

**MINUTES TO THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
SONOITA-ELGIN FIRE DISTRICT**

**October 19, 2009**

**6 p.m.**

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of the Fire Board Members – Rutter, Ruppel, Izzo and Parker were present at the start of the meeting. Tomlinson arrived at 6:45 p.m. Also present were; DeWolf, Venos, Goodwin and Bianchi.

Approval of Minutes –minutes of the meeting of September 21, 2009; motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Ruppel, seconded by Rutter, motion carried.

New Business –

Chief's Report –

1. Vacation – Chief DeWolf will be on vacation November 2-18 and then for the week of Thanksgiving.
2. Run Report – page-outs; 18 medical, 3 wild-land, 2 MVC's, 1 structure fire and 7 public assists. We had 9 transports; 3 helicopter, 6 ambulance.
3. We had our first transport in Pima County on the same day we were granted our CON. We cannot transport in Santa Cruz County; we have a letter out to Chief Keeley of Tubac Fire District, but we have not heard anything back yet. All of the patients had medical insurance, so in the next 60 days we'll see how everything works and how we get paid.
4. Kathe Prentice is enrolled in the Paramedic program through Pima College, she is scheduled to graduate in November of 2010.
5. Breakfast – we served 77 breakfasts; it was the same day as the Fall Festival Event – we may look at changing our dates in the future – looking to see if we need to move a few of the breakfast dates around the major events. November's breakfast falls on the same day as the Arizona Cowboy Symposium.
6. Rummage Sale – We're leaning towards making this our last rummage sale. The amount of time and energy expended by the crew – picking up items and then running staff to the dump doesn't truly offset the income of the sales. DeWolf discussed some possible options as alternative sources of funding. Not doing the rummage sale will cause some heartburn in the community.
7. Flu Shot Clinic – We will have a flu shot clinic at the fire station from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, November 24; it has been publicized by posters and banners.

8. Tax Law Meeting – Katie and I were at the AFDA Meeting learning about the new tax law. We're trying to get Katie & Vicki signed up for a meeting in November. In packets in front of you in the law, two sheets of allowable levies for all districts, and a few other papers. Our 2010 Income is based on the 2008 budget. The state is telling us not to bank, but to use all monies; state is encouraging us to take it and bank it yourself. The Discussion went on to cover the aspects of the new tax laws and possible options for us to take to remain viable.  
**Ruppel** asked to have the budget projection provided to the members of the board.  
**Izzo** – The point being, with the new law, we're going to have to do something because we can't raise our tax levy; something's going to have to happen.  
**Rutter** – is there a mechanism for the residents to have a voice?  
**DeWolf** – your local representatives.  
**Parker** – Who runs AFDA? What's their position?  
**DeWolf** – There are 14 board members, 3 are rural, the rest are urban. We don't have a lot of say. An even harder thing will be to get this out to the community.

Treasurer's Report –

1. All bank accounts have reconciled. I didn't have time to prepare the financial reports. Santa Cruz County taxes for September, \$3900; from Pima County we received \$5285 on October 22. We have not yet had to draw on the line of credit. Net loss for three months ending September 30, was \$146,222. Nothing extraordinary happened in September, very little income, and the expenses were all normal.

Correspondence – none

Audience Comments – none

Board Member Comments – none

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by Rutter, seconded by Ruppel, motion carried.