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The regular meeting of the Bolinas Fire Protection District was called to order at 7:32 PM by Pres. Sands. Dir. Aitken, Vice Pres. Phillips, Dir. Binley, Acting Chief Tyrrell-Brown, Kim Bender and Bill Lyons were present. Dir. Currey and Dist. Secretary Molly Brown were absent.

PUBLIC EXPRESSION

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Capital Campaign

Kim began by reporting that phone calls and articles in the Hearsay about Measure F have been positive. Data compiled from phone calls revealed approximately 400 yeses. If 80% participate in the election, we will need another 100-125 votes. Volunteer FFs plan to make more calls. Their calls are successful as they can answer questions with personal experience and relevance.

- Kim showed the Board the Campaign's most recent brochure that will be mailed to everyone in town. Everyone was pleased with the mailing.
- Kim reported that an additional mailing about parcel merging is in process and will be mailed to people who own more than one parcel.
- Malcolm Ponder is mailing a personal letter to all residents in support of Measure F.
- Kim reported that signs painted by Stuart and Zim Caroselli look great and are now posted all over town.
- Kim acknowledged the tremendous work Janell Myhre and Belle Wood have done on the Campaign.
- An informational meeting about the Project is scheduled for Wednesday the 25th at 7PM at the Library. Pres. Sands and Acting Chief Tyrrell-Brown plan to attend.
- The next Capital Campaign Board meeting is scheduled for March 3rd.
- Bill Quest held a benefit concert for the Project on Saturday Feb. 28th at St. Aidan's Church.
- The selection process for the Construction Manager position is proceeding. RRM is being asked to participate in the selection process at a cost not to exceed \$500.
- Pres. Sands commended and thanked Kim for her incredible work.

Pres. Aitken requested that the BFPD purchase mid-grade fuel from Royal Petroleum as opposed to premium grade in order to save the District money.

Finance Committee

The finance committee will meet with Vanessa Marcotte and make a report at the March Board Meeting.

Building and Grounds

Updated in Chief's Report

CONSENT CALENDAR

MSC, Aitken/Phillips (unan) to approve the Consent Calendar including the Financial Report, the Warrant List, the January 26, 2004 Minutes and Correspondence.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Acting Chief Anita Tyrrell-Brown gave the report.

Communication

Ian Johnson attended the Feb. 12th MERA meeting. New legal counsel has been hired by MERA, nothing new to report on the Martinelli site.

Dir. Aitken reported that the meeting with Crown Castle on Feb. 2nd went well. Ian Johnson was in attendance at the meeting as well. We are waiting to hear from Crown Castle as to an estimated cost for moving the antenna site.

Grants

FF Phillips and Acting Chief Brown are looking into possible FEMA funds for a pumper/tender to replace E283. Acting Chief Brown is trying to set up a meeting with Stinson Beach Fire Dept., Martin County Fire Dept., and the National Park Service to discuss the need of a water tender in the southern West Marin area.

Training

A 24 hour EMT recertification was held at the firehouse Feb. 21st, 22nd and 28th. The class was instructed by Marin County Fire personnel and was attended by EMT's from Stinson, Bolinas, Inverness and NPS.

FF Sugimoto and Acting Chief Brown taught CPR to the school staff on Feb. 11th.

CPR training also took place for the volunteer firefighters at the firehouse on Feb. 10th.

Apparatus

Gauges destroyed by the rat have been replaced on Engines 285 and 265.

Disaster Council

The Council met on Feb. 2nd to focus on fund raising and purchasing and stocking a new disaster supply container.

Building and Grounds

The B&G Committee met on Feb. 2nd with Architect Mitch Connor. The design of the building feels fairly final, we should be receiving a schematic package from RRM with detailed budget costs and finalized plans soon.

Administration

Chief Paul Smith from the Kentfield FPD contacted Acting Chief Brown regarding the desire of several special districts to acquire Prop 172 funding. Briefly, Prop 172 was a ½ cent tax approved by the voters to replace monies lost to special districts to ERAF. Historically, fire protection districts were not receiving any of these monies. State Attorney General Bill Lockyear gave an opinion that fire protection districts were entitled to a portion of these monies. Kentfield FPD is requesting their portion from the Marin County Assessor. We will wait to hear how he responds before we decide to pursue these monies or not. The Board members were in agreement.

The District's Class B drive test program was audited by the DMV with Capt. Marcotte in the hot seat. All went well with no negative findings.

It has come to Acting Chief Brown's attention that OSHA is now reportedly requiring all volunteer fire departments to train no less than 20 hours per month. The Bolinas firefighter's train approximately 10 hours per month. Most volunteer department's in the area train less. Acting Chief Brown will follow up on this issue.

GENERAL BUSINESS

None.

BOARD MEMBER REPORT

None

PERSONNEL

During this closed session, Acting Chief Tyrrell-Brown updated the Board on Chief Hick's status.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

ADJOURNMENT

MSC, Currey/Aitken (unan) to adjourn at 9:12 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Tyrrell-Brown
Acting Chief

NOTE: All minutes to all Board meetings are available for review at the Bolinas Library.