes

CURRENT STATUS:

- 0% contained, due primarily to the very rough and steep terrain and lack of structures.
- Current strategy is to protect the few structures near location.
- 60 Ft fire lines are currently being cut above Beaver Meadows and behind Pearl creek with the intention of connecting them with the Pearl/Beaver road (CR169) to the west, creating one very big fire line.
- Winds have been blowing from the North to the South for last 2 days and are forecasted to continue blowing to the South for next 2-3 days, however, there is a red flag warning yesterday and today for the fire area (not good).
- USFS is in charge of the fire with a Type 2 team (Type 1 is the highest). Larimer County Emergency Operations Services (LCEOC) working hand in hand with USFS.
- USFS is in charge of the fire and LCEOC is in charge of evacuations
- USFS is calling this a "long term event". They do not believe that the fire will be totally out until we get enough snow to put it out (not for public knowledge).
- Challenges are resources due to 4-5 other very large fires in Colorado. Additionally, there have been a least a dozen or more "small" fires in Colorado that have been attacked with one as close as a brush fire in Glacier View today. Air assets are in high demand by all of the fires. Fixed wing aircraft are being shared by the various fires. Dedicated helicopters have been dropping water.

UPDATES:

- Twice daily updates from the USFS (AM and PM) via facebook and website
- Twice weekly in person mtgs with LCEOC on evac status. Latest status was Tuesday and estimate for voluntary evacs was pushed out due to favorable circumstances with weather
- Multiple ongoing email notifications from CLVFD to the Community on status.
- Current message to the Community of both Crystal and Red Feather is if you do not have to be here, go away. If you have stuff you need to take (I.E. RVs, trailers, atvs, equipment, etc), taken them away now. Once evacs start it will be a potential traffic jam.
- Voluntary evac – All Community members can come and go during the voluntary evac period. No roadblocks
- Mandatory evac – Door to door notification led by LCEOC. No non-essential personnel will be allowed back. Manned roadblocks will be in place.

CREDENTIALING:

- CLVFD members have Dept ID card. All mountain fire dept members are getting a state issued ID card. Should get cards in next day or 2.
- County is implementing a resident credentialing process. All members with property in Crystal Lakes and Red Feather will be issued a bright orange property member ID card with their name and property address. This will be used AFTER the fire has passed through and they begin to allow residents back up here. Only those with IDs will be allowed back up in that initial period. This ID is NOT used during the Voluntary or the Mandatory evac periods.

CLVFD STATUS:

- All equipment and members ready for action.

- Members have been self-preparing their own homes since this past weekend in prep for possible evacuations.
- Home inventory and assessments are being done on the structures that are on the anticipated leading edge of the fire (I.E., the west side and the south side of Crystal Lakes)

CHIEF'S ASSESSMENT OF THE DEPT:

- We are ready. There are bits and pieces of things that we continually think of and take care of.
- Members are starting to exhibit some anxiousness and irritability, which is natural. We have discussed as a team and are aware and will not let it affect our cohesiveness or effectiveness.
- Once the USFS comes in and the fire is imminent, the USFS will take over. We will take whatever direction they give us and provide whatever information and help they request. Previous engagements by members with USFS have been as involved as full structure protection and fire attack to as little involvement as get out of the way and let them do their thing. We will see what happens with this USFS team.
- But in any case, I believe we are fully ready when/if the time comes.

W & S: Water Truck Full

R & R: Keys to:

- Basecamp
- Fuel tanks
- Water truck
- Front end loader

Crystal Lakes Fire Protection District

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Board of Directors

Minutes for September 17, 2020
7:00 P.M.

Call To Order: President Hass called the meeting to order

In Attendance: Don Hass, Jody Randol, Shirla Race, Jim Kubichek, Duane Jacoby,
Mark Rode

Absent: None

District Members in attendance: Doug Race, Steve Dirmeyer

Approval of Agenda: Shirla Race moved to approve the agenda which was seconded by Jody Randol. The measure passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: August 20, 2020

Jody Randol made a motion to approve the minutes of August 20, 2020. The motion was seconded by Don Hass. The motion passed unanimously.

President's Report: President Hass reminded the board members of the upcoming SDA meeting held via Zoom video conferencing.

Secretary's Report: Jody Randol noted that he has yet to receive any SDA mailings.

Treasurer's Report: Shirla Race presented the monthly Treasurer's report. She noted the report to be unremarkable. Jim Kubichek made a motion to accept the report which was seconded by Jody Randol. The motion passed unanimously.

Shirla discussed the preliminary proposed 2021 budget. The District has not received preliminary revenue projections from the county yet as the county is delaying release of

the preliminary figures until October 13. This creates an issue with presenting the preliminary budget by the October 15th meeting as the budget has to be voted on at the November Board meeting.

Fire Department Report: Chief Rode presented the written monthly Department report.

Highlights of the monthly report include:

- 4 incidents since the last report with 44 YTD for 2020
- The department gained another probationary firefighter.
- Jann Barron finished her EMT training and certification.
- September training was cancelled due to the Cameron Peak fire and the department's work on the fire.
- Grants are still under review.
- This year the department held 7 community education classes at the station.
- The community, county and state are under a fire ban.

