

Minutes to the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sonoita-Elgin Fire District
At the fire station
6 p.m.
Monday
20 September 2010

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call – Board members present – Rutter, Tomlinson and Parker. (Izzo and Ruppel were absent.) Also present were Chief DeWolf, BC Venos, Susan and Steve Brock, Jerry Bianchi , and Annette Kelley.

Approval of the minutes - motion to approve the August minutes was made by Parker, seconded by Tomlinson, motion carried.

Chief's Report – Chief DeWolf presented the Board with information on the 36 runs from the month of August, reminded the Board that there were three (3) candidates for the upcoming election, and that we received a grant from Santa Cruz County for three Tuff-book computers. He also mentioned the revised planning document that had been emailed to the board. He had received input from two board members.

Rutter – I haven't finished it, but I really like the new format. The mission is not quite accurate.

DeWolf – I'll highlight it and change it.

Treasurer's Report – The Balance Sheet is as of August 31, 2010. The Financial Report is for 2 months, July & August. Any comments from the Board? None.

Correspondence – Chief DeWolf spoke for Mr. Ruppel. No correspondence.

Action Items – **Rutter**, These items were placed on the agenda in March of 2009. They are part of the Board Policy that were never finalized. First, the Organizational Chart. The question I have for Chief DeWolf is this Operational Staff?

Tomlinson – Uh, Vicki? I think we should probably have the whole board here when we decide on something like this. Is there anything pressing? I move that we table it until at least 4 or 5 of the whole board can be here.

Parker – I second the motion. Joseph, you wanted to say something?

DeWolf – I would prefer that the number 5 not be in there – just because, Ian, you said you'd be busy... and that will put us off now...

Tomlinson – I should probably keep track of my own schedule... at least four... that will work?

DeWolf – I'm fine with that.

Tomlinson – At least there might be a little more discussion.

DeWolf – I'm fine with that, I just don't want to stop it.

Parker – There isn't anything that's pressing.

Rutter – Is there a second?

Parker – I second it.

Rutter – All in favor. Motion carried

DeWolf – Just for the audience. What the Board is talking about is an Organizational Chart, Board Member Disclosure (ARS) and a Succession Plan. The Board Policy call for me to create a Succession Plan [and other documents] so that if I'm ill or injured, [it shows] how the department's going to function.

Audience Comments - none

Board member comments –

Tomlinson - I think it's a good idea that you have your personnel at the flag for those kids at Elgin.

DeWolf – Thank you.

Tomlinson – It's been passed along by several parents – It gives them some familiarity with who they are.

DeWolf – We actually had a meeting with the school and our objective is to get into their health and PT classes as well as the flag in the morning. What Ian's talking about is that every morning they gather around the flag and they talk about a topic at the school that's ongoing – that needs to be talked about. We had a page-out there about a week ago, a dehydration, so we talked about the importance of staying hydrated. We'd like to build a relationship with them.

Tomlinson – I think it gives the kids a lot of familiarity. If you guys show up, they see a friendly face as opposed to a bunch of strange uniforms coming to take care of their mother or grandmother.

DeWolf – We're going to do some drills with the kids. It's an exciting thing for us. I'm glad to get some feedback.

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by Parker, seconded by Tomlinson, motion carried.