

Regular meeting of West End Fire Board of Trustees was called to order on July 20, 2023 at 7:01 pm.

Board members present: Frank Magee, Brooke Lincoln, John Carpenter, Michelle Lower, Richard Medley

Department members present: Anthony Lower

Public present: Chris Hendoin, Louise Magee

Minutes were read. Motion to accept made by Brooke, seconded by Richard, carried.

Treasurer's report was presented. Motion to accept made by Brooke, seconded by Richard, carried.

Chief's report: Trucks are registered with DNRC. FEMA reimbursement has been finally approved. Volunteer stipends will come out soon. Electricity costs at Saltese are out of hand. Nothing is turned on. Frank will contact Northwestern Energy to ask what kind of service, demand or not, we have or if we have a problem. Fire Fighter training: Still have the pump module to complete.

Chris Hendoin: Our insurance representative was present to review our policy. We have Guaranteed Replacement Cost on our main building, so no need to change the monetary value stated on the policy. Inland Marine covers anything fire related that is not bolted to the building or a truck. Borrowed equipment is covered. Personal vehicles are covered if they are being used for fire department purposes, including responding to a call or picking something up in Missoula, for instance. Drivers with permission to operate our vehicles are covered. Our coverage is more broad than we may think, we should think big instead of small. All driver's must have a current license. Chris is holding a driver training class in Bull River. Two people can attend for free. They become certified to train the rest of the department. He will get us specifics. Junior firefighters cannot participate at a scene, they may only observe. The vehicle list needs deletions and additions and specific identifiers (names) should be assigned to each vehicle. If we rent a building or space, we need to be added as an additional insured on their policy. We have general liquor liability if we choose to serve or allow alcohol at a function. Chris has access to online and video training resources. Just need to request them. Firefighter's should make sure their beneficiaries are current. SOP's and Bylaws are fluid documents. We can change them to suit our needs with proper public notice. We need to subscribe to "The Latest" from the Fire Services Training School. It is a good place to look for or dispose of equipment. Removing the small building from Saltese might save us \$140.00. There is no liability associated with donating our old turnouts to other departments if they are willing to sign a simple waiver.

New Business: Tow company want to use Saltese building: It was felt that we cannot play favorites to any one business. Further, we can't guarantee the lot is plowed. Yearly recruitment barbeque: August 12. Louise Magee is coordinating. Car show, potluck dish competition, kid games, barbeque, etc... Brooke will print color posters at .09 cents each for the department. Department needs a new refrigerator, maybe a color printer. Frank will get a list of food to Brooke for a cost quote.

Motion to adjourn made by Brooke, seconded by John, carried at 8:58 pm.