Chief Rode also gave an update on the Cameron Peak Fire's current status. He noted that all equipment and members are ready for action. The department has a task force consisting of Brush 1, Engine 1, and Tender 1 that will be deployed as necessary for response to the fire.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Continue discussion related to Squad:**
- Shirla Race has been researching how our insurance would cover Crystal Squad and its inhabitants outside the district. Our insurance will cover collision. It was noted that dual paging (RF & CL) will not work to solve the problem since CL is not certified for medical assistance on their own. Additional research will be conducted.

NEW BUSINESS

Reimbursement for Chief: Jim Kubichek made the following motion: "The CLFPD authorizes the Chief to be reimbursed for fuel expenses related to department usage". Don Hass seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

As the Board Desires:

-Point of Information: The status of Beaver Meadows is in transition and it may be divided into different businesses and sold.

-All board members are encouraged to respond to emails from other board members and do so by “reply all”.

Comments by Attending Public: None

Set or confirm next Board meeting date and location: October 15, 2020 in the Community Center in Base Camp.

Adjournment: Jim Kubichek made a motion, seconded by Jody Randol to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:08.

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September 17, 2020

Fire Department Report, YTD.

1. Department Activity since the last board meeting (August 2020)

- **Business meetings** – 1 via Zoom.
- **Weekly “NW Larimer Fire Depts” Chiefs ZOOM call** every Wednesday. (Crystal Lakes, Red Feather, Poudre Canyon, Glacier View, & Livermore).
- **Twice weekly (Tues & Fri) meetings** - With Sheriff’s Emergency Services in Livermore for status updates on Cameron fire
- **Daily Cooperator’s calls** – With USFS on Cameron update
- **Incidents** – 4 since last report, **44 YTD 2020**
 - #41 - Side by side accident, possible head injury
 - #42 – Smoke at Kelly’s corner (Creedmore Lakes & 67J), illegal campfire
 - #43 – 59 YOM with abdominal pain (probable gall bladder)
 - #44 – 20 YOM fainted, possible seizure

No covid symptom patients for these 4 incidents

2. PERSONNEL:

- One new firefighter (Austin McGuire). Austin is full time in CL. Former extensive experience with USFS including sawyer and helicopter attack. Three new members this summer: Don Harlan, Nick Marouf, Austin Mc Guire

3. TRAINING:

- **Department trainings** – Cancelled for August due to Cameron Peak fire. Optional wildland training held for 3 newest members.

4. GRANTS:

- **AFG grant:** Will apply for new Brush truck, approx \$190K. Grants are usually for approx 90%. If cost is \$190K, then AFG would pay 95% (\$126, and we pay \$14K. Still under review.

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- **AFG grant 2018** – Approved for 7 sets of bunker gear. \$12,985. We bought 3 sets of bunker gear so far (\$8,283). Three additional sets planned for three new members (see above). The time to spend grant money was extended for 1 year to Sept 15, 2021.

5. OTHER:

Covid-19

- CL and RFL response developed in accordance with State and County.

- Little change in response protocols.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION:

- Community classes at the CLVFD Station:
 - o 6/13 Stop the Bleed & Chainsaw Safety - COMPLETED
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 - o 8/29 Fire mitigation - COMPLETED

BURN RESTRICTIONS:

- Implemented by CLVFD for all of Crystal Lakes on August 16. End date TBD based on circumstances.
- County implemented 30 day fire ban on August 18. Ban extended to 10/31.
- State implemented 30 day fire ban on August 20, extended additional 30 days to Oct 20.

CAMERON PEAK FIRE: See attached

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Rode
Fire Chief
Crystal Lakes Volunteer Fire Department

CAMERON PEAK FIRE:

START DATE: Aug 13

START LOCATION: Chambers lake campground area (approx 15 miles from Crystal Lakes).

CURRENT FIRE SIZE: 8/20 - 16, 500 ACRES, 0% contained.....9/17 – 102, 650 acres, 8% contained. The fire is the largest in Larimer County History (bigger than High Park) and the 4th largest in Colorado history. The fire only grew approx 65 acres yesterday. 1, 032 people working on fire.

CURRENT LOCATION: Fire was initially 15 miles from Crystal Lakes and RFL, but is now just over 6 miles from both CL and RFL.

EVACUATION STATUS: Both Crystal Lakes and RFL were put on Mandatory Evac on Monday 9/7, but both were de-escalated to Voluntary Evacs on Tuesday after the snow storm. Both CL and RFL are currently still on Voluntary Evacuation status with that status being re-evaluated by the LCEOC daily based on fire activity. Glacier View was taken off of Voluntary Evac status earlier this week.

