

Tarpley VFD Monthly Meeting
February 14, 2017

Call to order 1916

Board Members present: Mark, Kenny, Adam, Curtis. Absent: Doug Carlyle
Attendees in addition to the Board: Richard McDonald, Robert Sanders, Jim Griffin, Mack Frazier, Randy Shed, Rob Sandige, Morgan Alf, Mary Bob Kosub.

Secretary's Report:

- Secretary Doug Carlyle did not attend the meeting. Mark Bradford read the minutes of the January meeting.
- One correction – Curtis suggested selling the Jeep on Mecum rather than eBay.
- Motion to accept minutes with this amendment made by Mack Frazier, Second by Mary Bob Kosub. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

- Curtis Kosub read the Treasurer's report closing January 31, 2017. Ending balance of all accounts is \$135,681.49, down from \$136,081.42 last month.
- Motion to accept the Treasurer's report without amendment made by Morgan Alf, Second by Rob Sandige. Motion carried.
- Curtis gave a report on Bruce Hanks' review of TVFD financial records. There were no discrepancies.

Chief's Report:

- Adam reported that TVFD has submitted to the Hal and Charlie Peterson Foundation for "top of the line" public safety quality Motorola portable radios and accessories, plus a new mobile radio for 4492. The total requested is \$40,749 including installation. Six handheld radios will be issued to personnel, one handheld will be installed in 4490, 4492, 4493, and 4494 for all members to use.

- Adam reported on the large brush fire in Utopia. Tarpley provided mutual aid with two trucks and two firefighters.
- Medina VFD will host a Class B licensing class on February 8th. Mark, Doug, and Adam will attend.
- One firefighter asked how to reach TVFD members at a working fire when they have no phone service and are operating on a different channel. Adam said to call Bandera Dispatch at 796-3771 or by radio. They can relay to the crews on scene to see if additional resources are needed.
- Doug provided a summary of grants TVFD has received from 1995 to present. That listing is available on the TVFD website.

President's Report:

- See Old Business

Old Business:

- Mark reported on the solar powered exterior lights for the parking area. He will order them from Amazon @ \$80/pair.
- Curtis reported on the status of the sale of the 1969 Ford Jeep. Most non-profits go with a listing with "no reserves" which has only a 5% commission charge.
- After discussion, it was agreed that the expenses involved in getting the vehicle to Houston would approach \$1,000-\$2,000 (transportation expenses, lodging, meals and commissions etc.). Selling the vehicle in more local venues may be more efficient.
- Long-term, covered, secure storage for the vehicle is still a concern. We don't know how much longer we can keep it at John Gandy's.
- Until we can sell the vehicle at auction, we will list it on eBay and Craig's List for \$15,000 OBO.

New Business:

- Curtis asked who was going to serve as Raffle Chair to coordinate sales and volunteers for the sale of raffle tickets. Also need one person to coordinate the locations of raffle ticket sales.
- Marks suggested that rather than large signs for the raffle that we have several smaller signs so that everyone who sells can have one for their site.
- Since Adam will not be available to cook the beans for the BBQ, he volunteered to serve as Raffle Chair to coordinate ticket sales and volunteers.
- Adam reported on the status of securing eight guns @ \$6,000 which can be ordered on line through Helotes Tactical Firearms.
- Adam reported on the status of Texas Parks and Wildlife use of the Pavilion area. Due to a post-deer season discovery of CWD in a free-range deer in Medina County, TPW will extend their services for MLO until the end of February.

Motion to adjourn made by Morgan Alf with second by Randy Shed. Adjourn 1955.