GROOM CREEK FIREFIGHTER ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES December 4th, 2018

Roll Call:

Krueger called the meeting to order and took roll call at 1733. In attendance were President Krueger, Vice President Danial Boutin, and Board Members Max Fitzmaurice, Jim Gillihan, Tom Catlin and Joey Carr.

Finances:

Krueger stated that GCFFA had \$16,359.57 in the account as of December 4th. Krueger stated that the Groom Creek Fire District had reimbursed the advance since it was not needed, and the check was to be deposited by Treasurer Tilman before the end of the week.

Old Business:

A motion to approve the November minutes was made by Carr. Catlin seconded, and the motion passed.

New Business:

<u>Update on IRS status</u>: Krueger stated that the GCFFA attorney had received a letter from the IRS. Krueger made the letter available for members to see. The letter explains that the IRS is reviewing GCFFA's case for retroactive reinstatement. GCFFA will know in 90 days, which of the two categories the organization will fall into.

If the IRS responds in 90 days, then the organization has been retroactively reinstated. If 90 days pass and still no response, then the organization will be contacted within 180 days of the letter by an account specialist who would seek more information to determine the organization's status. All members were excited to hear that the process was moving forward.

Mountain Mayhem Bike Race Update: Krueger stated that he had submitted for permits with both the Forest Service and County. A check in the amount of \$25.00 had been mailed to the county for the permit. Krueger said that the Forest Service told him they would begin processing the request at the beginning of next year.

Krueger also stated that he had spoken with both the Yavapai Jeep Posse and the Yavapai Amateur Radio Club. Both organizations had agreed to assist with both the Mountain Mayhem Bike Race and Groom Creek Classic Half Marathon. Krueger stated that the organization is very grateful for their help.

Krueger said that he had spoke with Matt Faye who was going to assist in updating the website so that the mountain bike community would know the date of the event.

GCFD/GCFFA Christmas Party:

Krueger stated that 64 people were currently RSVP'd for the annual Christmas Party. Krueger explained the great deal that LaBruzza's Italian Ristorante had offered the organization.

Carr asked if we were going to have music. Krueger said that there would be Christmas music on either the in-house system or portable radio.

Review of Thanksgiving Dinner for the community: Krueger asked VP Boutin about the Thanksgiving Dinner sponsored by the organization. He said invites had been given to members of the community but only one community member attended. He said the costs involved were approximately \$65 and that he had submitted his receipt and been reimbursed via a check from the Treasurer.

Krueger stated that a Christmas dinner was planned at the station. Members of the community are welcome to attend if they have no where to go. Invites had been made to members of the community that fit that description and there had been a couple RSVP's. Krueger told everyone present to invite anyone who fits the description even if they are not local.

<u>Discussion and possible approval of reimbursement to GCFD for AWIMA tuition paid by the District for reserve personnel:</u> Krueger stated that during the District staff meeting on December 3rd, Chief Manzanedo explained that he had paid the tuition and did not expect reimbursement from GCFFA. Krueger said there was no need for a discussion on the topic.

<u>Discussion of preparation for January's annual meeting:</u> Krueger stated that January was the annual meeting where votes would be cast for Board members. Krueger said that he needed to review the by-laws to find out everything that needed to be covered.

Gillihan said that he had a discussion with the Chief about GCFFA meetings being the same day as the District Board meetings. He said the Chief was concerned because the associations meetings were running long and not providing the District community and employees a chance to attend.

Gillihan motioned to move the GCFFA board meetings to the second Tuesday of the month as to not interfere with District meetings. Catlin seconded, and the motion passed. GCFFA Board meetings will now be on the second Tuesday of the month.

Questions/Discussion:

Krueger stated that he was still looking for a community member willing to help him setup QuickBooks. Krueger said he can do the bookkeeping which he does for his small business but was having trouble configuring the software.

Krueger stated that the Chief approached him about more events for the community. Krueger said that the spaghetti dinner was successful fund raiser but almost 90% of the food was donated. Krueger suggested making the spaghetti dinner a free event to say thank you to the community for the support and help. All members present liked the idea.

Adjourn:

Fitzmaurice made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Carr seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1802.

Approved By:

Print: Joshua Krueger

Title: President

Date: 01/08/19