CURRENT STATUS:

- 8% contained, due primarily to the very rough and steep terrain and lack of structures. Some of these lines are directly along the fire's edge and some are indirect, depending on the terrain, the fuels, and the difficulty of reaching certain areas.
- 60 Ft fire lines have been cut above Beaver Meadows and behind Pearl creek that extended to FR178 and west to CR169 (Pearl Beaver Rd). An additional 60' line was cut South from Beaver Meadows along Tiny Bob that intersects with a line off of Tiny Bob that crosses Jenny Creek and goes all the way to Deadman.
- The fire was dampened substantially with the snow last week. However fire behavior increased this week as fuels continued to dry and weather stayed warm with above average temperatures. We did see an increase in smoke and fire activity Monday with the expected winds, but no significant changes to the fire area occurred. Fire growth will be fuels and terrain driven for the most part throughout the week. Over the weekend, there is some concern with a storm from the pacific northwest moving into the area that may bring winds from 20-30 mph. However, Saturday may also be another opportunity for rainfall over the fire.
- The northeast section of the finger of fire that spread in our direction (which fire managers are calling the "thumb") is not yet nailed down and was fairly active yesterday. They were able to put in dozer line around the western and northwestern perimeter of the thumb, but hit a point where the terrain made it impossible for their equipment to continue working in the area. A hotshot crew is currently looking for containment options accessible to hand crews. Five helicopters spent the last 3 days putting water and retardant on where this section was flaring up and managed to keep it mostly where it was for now. It's still on the opposite side of the Killpecker containment line from us, and they're also working on beefing up the Deadman and Manhattan lines in case the fire becomes wind-driven again and crosses Killpecker. Much of the thumb section is burning in rough terrain and heavy fuels, which is making direct attack in some areas difficult to impossible; however, firefighters are putting significant effort into trying to either stop that section of the fire or create more than one containment line to increase the chances of stopping it if it makes a run towards our area. The "Thumb" is currently the USFS #1 priority.
- Challenges are resources due to 4-5 other very large fires in Colorado. Additionally, there have been a least a dozen or more "small" fires in Colorado that have been attacked. Air assets are in high demand by all of

the fires. Fixed wing aircraft are being shared by the various fires. Dedicated helicopters have been dropping water. USFS resources are being stretched very thin with significant fire in Oregon and California.

USFS PROJECTS: The USFS lower level mgmt has been very aggressive in identifying projects for indirect protection of the fire but not very successful in getting upper level mgmt approval for implementation:

- Large scale home mitigation, starting on the anticipated fire leading edges (West and South West of CL). This project was cancelled due to liability concerns.
- Burning of the slash pile on CR73C. Cancelled, same as above.
- The fire break line from Deadman down across Jenny creek, up along Tiny Bob to Beaver Meadows, over to Pearl Creek, up to FR178 and west to CR169 (Pearl Beaver). This project was VERY successfully implemented and completed. If the fire gets past the Killpecker and Deadman fire breaks, this will be a substantial help in protecting both RFL and CL. If the fire does not make it here, this line will be a great future fire protection for the community.

UPDATES:

- Twice daily updates from the USFS (AM and PM) via facebook and website
- Twice weekly in person mtgs with LCEOC on evac status. Latest status was Tuesday and estimate for voluntary evacs was pushed out due to favorable circumstances with weather
- Multiple ongoing email notifications from CLVFD to the Community on status.
- Current message to the Community of both Crystal and Red Feather is if you do not have to be here, go away. If you have stuff you need to take (I.E. RVs, trailers, atvs, equipment, etc), taken them away now.

CLVFD STATUS:

- All equipment and members ready for action.
- Members have been self-preparing their own homes in prep for possible evacuations.
- "Task Force" in place for immediate deployment includes Incident Command, Operations Command, Brush 1, Engine 1 and Tender 1. Various support members at the ready.

CHIEF'S ASSESSMENT OF THE DEPT:

- We are ready. There are bits and pieces of things that we continually think of and take care of.
- Members are starting to exhibit some anxiousness and irritability, which is natural. We have discussed as a team and are aware and will not let it affect our cohesiveness or effectiveness.
- Once the USFS comes in and the fire is imminent, the USFS will take over. We will take whatever direction they give us and provide whatever information and help they request. Previous engagements by members with USFS have been as involved as full structure protection and fire attack to as little involvement as get out of the way and let them do their thing. We will see what happens with this USFS team.
- But in any case, I believe we are fully ready when/if the time comes.

W & S: Water Truck ½ full due to water purity concerns.

R & R: Keys to:

- Fuel tanks
- Water truck
- Front end loader

Crystal Lakes Fire Protection District

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Board of Directors

Minutes for October 15, 2020

7:00 P.M.

Call To Order: President Hass called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

In Attendance: Don Hass, Jody Randol, Shirla Race, Jim Kubichek, Duane Jacoby, Mark Rode

Absent: None

District Members in attendance: Doug Race, Harold Alexander

Approval of Agenda: Shirla Race move to accept the agenda as presented. Jody Randol seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: September 17, 2020

Duane Jacoby moved to accept the minutes of September 17, 2020. The motion was seconded by Shirla Race. The motion passed unanimously.

President's Report: None

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Kubichek reported that the President of the Glacier View Fire Protection District had contacted him regarding the possibility of the mountain boards meeting. It was decided that Kubichek will contact the Glacier View president for more details and a time frame after the first of the year.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Race presented the monthly financial report. The report was unremarkable. It is described as status quo for this point in the year. Mail disruption due to the fire has delayed some checks and bills. Jim Kubichek made a motion to accept

the Treasurer's report as presented. The motion was seconded by Jody Randol. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Race presented the proposed 2021 Budget.

Fire Department Report: Chief Rode presented the written October Department Report.

Highlights include:

-8 incidents since the last report for 52 incidents YTD 2020. No Covid symptom patients have been treated so far.

-The monthly training was a Wildland/WUI scenario.

-The department was notified that the 2019 AFG grant request for a new brush truck was not approved.

