



Missoula County Fire Protection Association

- **November General Membership Meeting Minutes**

6:30 PM, Wednesday, November 18, 2015
Clinton RFD (Dinner served @ 6:30 – Meeting to follow)

1. Call to Order (Joe- Chair) **1905**
2. Introductions (All)
See attached for attendance roster
- 2b. Note: There are no minutes on file from September 2015 meeting
3. Approve Financial Report / Correspondence Received (CJ- Secretary/Treasurer)
 - Savings: \$ Trouble Logging In
 - Checking: \$ Trouble Logging In
 - Webmaster- \$665 over last two months

OLD BUSINESS: None on record from earlier minutes (CJ)
None added

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2016 Bobble Head Planning (CJ)

July 9th is Bobble Head Night. Now would be a great time to agree on 2016 bobble head design.
Suggestions?

CJ- Woodsy Owl

Discussion on options. Sarah mentioned that one avid collector she knows was very excited to hear we were considering Woodsy Owl.

Discussion on trademark/copyright, if there will be licensing hoops like there was for Sparky. Figured it would be like Smokey, but everyone agreed earlier decision is better in case we need to shift gears.

C. Calnan motioned for Woodsy Owl, C. Nicholson seconded. All in favor.

2. Smoke Trailer Repair Request (MFD)

Notes from FRFD:

- The generator is having problems starting, there is an automatic choke that is broken and you have to reach your hand around to the back of the generator to press it to get it to start
 - **Chad: this was fixed earlier this year, it is going back to Murdoch's for apparent warranty work.**
- The safety cable on the hitch is broken, needs replaced – easy fix, didn't have the supplies here or we could have repaired it
- Front door to the trailer is sticking, not too much of a problem but may become damaged or bent over time

Suggested Resolution to the Problem:

Chad discussed the likely need for maintenance, most likely in the spring, including brake inspections, bearings, etc. Tabled until spring when they can get a better assessment of needs.

3. 2016 MCFPA Assessments (Joe)

Table below illustrates expenditures vs Assessments (yearly level) in 2015.

“Standard” expenditures: Webpage, PO Box, Web Hosting, Insurance, and Bobble Heads exceed \$7,400.

Begin discussion on 2016 assessments and possible adjustments to any expenses. **Without CJ, very general discussion held, pointing out the “standard” expenditures exceed current assessments.**

Sarah passed along that burn permits are now in the black, so she expects they won't need to be asking MCFPA to help (or help as much) with the postcards.

Sarah also pointed out that the Smokey was a one-time expense.

Group was left with guidance to start thinking about expenses, and more importantly if we need to increase assessments. For discussion at January meeting.

CJ – A COUPLE OF REQUESTS/QUESTIONS THAT I COULD NOT SATISFY:

- **Does the \$7400 in 2015 assessments you have listed represent those that we “should have” received, or those that have actually been received (may be the same if everyone has submitted).**
- **Request to obtain a breakdown from webmaster on the monthly usage/hits. Some thoughts that maybe there are seasons where the usage is lower that could be throttle back**
- **Breakdown of the current assessments**

Description	2015 Expenditures	2015 Assessments
Webpage	\$4,338	
Smoke Mgmt. Postcards	\$663	
Post Office Box Fee	\$62	
Web Hosting (Blackfoot Comm)	\$220	
Bobble Heads	\$3000	
Trailer Insurance	\$850	
Parade Fee	\$30	
New Smokey (matching)	\$1000	
Total	\$10,163	\$7,400

4. Station Alerting (Brent)

Brent provided a basic outline of what a station alert system is, and then had Mr. Erik Hanson from U.S. Digital Designs on a conference call to further describe his system.

Station alerting is something MRFD is investigating for 911 center and response agencies. In a nutshell, it is a system that pre-alerts stations to an incident while additional information is being gathered by dispatch, and also can provide clearer call information for units as they begin responding. There is a whole bunch of other fancy stuff that can be incorporated.

Brent is working to have a demonstration in the near future, possibly the January meeting.

5. Meeting Dates for 2016 (Joe)

General Membership Board Meetings can be either 2nd or 3rd Wednesday of the month

Sticking with the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

6. Fire On Ice (Joe)

CJ is requesting \$500 from the Board to purchase hockey pucks and hockey jerseys with Missoula Wildfire and MCFPA logo for use as a fundraiser at the silent auction on Fire on Ice night. Jerseys are \$70; I would purchase 6 and use the remainder of the funds on pucks. The funds from the auction go to a fund to assist in blood disease research.

Discussion regarding financial state, in light of Item #3. Discussion on need for 6 jerseys for a silent auction, and then how many pucks that would bring. Chad motioned to authorize up to \$250 for Fire on Ice, to be spent as CJ best sees fit. Brent seconded. All in favor.

7. Agency Round-Robin (All)

- **Clinton (Bill) – ops normal. Had a head on collision on interstate, luckily no major injuries.**
- **Health Department (Sarah) – 4111 burn permits sold this year; 10,827 activations. 201 permits sold for fall with 383 activations. In the black. High pressure coming in over weekend, most likely burning will be closed, hoping to reopen for the last few days of the season.**
- **Florence (Charlie) – Nothing significant to report**
- **MFD (Chad/Gordy) – Thanks for support for puppet show, 1563 kids reached. Thanked Jordan for the schwad, was a big hit, and wanted to encourage similar stuff for Match Safety in April.**
- **Seeley/Clearwater (Cory) – Got slammed with the wind event the evening before; out from about 0100 to 1030 this morning clearing trees and marking hazards. Stage 1 Restrictions in Seeley area, they struggle. Looking into different approach, any ideas or input to Cory.**
- **Frenchtown (Joe) – Board approved new FF/EMT or FF/Paramedic position, in process of filling, expect to make offer in mid-January.**

NEXT MEETING:

Reminder: MCFPA Board elections will be held to elect Secretary/Treasurer, Chair, and three Board members.

Date of Meeting: January **20**, 2016

Location: ~~City/County Health Department~~ **MRFD Station 1**

Adjourned 2040

Attendance Roster

Joe Calnan	FRFD
Craig Jeppson	FSTS
Ashleigh Burwick	MSO-DNRC
Sarah Coefield	MC Health
Leah Rediske	FVFD
Charlie Lambson	FVFD
Chad Nicholson	MFD
Cory "Poor 'Cats" Calnan	DNRC / Seeley Fire
Brent Christopherson	MRFD
Gordy Hughes	MFD
Jim Steenburg	CVFD
Brian Vibbert	CVFD
Bill Tucker	CVFD