

# **Baldwin Fire Department**

## **Business meeting 12-5-2010 Approved minutes**

**Attendance-** Baty, Boeke, Brinwall, Buell, Carlson, Case, Fischer, Holland, Kaden, Kiel, Larsen, Ludwig, Nagle, Nemerov, Oliver, Rademacher, Suckut, Swigart, Taylor, Torborg, Brian, Wagner, Rick, Watson, Martin.  
Town Board members- Tom Rush and Jeff Holm

Call to order 2000 hours

### **Approval of last months minutes:**

Joe Kiel Makes a motion to approve the last months meeting minutes, Justin Suckut seconds, the motion carries unanimously.

#### **I. Review of Prior Months Calls 25**

- a. Medicals -16
- b. P.I.s = 1
- c. Fire = 3
- d. Other = 1 grass fire, 1 alarm, 3 cancelled

#### **II. Apparatus – Jim Buell**

- a. Dry pump procedure. Primer procedure.
- b. Remove slide-in unit from Grass#1
- c. Will purchase a small map gas torch to thaw valves/drains etc. if we do have a rare freeze problem.
- d. Jim will check with EMS to see if there is a chemical that is safe to use internally for pumps to clean out the scale build up.
- e. Grass#2 graphics. Move light bar from top of cab to the top of head ache rack.
- f. Look into setting up a grass rig as a dual use vehicle-using it as a P.I. response rig—storing the old extrication equip from Eng#1 as well as S.C.B.A. with alum bottles, back board and first aid kit. This will get a truck in service faster/ won't have to wait for a full crew for the Engine. This change would be intended for day calls, as we usually have considerably less responders for the day calls.
- g. E-1- packings were redone, deck gun rebuilt, officer side scene light rebuilt by Phil, Center white light in light bar does not spin. Firefighters mentioned they do not like the way hand radios are mounted, as well as chargers, in the engines.
- h. E-2 pump packings repacked. It now drips at 100 drips per minute which still allows it to be certified.

- III. Training Report – Joe Kiel**
  - a. Flashover trailer- Firefighters thoughts, good/bad. The only feed back from FF's was positive.
  - b. 1<sup>st</sup> training in December will be Hazmat.
  
- IV. S.C.B.A – Robin**
  - a. Robin will schedule the annual maintenance for the S.C.B.A compressor.
  
- V. Building/Grounds- Don Larson**
  - a. New floor was installed in day room. We will purchase small rugs to place in front of the doors, as well as a larger “throw rug” to place in front of the couches.
  - b. Don will look into getting a quote for purchasing a new key pad for the front door. It fails consistently in the winter months. It was mentioned that we still have the option of using the power key pad to open Bay Door #1. This is a good option however, we also need to keep in mind that some calls happen during power outages and we will need to open the door manually, so replacing this key pad is not an option.
  
- VI. Equipment/Medical officer-Scott Case**
  - a. We will be scheduling vendors to bring a variety of turn out gear for F.F's to try on. This will happen soon.
  
- VII. Recruiting- Larry Boeke**
  - a. One of the new ff's that was just hired has decided to resign. He cited, not having the necessary time to commit.
  - b. The other three ff's completed their agility tests recently, and are now eligible to respond to calls. Take time to welcome them aboard and show them the ropes.
  - c. Phil Holland is now off of probation. Phil and his captain- Scott Case read the Firemans prayer.
  - d. Cal Watson and Gene Ludwig are returning to active Firefighter status. They have completed first responder and have completed the necessary FF skill make up hours. Welcome back.
  
- VIII. Work Detail**
  - a. No work needed at this time, as a thorough station cleaning was completed prior to the open house.
  
- IX. Communications**
  - a. Radio Stations- need to purchase chargers to put at stations.
  - b. Robin replaced batteries in the voice amplifiers.
  
- X. Miscellaneous**
  - a. I.S.O. committee members are Scott Case, Robin Fischer, Mike Rademacher, Phil Holland, Joe Kiel and Ross Martin.

- b. Discussion of the January business meeting. It was brought up that this meeting would fall during the New Year holiday weekend. Jeremy Baty makes a motion to move the business meeting from January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 to January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Joe Kiel seconds the motion. Motion carries with one ney.

## XI. Election

- a. Nominations come from floor. Start with Chief and vote on positions down to Captain 4.
- b. Justin Suckut nominates Mike Rademacher for the position of Chief. Mike accepts the nomination. There are no more nominations. Jeremy Baty makes a motion to close the nominations. Phil Holland seconds. Motion carries unanimously. Results of the secret ballot are 18 yes, 2 no, 2 blank. Mike Rademacher was re-elected to a two year term as Chief. His new term will be January 1, 2011 – December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012.
- c. Discussion on how to interpret the department handbook and its requirement to be in good standing for one year with regards to call/training percentages. There was much discussion on this topic. Town board member Jeff Holm suggested that we hold a department vote to determine how the majority of the FF's interpret the intent of the handbook policy. Joe Kiel makes a motion to count 1 year of good standing for the year of the election and to count the prior December for a total of 12 months prior to the election. Jeremy Baty seconds the motion. Motion carries 19 to 3.
- d. Cal Watson nominates Larry Boeke for the position of Assistant Chief. Larry accepts the nomination. There are no more nominations. Jeremy Baty makes a motion to close the nominations. Cal Watson seconds. Motion carries unanimously. Results of the secret ballot are 18 yes, 3 no, 1 blank. Larry Boeke was re-elected to a two year term as Assistant Chief. His new term will be January 1, 2011 – December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012.
- e. Mike Brinwall nominates Robin Fischer for the position of Captain #3. Robin accepts the nomination. There are no more nominations. Justin Suckut makes a motion to close the nominations. Mike Kaden seconds. Motion carries unanimously. Results of the secret ballot are 19 yes, 1 no, 2 blank. Robin Fischer was re-elected to a two year term as Captain #3. His new term will be January 1, 2011 – December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012.
- f. Joe Kiel nominates Jim Buell for the position of Captain #4. Jim accepts the nomination. Rick Wagener nominates Brian Torborg. Brian accepts. There are no more nominations. Gary Taylor makes a motion to close the nominations. Mike Kaden seconds. Motion carries unanimously. Results of the secret ballot are 17 yes for Jim Buell, 4 yes for Brian Torborg, one ballot marked YES with no name, unable to determine the intend of this voter. Jim Buell was re-elected to a two year term as Captain #4. His new term will be January 1, 2011 – December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012.
- g. Justin Sucket makes a motion to accept the results of all of the elections. Jeremy Baty seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

Rick Wagner makes a motion to close and Justin Suckut seconds the motion. The motion carries unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 2127