-A survey regarding the Department's community education classes will be sent out to gauge the community interest in topics and times for next year.

-Chief Rode made a request to the board to purchase a new brush truck to replace the 1987 Brush 2. The request is to purchase a new truck, utility boxes, slide in pump and water tank with appropriate accessories and equipment for its operation. The estimated cost of the unit would be approximately \$120,000-\$132,000. The department members would do most of the work to make the brush truck operational. The funding for the replacement effort includes monies from CLFIRES, the district's capital improvement fund, and a Go Fund Me Page.

-Chief Rode also presented an update on the Cameron Peak Fire. Several Crystal Lakes officers with the LCSO informing residents of the voluntary evacuations. At the time of this meeting, the fire is approximately 56% contained. Dozer lines have been cut in areas around the Northwest side of Crystal Lakes and the lower filings. 84 Crystal Lakes homes in the lower filings were mitigated. The department performed two days of home mitigation in the lower filings and three days patrolling and mitigating along CR 74E.

-High winds have hampered firefighter's efforts.

-On 10/14 the department's task force was called up to assist with protection along Manhattan Road CR86 when a 6 acre spot fire blew up near Bellaire Lake. The task force assisted with direct attack throughout the night and morning.

-Challenges to the fire are now primarily along the southern portion of the fire with high wind events producing very large and rapid fire growth.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Continue discussion related to Squad / Brush Truck: Shirla Race made a motion to direct the Chief and officers to move forward to purchase a new, fully equipped brush truck. Jody Randol seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Reimbursement for expenses: A discussion was held related to the out of pocket costs all members of the fired department incur performing department duties. It was suggested that a “reimbursement of expenses” policy be implemented. The estimated cost the the district is approximately \$7,000-\$8,000/year. This cost can be achieved by readjusting certain line items to obtain the necessary funds. Jim Kubichek made a motion that, Beginning January 1, 2021, the CLFPD will reimburse department members responding to an incident at the rate of \$15.00 per call according to department policy. The motion was seconded by Don Hass. The motion passed: 3 for and two abstentions (Jim Kubichek and Shirla Race).

As the Board Desires: None

Comments by Attending Public: None

Set or confirm next Board meeting date and location: November 19, 2020 at 7:00 PM

Adjournment: Jim Kubichek moved to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Duane Jacoby. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Crystal Lakes Volunteer Fire Department

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October 15, 2020

Fire Department Report, YTD.

1. Department Activity since the last board meeting (September 2020)

- **Business meetings** – Cancelled in September
- **Weekly “NW Larimer Fire Depts” Chiefs ZOOM call** every Wednesday. (Crystal Lakes, Red Feather, Poudre Canyon, Glacier View, & Livermore + **Rist Cyn**).
- **Twice weekly (Tues & Fri) meetings** - With Sheriff’s Emergency Services in Livermore for status updates on Cameron fire
- **Daily Cooperator’s calls** – With USFS on Cameron update (**MWF**)
- **Incidents** – 8 since last report, **52 YTD 2020**
 - #45 - Cameron peak fire RFL Protection
 - #46 – Cameron peak fire RFL Protection
 - #47 – Male with heart attack symptoms
 - #48 – Cameron peak fire home mitigation on CR73C
 - #49 – Cameron peak fire home mitigation on CR73C
 - #50 – Cameron peak fire home mitigation in CL
 - #51 – Cameron peak fire home mitigation in CL
 - #52 – Cameron Peak fire attack around Belaire Lake

No covid symptom patients for the one medical incident

2. PERSONNEL:

- No new news.

3. TRAINING:

- **Department trainings** – Thursday training held – Wildland WUI scenario. Saturday training cancelled.

4. GRANTS:

- **AFG grant:** Will apply for new Brush truck, approx \$190K. Grants are usually for approx 90%. If cost is \$190K, then AFG would pay 95% (\$126, and we pay \$14K. Still under review.
- **Firefighter Safety and Disease Prevention Grant** - Submitted for 6 more SCBA bottles (\$1K ea) plus an air gas monitor (CO + flammable gas meter). Total \$7,283. Grant is 100% pay. CLVFD awarded grant!
- **Homeland Security grant** for 2 dual band radios was awarded and out to bid. \$5,000. We will be responsible for any excess currently estimated at \$400. Radios are in Ft Collins. We should receive radios soon.
- **County Emergency Services Grant** – Joint mountain grant developed for Crystal Lakes, Red Feather, Glacier View, Livermore and Poudre Canyon to hold external structure training academy this summer. Approximate \$4,500. Grant was awarded! Academy structure revised due to Covid. Each individual Dept will send 2 members to a train the trainer day long training at Estes Park. Date TBD due to Cameron Peak fire.
- **AFG grant 2018** – Approved for 7 sets of bunker gear. \$12,985. We bought 3 sets of bunker gear so far (\$8,283). Three additional sets planned for three new members (see above). The time to spend grant money was extended for 1 year to Sept 15, 2021.

5. OTHER:

Covid-19

- CL and RFL response developed in accordance with State and County.
- Little change in response protocols.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION:

- All scheduled Community classes at the CLVFD Station held with good participation. Survey to be sent to the community for interest in additional topics for next year.

