

Regular meeting of West End Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:03 pm on September 14, 2023.

Trustees present: Frank Magee, Brooke Lincoln, Michelle Cummins, John Carpenter, Richard Medley

Volunteers present: Anthony Lower

Public present: Bruce Van Broeke

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

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

Bruce Van Broeke was present to discuss radio communications. He had a forest fire call on Lookout Pass and was not able to contact our department nor dispatch for mutual aid. Both of our departments will make sure we have proper radio programming and will do a radio check to ensure communication. He suggested we investigate an ARPA grant for a new QRU. Suggested we reach out to the non-resident recreational community. Would like to make plans to have a joint training at Lookout Ski Area.

Chief's report: Bill Mitchell is going to do EF Recovery paperwork. Final payment for SCBA grant is due.

Saltese security: Batteries, toolboxes, security system hard drive and other things are missing. Frank filed a police report for \$1156.00. Insurance company has been notified. Frank will replace the batteries and hard drive immediately. Richard suggested we put air tags in our gear so it can be tracked. SOP

manual: Amendments need to be made for volunteers who are willing to help around the fire hall but not go out on calls.

Old Business: Energy Partners contract: We can contract for however many gallons we want. If we don't use it, there are no consequences. Motion to contract for 7500 gallons was made by Brooke, seconded by Michelle, carried. Fire Department phone: Michelle will call Blackfoot to get the password reset on the phone so we can change the greeting. QRU working with Donna and Superior Ambulance: Brooke called Pat Metzger to make sure a good working relationship develops from the beginning. Frank talked to Jerry about sharing the cost of sending Michelle to grant writing class.

New business: Chili cook-off: Need more recruiting ideas: Dunk tank, poker night, trunk or treat, join with Schoolhouse, Halloween costume contest, bob for apples/carnival, raffle, video game in fire hall. Frank will talk to Schoolhouse about joining forces, trunk or treat at schoolhouse, poker at the fire hall, chili cook-off location TBD, Michelle will get raffle prizes from the community. Date will be October 28, call it Fall Festival. Refrigerator: We collected \$300 at our last event, sold jaws of life for \$400. Michelle asked if Misty could come and give us an update on her progress with EMT course.

Motion to adjourn made by Brooke, seconded by Richard, carried at 8:33 pm.

Next meeting October 12, 2023.