



Missoula County Fire Protection Association

- **November General Membership Meeting Minutes**

6:30 PM, Wednesday, November 19, 2014
Clinton RFD

1. Call to Order (Matt- Chair)

Minutes from September approved.

2. Introductions (All)

Matt Hall (Chair)	Sarah Coefield (Board)	Brent Christopherson (Board)
Chad Nicholson (Board)	Chris Johnson (Sec/Treas)	Gordy Hughes (MFD)
Bob Vanden Heuvel (SLFD)	Chris Lounsbury (DES)	Bill Tucker (CRFD)
Joe Calnan (FRFD)	Cory Calnan (DNRC-CLW)	Randy Williams (Condon Fire)
Allen Branine (DNRC-Swan)	Ashleigh Burwick (DNRC-Missoula)	Jordan Koppen (DNRC SWLO)

3. Approve September Minutes / Financial Report / Correspondence Received (CJ- Secretary/Treasurer)

- Savings: \$22,158 (\$1,250 transfer)
- Checking: \$1,002
 - Webmaster 11/17: \$427.50

OLD BUSINESS

Matt: VFA Grant is “ACTIVE” in 2015. Matt has invoices. The grants are 90%-10% matches. The same departments who have filed for them in the past are eligible. The amount available per department is \$1,333.

NEW BUSINESS

1. MCFPA Annual Operating Plan Refresh (Matt)

All: We worked out a final draft. CJ will send out for Board approval. Then, the document will go for signatures and renewal. The radio plan will be included in the 5-year agreement as a separate appendix.

2. 2015 Bobble Head Planning (CJ)

CJ: \$3k is available from MCFPA for Bobble Head production. CJ will coordinate with Osprey for 2015 design. Board agreed that Sparky would make a good entry.

Approved: \$3k from MCFPA for Bobble Heads

Action Items:

1. Gordy will check to see if Sparky is ok to use.
2. CJ will coordinate with Missoula Osprey

3. Fire and Ice Funding Request (CJ)

CJ: Group of wildland fire fighters will compete against Missoula Rural FD in Fire and Ice night. Groups is requesting \$1k to purchase jerseys. If MCFPA approves, the MCFPA logo will be put on each of 20 jerseys and they will be numbered 1-19 in honor of Yarnell Hill Fire tragedy. #19 will be purchased each year by MCFPA for auction @ Fire and Ice.

Approved by Board: Up to \$2k

Note: Jerseys were purchased and CJ will use check to reimburse Mike Wood (Lolo NF). Purchase of jerseys was \$1k. \$275 was raised for Lymphoma/Leukemia research by #19 jersey silent auction.

4. State Fire Grants

Matt: \$1,500 State fire grants are available. All departments may apply. Paperwork is/was??? on the State Chief's webpage <http://www.montanafirechiefs.com/>.

5. Puppet Show Success

Gordy: Over 1,000 1st graders served by Puppet Shows. Email CJ for the summary.

6. Match Safety Program

Gordy: Will put a proposal to the board in January for giveaways for 1st graders in the Match Safety program. Need to hand out to 1,000 to 1,500 students. Jordan Koppen will take over the program on behalf of DNRC. Jordan will help facilitate handouts for 1000-1500 students.

7. Board Positions – 2015

Matt: Board elections will be held at January meeting. Meetings will be held the 3rd Wednesday of every other month in 2014. Need for November meeting will be determined.

8. County Burn Permits

Sarah: Burning closes November 30. Call Sarah if you plan to burn after that date.

9. Missoula County OEM Update

Lounsbury: Missoula County will pull Fire Warden back in-house.

10. Clinton VFD

Tucker: 2 Type 2 Engines for sale. 4 year-old Jaws of Life for sale. Please contact Chief for information.

11. Frenchtown VFD

Calnan: Will be hiring temporary employees in the near future. Contact Chief for information.

12. Missoula Fire Department

Nicholson: State Fire Chiefs awarded \$200k grant from DHS for C&G development. Funding available for tuition, per diem, travel, etc. Adriane Beck will coordinate this for Missoula County.

13. Seeley Lake Fire

Vanden Heuvel: New Smart Board at Seeley to be used in training. Cory Calnan accepted position as Captain in SVFD fire. Congratulations, Cory.