BURN RESTRICTIONS:

- Implemented by CLVFD for all of Crystal Lakes on August 16. End date TBD based on circumstances.
- County implemented 30 day fire ban on August 18. Ban extended to 10/31.
- State implemented 30 day fire ban on August 20, extended additional 30 days to Oct 20.
- County and State Bans expected to be extended due to extraordinarily dry and warm weather.

REQUEST TO PURCHASE NEW BRUSH TRUCK:

Currently, we have two Brush trucks:

- **BRUSH 1** - 1994 Ford Super Duty 2-door 4WD wildland engine capable of carrying 250 gallons of water and two firefighters and their gear.
- **BRUSH 2** - 1987 Chevy 4-door 4WD wildland engine capable of carrying 250 gallons of water and up to five firefighters and their gear.
- **Brush 2** was originally owned by the Wellington fire dept and the vehicle was in a wildland fire and burned and subsequently rebuilt and then donated to the CLVFD. The vehicle has become extremely unreliable in it's electrical system as well as the drive train and the water pumping system. Pretty much the whole truck!
- **Brush 1** can only carry 2 firefighters, but is much more reliable. It needs some work done on it, but is fairly reliable.
- Our request is to replace Brush 2. We have tried to submit many grants for a new vehicle. While we have been successful in being awarded grants for other minor equipment, getting a grant for new vehicle is extremely difficult.
- A new brush truck built by company specializing in fire equipment can run from \$140 to \$240K depending on the bells and whistles. There is another alternative. RFLVFD has successfully built a new Brush truck for themselves for right at \$100K. They pieced together the parts they need and did most of the work themselves. Here is a breakdown of the costs:

\$71,000 - Ram 5500 with utility box
 \$15,000 - Pump skid insert with 300 gallon water tank
 \$ 4,000 - Lights
 \$ 1,500 - decal striping
 \$ 5,700 - Heavy duty bumper and winch
 \$ 600 - running boards
 \$ 100 - mud flaps

 \$97,900.....or \$100K with the other incidentals

- We are asking the Board to approve an expenditure of approx \$120K +/- 10 Percent (\$12K), so up to \$132K.
- We currently have \$34K in CLFires. We have \$89K in our Capital Improvement Reserve Fund. We anticipate an additional \$30K to be added to the Reserve Fund at the end of this year. This brings the total available cash to \$154K. A Go Fund Me page was started by one of our dept members to solicit donations to replace the Brush Truck. As of today, the Go Fund Me page has a total of \$8,600 , bringing the total to \$162K. If we

spend up to the upper limit of the estimate (\$132), we will still have approx 30K in reserve, with more donations anticipated.

- If approved, work on purchasing the Brush Vehicle will begin immediately, as the lead time for an order on the new truck can be 3-6 months.

CAMERON PEAK FIRE: See attached

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Rode
Fire Chief
Crystal Lakes Volunteer Fire Department

CAMERON PEAK FIRE:

START DATE: Aug 13

START LOCATION: Chambers lake campground area (approx 15 miles from Crystal Lakes). Origin unknown as of today.

CURRENT FIRE SIZE:

- 8/20 - 16, 500 ACRES, 0% contained
- 9/17 – 102, 650 acres, 8% contained. The fire is the largest in Larimer County History (bigger than High Park) and the 4th largest in Colorado history.
- 10/15 – 164,140. The fire grew approx 30,000 acres and traveled an estimated 13 **17** miles on 10/14 (yesterday), and is now the largest fire in CO history.

CURRENT LOCATION: Fire was initially 15 miles from Crystal Lakes and RFL, but is now just over 5 miles from CL and ½ mile from RFL.

EVACUATION STATUS: Both CL and RFL are currently on Voluntary Evacuation status after 3 long weeks of mandatory evacuation.

CURRENT STATUS (10/15/20):

- 56% contained, due primarily to the very rough and steep terrain and lack of structures.
- FIRE LINES:
 - Primary lines are Deadman (CR86) and Pearl-Beaver Road (CR169) south and west of CL
 - Secondary lines include 60 Ft fire lines above Beaver Meadows and behind Pearl creek that extended to FR178 and west to CR169 (Pearl Beaver Rd).
 - An additional 60' line was cut South from Beaver Meadows along Tiny Bob that intersects with a line off of Tiny Bob that crosses Jenny Creek and goes all the way to Deadman.
 - Dozer line was cut along the lower CL filing near Chiricahua and Tesque to the south and then east to CR73C, effectively putting a line around the lower filing.
 - Line from Erie Lake to Creedmore Lakes road (outside of CL heading towards Creedmore lakes)
 - TO DO: Dozer line protection for the North West side of CL. Worked with all four teams so far, but no solution yet. Current team still working on it.
- CLVFD performed two days of home mitigation on the two lower filings. Mitigation included removal of flammable furniture from decks, removal of firewood from decks and removal of propane tanks from cook grills. Pine needles and other forest debris were raked from under decks and wood and other flammable items were also removed. Performed weed-whacking as needed. No chainsaw work was done. Focus on mitigation was for the homes that lined the outer edges (south and west) of the two lower filings. RFLVFD helped one day with the mitigation. In total, 84 homes were mitigated.
- Right after first mandatory evac, CLVFD Task Force (IC, Engine 1, Tender 1, Brush 1, and Office Logistics) worked on CR74E corridor prepping homes for 3 days and checking sprinklers and port-a-tanks (pumpkins) along side of USFS.
- CLVFD marked Creedmore lakes road (CR73c) escape route to CR67J to 80C with flagging tape.
- Got USFS to grade Creedmore lakes road escape route. Pretty nice now!
- CLVFD Accompanied Sheriff's for first voluntary evacuation notice to ALL CL residents.

