

CACHE PEAK CIVIC ASSOCIATION MINUTES

June 4, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.

Almo, Idaho

Cache Peak Emergency Services Building

The attendance sheet is attached.

Janice Durfee called the meeting to order.

Treasurer's Report. Sadie Udy gave the treasurer's report. CPCA moneys are:

Account	Amount	Comments
501C3	3750.00	
501C4	957.65	
Playground Fund	2935.24	
Total	7642.89	

The amounts are the same as last month.

Minutes from Last Meeting. The May minutes were read and approved with one change.

Almo History. Janice Durfee reported that the great nephew of Jack McCammon discovered where his great uncle was buried via information found on the www.almoidaho.com website. He was very happy to fill in this information about his family history.

Bookmobile. Janice Durfee reported that we need \$400.00 by the end of June for the bookmobile.

A.C.E. Fire Department. Mike Santini gave a detailed update about the state of the A.C.E. Fire Department and general fire safety practices information for those living in rural areas. He said that in our area, we do not seem to have many fires. He feels that the communities do a great job of fire prevention. The downside is that folks lose interest in the volunteer department which may come back to bite us when we do get a fire.

New homes in the area need to incorporate fire prevention measures in their construction. The new Polletti subdivision south of Almo has fire prevention measures written into the covenants. The county commissioners support ideas like this.

For anyone interested, Mike has a DVD about rural fire danger mitigation methods. It is quite informative and easy to watch.

Fire department finances are always a bit difficult. Mike tries to maintain a balance of \$20,000 for ongoing maintenance and other expenses. Last year, 83 subscription letters were sent out, but only 23 came back. Insurance is \$1800 a year. We are not looking far enough ahead to replace trucks. A new 4 wheel fire truck costs \$19000. A FEMA grant that provides a 10% match may be available.

Currently there are only 6 active volunteers. We have more trucks than people. Mike proposes to sell some of the trucks and put money into the firehouse floor. More volunteers are needed. The

partnering agencies require 3 people on heavies and 2 on light engines or they cannot be on the fire line.

The Red Zone project is active. Crews have been taking photos of homes and approaches in the area to add to a fire database that can be used to triage fire priorities when one occurs. Priorities are based on potential for success of defending a structure and safety for the crew. The database information is available for ambulance folks as well.

There is a tree thinning project underway. Several areas are targeted – Phase I by Conner Creek thinned 70%. More thinning is expected during Phase II. Phase III work will take place behind Santini's place and Phase IV targets Frank's Hollow. Western Watershed opposes this phase.

Mike is open to the idea of a new fire chief. The job has changed and involves a lot more paperwork. It is hard to get people and training is hard to keep going.

Road Project. Stan Lloyd reported that Phase III of the road project has begun. The gravesite investigation is progressing.

Mike Santini asked is the entire length of the road is going to get completed. Stan answered that the unfinished section is forecast to be 2600 feet, but there is supposed to be enough money if the bid comes in under \$3M. It came in at \$2.6M.

Adjournment. Sadie Udy moved to close the meeting at 8:15pm. Hannah North seconded the motion.