# Hot Sulphur Springs-Parshall Fire Protection District June 13, 2018 Regular Fire Board Meeting Minutes

Present: George Davis; Rod Sale; Aaron Bellefeuille Chief Tom Baumgarten.

Absent: Brad White; Steve DiSciullo

Present in Audience-Steven and Marla Gall, Toni Russell

Meeting called to order at 7:01PM

# **Approval of Minutes-**

Motion to approve minutes of the May 9, 2018 meeting with correction, Rod Sale. Second Aaron Bellefeuille. Motion approved.

# Treasurer's Report-

Rod Sale gave the Treasurer's report. After discussion, *Rod Sale made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Aaron Bellefeuille seconded. Motion approved.* 

## Chief's Report-

Hot Sulphur Days went well-fast and furious! The pancake breakfast went well, with 23 pounds of bacon consumed, and almost 28 lbs of pancake batter!! We received over \$900 in donations. The Fireworks display was great with lots of positive feedback from the spectators. Our Department had some help from the Grand Lake firefighters during the display.

During the month of May, the Department has been busy answering calls. They have been averaging a call every other day. They responded to a wide variety of requests; a couple here in town, some EMS assist calls, a natural gas call at the Justice Center, grass fires and several motor vehicle accidents. Our volunteers joined Kremmling and Granby departments to assist with the motor vehicle accident that involved a semi and an SUV collision that resulted in a fatality and a grass fire.

There are no fire restrictions yet, but Chief Tom feels like that will be happening soon. The new County wide fire ordinance has been put into place by the County Commissioners. It outlines the rules and regulations concerning fire use and has attached fines for anyone found violating the ordinance.

Chris Conger and Matt Stein have both passed their Firefighter I JPR's. They are now working on their Hazmat certification.

Collin Stewart from Grand Lake will be joining our Department in July. They are still working on recruiting volunteers for the Department. We do have a great working relationship with Kremmling's fire department, and are able to help each other with coverage and trainings.

### **Old Business-**

Water Storage project in Copper Creek-Digging has begun and the fire hydrant is at Ferguson. Chief Tom was able to reach the fence company today and was able to set up a time to have the fencing done after the tank is buried. We will be over on the budget for this project, but not extremely so. Chief Tom spoke with our accountant and he felt like we would be okay due to some available monies from other areas within our budget. The tank is still on schedule to be delivered on the 27<sup>th</sup> of this month.

Use of Exercise Room-The Department's insurance provider has been working on making sure the Department isn't liable for any injuries that might incur by people other than volunteers (who are already covered). It has been determined that the best way to make this happen is to have the users sign a waiver that states the Department is not responsible for any injuries that could occur in using the equipment.

#### **New Business-**

George spoke with Grand Mountain Bank about getting new names on the Department's account as check signers. Aaron, Steve and Brad will be added as signers as soon as the paperwork is completed by the bank.

# Peer Support-

Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm.

There was some discussion about having Peer Support for the firefighters. There are different ways this program could be created, but the basic premise is to offer support and counseling to firefighters as necessary due to the type of trauma they might encounter in responding to calls. The Department is looking at different options that are available and will work on formulating a program that will best suit our District's volunteers.

Attested by:	
Aaron Bellefeuille, Director	
George Davis, Secretary	