- Fire behavior increased this week as fuels continued to dry and weather stayed warm with above average temperatures and several days of high winds combining into consecutive days of red flag warnings.
- The Northern area of the fire (closest to us) is now considered to be “under containment”, and has experienced very little growth in the past week. There are many areas of unburned fuel in the containment area (“islands”) that will continue to ignite and burn for several months. With the past several days of high winds, including 70 mph winds yesterday, the area around Bellaire lake camp ground re-ignited and blew-up, causing a 6 acre very intense spot fire. With all of the USFS structure protection moved to the southern side of the fire, crews from RFLVFD, CLVFD, Glacier View VFD and Poudre Canyon VFD were deployed at 0230 am the night of 10/14 (Wednesday). The main task for the crews was to monitor and patrol Manhattan road to ensure blowing embers did not cross over to the eastern side of Manhattan, potentially starting new fires on the unburned eastern side of Manhattan and making a run towards Glacier View and possibly RFL. Volunteer crews worked through the night and USFS crews arrived around daylight to provide additional support. RFLVFD and CLVFD crews then proceeded with direct line attack on the spot fire until bull dozers arrived around noon. Bull dozers were able to cut a large line around the east side of the fire boxing it in. Wind speed continued to increase and both RFLVFD and CLVFD provided protection for fire advancement towards Manhattan road until 1700. At this time, the temps fell and the fire began to lay down. USFS crews monitored the fire through the night. It was a very long 15 hours!
- Challenges to the fire now are primarily on the southern portion of the fire, which has seen significant fire growth in the past couple of weeks, including the very large growth yesterday with the wind events.

UPDATES:

- Twice daily updates from the USFS (AM and PM) via facebook and website
- Twice weekly in person mtgs with LCEOC on evac status.
- Multiple ongoing email notifications from CLVFD to the Community on status. Asst Chief Marian Kelly named as the official CLVFD Public Information Officer (PIO)

CLVFD STATUS:

- All equipment and members ready for action.
- Members have been self-preparing their own homes in prep for possible evacuations.
- “Task Force” in place for immediate deployment includes Incident Command, Operations Command, Brush 1, Engine 1 and Tender 1. Various support members at the ready

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Board of Directors

**Minutes for November 19, 2020
7:00 P.M.**

Call To Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by President Don Hass.

In Attendance: Don Hass, Jody Randol, Shirla Race, Jim Kubichek, Duane Jacoby, Mark Rode

Absent: None

District Members in attendance: Doug Race

Approval of Agenda: Jody Randol moved to approve the agenda. Shirla Race seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: October 15, 2020

Shirla Race moved to approve the minutes of October 15, 2020. Jody Randol seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

President's Report: President Hass expressed appreciation for what the Crystal Lakes VFD and the Red Feather Lakes VFD, the State of Colorado, The Larimer County Sheriff's office, and the United States Forest Service did to protect our community during the Cameron Peak Fire.

Secretary's Report: None

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Race stated that there was nothing remarkable about the monthly financials. She did state that within the next two years that the District may want to raise the mill

levy. Jim Kubichek made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Jody Randol seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously.

Treasurer Race then presented the Proposed 2021 budget and noted that it was posted in the media and there were no oppositions or questions from the public. Don Hass made a motion to approve the 2021 budget as presented. Jody Randol seconded. It passed unanimously.

Fire Department Report: Chief Rode presented the monthly department report.

Highlights include:

- There have been 6 additional incidents since the last report with a YTD total of 59.
- Assistant Chief Mark Weeks is retiring from the Department after 10 years of valuable service.
- Doug Race will be the new Assistant Chief. He will join Marian Kelly as the second Assistant Chief.
- November's training topic was SCBA use. Trainings are going well and the joint trainings with the Red Feather Lakes department are going well.
- Covid protocols remain the same. A second surge has begun and infections are at the highest level since the pandemic began.
- The county wide and Crystal burn ban is still in affect.

Chief Rode also presented an update to the Cameron Peak Fire.

- 8/20 1,6500 acres. 0% contained
- 9/17 102,650 acres. 8% contained. Largest in Larimer county history.
- 10/15 164,140 acres. In one day (10/14) the fire grew approximately 30,000 acres and traveled 17 miles. Now the largest fire in Colorado history.
- 11/19 208,913 acres. 92% containment.
- Current status: Very little if any growth in past 3 weeks. Still waiting for the "season ending" snow to fully extinguish the fire.
- 481 structures damaged or destroyed. Of those, 231 were residential structure of which 42 were primary residences.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Progress related to Squad / Brush Truck

The Brush Truck group are looking for truck quotes. They hope to place an order by the end of the year.

NEW BUSINESS

Fund raising report for new brush truck: At the current time there is approximately \$34,000 donated by the public for use to purchase a new brush truck.

As the Board Desires: None

Comments by Attending Public:

Doug Race, DEO (Designated Election Officer), reported that to conduct an election for a permanent mill levy adjustment the District should plan on the 2022 election cycle. To do an election out of cycle would cost approximately \$10,000 more than during a regular election cycle.

