

GROOM CREEK FIREFIGHTER ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

July/ 10TH, 2018

Roll Call:

Meeting begins at 17:30

In attendance is Pat Degraff, Tom Catlin, Joey Carr, Robert Tilman, Josh Krueger & Jim Gillihan

Finances:

President Josh Krueger gives the current account balance report of the GCFFA being \$28,261.11

Old Business:

Meeting minutes from June 17th are read out loud by Robert. Joey makes a motion to approve old minutes, Tom seconds the motion and the motion is approved.

Tom suggests that old meeting minutes can be emailed to all board members before meeting to save time during the meeting.

New Business:

Josh opens new business with discussing his meeting with the hired attorney Pat Gilbert.

Says Attorney would like to see the GCFFA have a formal document for the use of requesting funds from the GCFFA.

Pat and Josh mention that the association should be cautious about how it helps those who are members of the GCFFA and GCFD in general. For example if a member in financial troubles and needs some items such as their electricity bill paid the GCFFA should insure that they are indeed without any available money before choosing to help. The GCFFA should also not give the money directly but rather pay the electricity bill itself.

According to Josh the attorney also advised the Association to get event liability insurance for all officers and board members. The attorney also advised that GCFFA have a "read only" bank statement available online for board members to view.

Josh asks the board if it wants to pursue and get a quote on liability insurance for officers and board members. Tom makes a motion to approve and Jim seconds, the motion is approved.

Josh presents the invoice amounts sent from attorney Pat Gilbert for viewing from the board. The invoice totals \$2842.52 for his services in helping the GCFFA get reinstated as well an approximately \$600 bill for having amendments made public in the paper. Josh stated that these expenses were already approved but he just wanted to bring them to the board's attention.

Josh brought up the topic concerning State fire school for GCFD's firefighters this year. Previously the GCFFA paid for GCFD employee's food, gas and hotels. The board all agreed it wanted to do the same this year. Josh brings up the topic of also paying for backfill during state fire school which would cost approximately \$1600. Josh says that in discussion with Chief Manzanedo he said that he already has backfill pay for state fire school budgeted in if needed but if GCFFA was willing to cover it he would except the funds and use the budgeted money elsewhere. Josh says that the money that the district has budgeted for backfill may be better saved for later backfill needs such as for the "captains academy" and "engineers academy".

Joey comments that it should be a per-circumstance decision and not become an expected thing to have backfill being paid by the GCFFA. The decision for how much the GCFFA offers for state fire schools or similar events should be decided for each individual event.

Josh states that the two firefighters attending state fire school this year do have scholarships that will pay for the class tuition and so much of hotels in the amount of \$500 for two students. Josh suggests that the GCFFA should cover any expenses that exceed these grants mainly for Food and gas as well as any hotel expenses that exceed the scholarships allotted amount.

Jim motions to approve the funding of state fire school and Joey seconds, the motion is approved.

Joey mentions that Federal employees are allotted \$59 for food on business trips. The group agrees that the GCFFA will cover food costs up to \$50 daily.

Joey advises that when looking for a hotel that the Robert ask if government rates are available.

Josh brings up the topic of Bingo taxes and says the taxes were filed to AZDOR. The total taxable amount to the association was \$17.63. Josh says that similar bingo events are not planned in the future.

Josh distributes to all board members a conflict of interest document and asks them to read and sign the documents. The document explains proper conduct for board members and requires them to always put the GCFFA's best interests first. All board members who were present read and signed the agreement.

Josh mentions that over the years the GCFFA has used a considerable amount of ink toner and printer paper from the GCFD station office to support its own operations. Josh suggests making a motion to annually purchase 1 box of paper and one ink toner to compensate for the supplies used.

Pat motions to approve this purchase, Joey seconds. The motion is approved.

Josh brings up the topic of the Half marathon known as the Groom Creek Classic. Says it is scheduled for September 21st and that Nate Hallowell, Gabi Mendez and Daniel Boutin will be first in charge of making it happen. Josh says that approximately \$900 was spent on good quality medals for the winning participants. He hopes that having a better quality medals will encourage more runners this year and bring more next year. Josh also informed the board that he gave a particular club known as the "Marathon Maniacs" a 15% discount on the signup website.

Joey reminds the board of a problem they had at last year's marathon which was the person organizing the numbers for checking in as well as the numbered signs for the runners to wear were not ready in time which made for a big disaster and we should make sure it doesn't happen this year.

Joey asks if any of the local summer camps will be donating food for the event. Josh states he does not know yet.

Jim asks if marathons T-shirts are being designed yet. Josh says he is not aware of any yet but will ask Daniel Boutin who will be in charge of t-shirts this year.

Questions/Discussion:

The meeting opens for Questions and discussion. Pat mentions to Josh concerning the mysterious checks coming from the county in amounts never exceeding one dollar. It is thought that perhaps this is interest building on a lump sum of money in an account held by the county. It is unknown for sure

how or why this account would have been made however assumptions are made that it may have something to do with the playground/park lease.

Josh mentions that the association needs to find out what's going on with the park/playground lease and insure that the GCFFA will not lose the land.

Jim mentions that in the future if funding allows he would like to see expansions and improvements made to the park.

Adjourn:

The meeting is called to adjourn at **18:19**

Jim makes the motion, Pat seconds. The motion to adjourn is approved.

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Approved By:



Print: Daniel Boutin

Title: Vice President

Date: 08/07/2018

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