

Blankenship Volunteer Fire Department  
January 2016

**Attendance:** Board Members: Neil Baumann, Bob Love, Joy Harrell and Dan Diamond.

**Fire fighters:** Ed Burlingame, Glenn Wehe and Lee Brooks

**Meeting was called to order at 7:35**

**Treasurer Report:** Ed Smith has resigned his position as treasurer. Dan Diamond has assumed the position of "acting treasure" until another Board Member is assigned. Dan presented the monthly bills. A motion was made by Bob Love, seconded by Joy Harrell to pay said bills. Dan gave the annual report. Neil made a motion, seconded by Bob Love to accept the annual report. All voted in approval.

**Secretary Report:** December 2015 minutes were read and approved.

**Ed's Notes:** Ed presented his notes (enclosed) as well as the 2015 Annual Operations Review.

**New Business:** Ed Smith has resigned his position as treasurer. Dan has approached Kathy Hagen to see if she is interested in assuming the position as Treasurer.

**Old Business:** An application was submitted by Ryan Dunn to become a volunteer firefighter. After reviewing his application and discussion a motion was made by Bob Love and seconded by Dan Diamond to accept his application. All voted in approval.

**Chairman Report:** Neil spoke on behalf of Ed Smith. Ed wanted to express that he accepts any responsibility in regards to his actions as Treasurer for the last 3 years. He is willing to explain any questions of said actions to the State, County and the Board. Neil wanted to personally Thank Dan for accepting the role of acting Treasurer.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:05**



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## Ed's Notes

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### Chief's Activity

Since the last board meeting I:

- ❖ Attended the All Hazards Incident Management Team Training Conference in Denver.
- ❖ Attended the Flathead County Fire Chief's meeting in Evergreen.
- ❖ Chaired the Communications Users Group Meeting at the Flathead County Emergency Operations Center.

### Incidents

Since the December board meeting there have been no emergency incidents.

### Equipment

All apparatus are in good repair with no outstanding issues.

### Building

The building is in good repair with no issues.

### EMS

**Annual Agreement** - I signed the annual MOU with Flathead County for our provision of EMS services, training and supply. We had \$1617.00 deposited into the 7219 account to support this activity. At the end of June, we will receive additional funding based upon our EMS response calls.

**Recertification** – On January 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, Hunter, Lee and I will attend the bi-annual EMR recertification class hosted by Flathead County EMS and held at FVCC. On a later date we will attend the AHA Healthcare provide CPR class most likely with Columbia Falls Fire. The cost for the recertification class will be drawn from our 7219 account. The CPR class will require a check for funding.

## DNRC

Over the next two months DNRC will be processing the equipment/personnel sign-up for the upcoming fire season. This year the rate for equipment and personnel will be updated. The intent is to perform the sign-up in a "workshop" fashion and will include the paperwork for Emergency Firefighters (EFF) as well.

## VFA Grant

The pay vouchers are being processed this week for reimbursement for the VFA Grant Program. We are slated to receive **\$810.00**.

## Training

The district firefighters will meet on January 23<sup>rd</sup> to establish the training calendar for 2016.

## Expenditures

### Credit Card

12/12/2015	\$28.45	Fire Station	Lowe's	Water Filter & O Ring, wipes for equipment (EMS)
12/15/2015	\$107.96	Equipment	Murdoch's	4 set of "Yak Traxs" (1881)
1/7/2016	\$15.30	Fire Station	Walmart	Cleaning supplies - Bleach, wipes and Pine Oil

### Credit Account

1/8/2016	\$50.64	Apparatus	NAPA	Compt bulbs, Tire Gauge, 1 gal Anti-Freeze
1/12/2016	\$32.98	Apparatus	NAPA	2 replacement compartment lights (1881)

## WEX Fuel

No activity