Set or confirm next Board meeting date and location:

December 17, 2020. 7:00 PM. Via Zoom Video Conferencing due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM.

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November 19, 2020

Fire Department Report, YTD.

1. Department Activity since the last board meeting (October 2020)

- **Business meetings** – 1, via Zoom
- **Weekly “NW Larimer Fire Depts” Chiefs ZOOM call** every Wednesday. (Crystal Lakes, Red Feather, Poudre Canyon, Glacier View, & Livermore + Rist Cyn). Calls changed to every other week.
- **Incidents** – 6 since last report, **59 YTD 2020**
 - #53 - Home heat alarm went off. Faulty sensor.
 - #54 – Dispatch error, new system – no call
 - #55 – Co detector going off.
 - #56 – Male fell in RV, twitching, non-responsive
 - #57 – Vehicle slid off driveway, perched on steep slope, drive trapped
 - #58 – CO detector going off, high levels of CO found. Bad Furnace.
 - #59 – Fire in Community trash compactor (Crystal Lakes)

No covid symptom patients for the one medical incident

2. PERSONNEL:

- One probationary member asked to resign. Bad fit with Dept.
- Asst Chief Mark Weeks resigned CLVFD (10 yrs of service). Will pursue personal adventures. Mark will remain EMT for RFLVFD when he is in town. Doug Race to replace Mark W as Asst Chief. Working with Dept to replace Doug’s position as Admin Officer / Secretary.

3. TRAINING:

- **Department trainings** – November training held – SCBA Operations. Joint training on Saturday with RFLVFD.

4. GRANTS:

- **AFG grant:** Will apply for new Brush truck, approx \$190K. Grants are usually for approx 90%. If cost is \$190K, then AFG would pay 95% (\$126, and we pay \$14K. We were not awarded grant.
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5. OTHER:

Covid-19

- CL and RFL response developed in accordance with State and County.
- Little change in response protocols.
- Covid 19 is in second surge with highest levels of positive tests ever.

BURN RESTRICTIONS / BAN:

- Burn Ban implemented by CLVFD for all of Crystal Lakes on August 16. End date TBD based on circumstances. Will most likely coincide with County ban lift.
- County implemented 30 day fire ban on August 18. Ban extended twice to 11/30.

- State implemented 30 day fire ban on August 20, extended additional 30 days to Oct 20. State fire ban is no longer in effect.
- County slash burn permits run from November to end of May, but County permits are not being issued due to current County burn ban. This also affects the CL Slash Pile, although they go through a much more rigorous permit process due to the size of the Slash Pile.

CAMERON PEAK FIRE: See attached

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Rode
Fire Chief
Crystal Lakes Volunteer Fire Department

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- 11/19/20 - 208,913 acres with 92% containment

CURRENT STATUS (11/19/20):

- Very little, if any growth in last 3 weeks. Still smoldering in spots even after multiple small snows. Fire crews continue to mop up burning spots using helicopter water drops (wind permitting, which has not had much break in past couple of weeks). We have still not have season ending snow to fully extinguish fire, but minimal growth and continued containment growth fully expected.
- Fire lines (dozer lines) around RFL and CL are being “rehabbed”, but left in place with RFLVFD and CLVFD Chief’s request.
- 481 total structures damaged or destroyed
- 231 residential structures destroyed of which 42 were primary residences

UPDATES:

- Twice daily updates from the USFS (AM and PM) via facebook and website
- Multiple ongoing email notifications from CLVFD PIO (Marian) to the Community on status.

CLVFD STATUS:

- All equipment and members ready for action, but standing down for past 3 weeks.

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December 17, 2020

Fire Department Report, YTD.

1. Department Activity since the last board meeting (November 2020)

- **Business meetings** – 1, via Zoom
- **Weekly “NW Larimer Fire Depts” Chiefs ZOOM call** 2nd and 4th Wednesday. (Crystal Lakes, Red Feather, Poudre Canyon, Glacier View, & Livermore + Rist Canyon).
- **Incidents** – 2 since last report, **61 YTD 2020**
 - #60 - Propane leak from main tank
 - #61 – Female lost consciousness in vehicle, probable prior stroke**No covid symptom** patients for the one medical incident

2. PERSONNEL:

- **One new probationary member** – Craig Mawle. Full time resident in CL.
- **CLVFD Officer Election completed** – Results are:
 - **CHIEF** - Mark Rode
 - **ASST CHIEFS** - Marian Kelly, Doug Race
 - **TRAINING OFFICER** - Evan Rau
 - **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER / SECRETARY** - Jann Barron
 - **SAFETY OFFICER** - Jim Kubichek
 - **TRAFFIC CONTROL OFFICER** - Kate Kelly and Jody Sandquist (50/50 job share)
 - **PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER (PIO)** - Marian Kelly

- **REIMBURSEMENT PER CALL IMPLEMENTATION** – \$15 per incident responded to. Scheduled to start Jan 1, 2021. Policy developed and reviewed with all members.

3. TRAINING:

- **Department trainings** – December training held via Zoom – Radio Operations with Larimer County Radio Lead. ALL CLVFD radios updated with most current settings (annual process).
- **2021 Training schedule** in place with RFLVFD:

Month	Topic
JANUARY	Scene Size-Up, ICS,
FEBRUARY	EMS equipment/EMS scenarios
MARCH	Ice Rescue
APRIL	Hose deployment/Engine pumping
MAY	Tender ops/Water supply
JUNE	Initial wildland attack/shelters
JULY	Wildland water supply
AUGUST	Cumulative scenario
SEPTEMBER	Extrication
OCTOBER	Beaver Meadows

NOVEMBER	SCBA
DECEMBER	Radios

4. **GRANTS:**

- **AFG grant 2018** – Approved for 7 sets of bunker gear. \$12,985. We bought 3 sets of bunker gear so far (\$8,283). Three additional sets planned for three new members (see above). The time to spend grant money was extended for 1 year to Sept 15, 2021.
- **Multi-gas meter:** Received from grant

5. **OTHER:**

Covid-19

- Covid 19 is in second surge with highest levels of positive tests ever.
- State update 12/9 on vaccine distribution to first responders. First responders (CLVFD) currently scheduled in group 1A (2nd group). No firm date. Estimated to be sometime in the winter. State website is: Covid19.colorado.gov/vaccine

BURN RESTRICTIONS / BAN:

- Burn Ban for CLVFD lifted 12/1 to coincide with Larimer County Ban lift and lifting of State burn ban. Ban still in effect for National Forests..
- County slash burn permits run from November to end of May. Permits are now being issued with removal of the county ban.

CAMERON PEAK FIRE: Fire containment is now at 100%. Control of the fire suppression turned back over to local Forest Service agencies.

CL GREENBELT MITIGATION COMMITTEE: Committee is lead and run by the CL Road and Rec Board. CLVFD Chief now participating with committee to develop mitigation plan and guidelines. CLVFD input will be based on what was learned from the Forest Service during physical inspections of CL property.

NEW BRUSH TRUCK PURCHASE: Order for new truck placed with Dodge dealer Tuesday 12/15. Cost for truck and utility body is \$74,094. Estimated cost of vehicle after all the work we do is still in the \$120,000 range. Money availability at this time is as follows:

BRUSH TRUCK FUNDS 12-14-20

\$ 73,475	Total Funds available in CLFires for CLVFD
\$ (5,610)	Funds in CLFires designated for headsets
\$ 67,865	Total funds available for new Brush Truck in CLFires
\$ 12,000	funds donated directly to CLVFD for Brush truck
\$ 20,000	Underspent funds from CLVFD budget going into reserves YE 2020
\$ 89,000	Current funds in CLVFD Reserves
\$ 188,865	Total funds "technically" available for new Brush truck
\$ 120,000	Estimated cost of Brush Truck

\$ 68,865 Funds remaining in CLFires and CLVFD after purchase of Brush Truck

There is currently \$13,400 in the GoFundMe page for the Brush truck. We are not sure how much of this is calculated in the CLFIRES number. The funds from the GoFundMe page are paid into the CLFIRES acct. That is how we get the money from the GoFundMe acct. So we could have more funds available (maybe).

There have been some questions on NextDoor about how much money **we have collected in donations for the New Brush Truck**. That number is:

\$40,000 Money donated to CLFIRES designated for the Brush truck

\$12,000 Money donated to CLVFD designated for the Brush truck

\$52,000 total donated **designated** to the new Brush truck.....Again, we do not know if the \$13,400 in the GoFundMe acct is already calculated in the CLFIRES number or not.

When we look at all the accts available to us, we have enough money to pay cash for the new Brush Truck, but when we look at just the funds that were donated and designated for the Brush truck, we have \$52,000-ish.....So we will keep the campaign going to get more funds donated specifically for the new Brush truck.

Respectfully submitted,

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Fire Chief
Crystal Lakes Volunteer Fire Department

CAMERON PEAK FIRE:

START DATE: Aug 13 (90+ days old)

START LOCATION: Chambers lake campground area (approx 15 miles from Crystal Lakes). Origin unknown as of today.

CURRENT FIRE SIZE:

- 8/20 - 16,500 ACRES, 0% contained
- 9/17 – 102,650 acres, 8% contained. The fire is the largest in Larimer County History (bigger than High Park) and the 4th largest in Colorado history.
- 10/15 – 164,140. The fire grew approx 30,000 acres and traveled an estimated 17 miles on 10/14, and is now the largest fire in CO history.
- 11/19/20 - 208,913 acres with 92% containment

CURRENT STATUS (11/19/20):

- Very little, if any growth in last 3 weeks. Still smoldering in spots even after multiple small snows. Fire crews continue to mop up burning spots using helicopter water drops (wind permitting, which has not had much break in past couple of weeks). We have still not have season ending snow to fully extinguish fire, but minimal growth and continued containment growth fully expected.
- Fire lines (dozer lines) around RFL and CL are being “rehabbed”, but left in place with RFLVFD and CLVFD Chief’s request.
- 481 total structures damaged or destroyed
- 231 residential structures destroyed of which 42 were primary residences

UPDATES:

- Twice daily updates from the USFS (AM and PM) via facebook and website
- Multiple ongoing email notifications from CLVFD PIO (Marian) to the Community on status.

CLVFD STATUS:

- All equipment and members ready for action, but standing down for past 3 weeks.