

**MINUTES OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
ALPINE FIREFIGHTERS CLUB  
JULY 3, 2004**

Meeting held at 3:00 PM at home of Laurel Walters and John Cronin

Attendees:

John Cronin	Robert Cadoo
Laurel Walters	Joanne Landeros
“J.” Bittle (jr.)	Earl Lawson
Austin Bittle	Dan Turko
Hugh Cornett	René Landeros
Millie Winch	Tony Phillips
Bob Stein	Betty Edmondson

The meeting was attended by representatives of 11 of the landowner households of Tract 2, Aspendell Subdivision, and chaired by Tony Phillips.

Tony stated that he will ask a friend from the Bishop Volunteer Fire Department to come and talk with us about the process of forming a volunteer fire department, and if he is willing, to train and/or mentor us. Tony stated that a brief Internet search had indicated there are many opportunities for grant funding, and suggested that we need to organize in the appropriate manner in order to access such funding.

Tony stated his opinion that we need to begin to do something toward the goal of organizing this weekend, and make continuing progress rather than waiting until next July 4<sup>th</sup>. He suggested that in the interim until we find out what sort of organizational requirements apply, that we organize as “The Alpine Firefighters Club.” This was agreed to by the attendees.

Tony suggested that we hold meetings every two weeks, starting two weeks from now. Topics of discussion might include how to address wildfires, house fires, and eventually winter emergencies such as avalanche conditions.

It was initially agreed that the organization will have a president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary. Hugh Cornett recommended that no money be collected until we know what we intend to accomplish, and how we intend to accomplish it. It was concluded that the treasurer’s office would not be filled at the current time, until a budget and the need for monetary assessments has been established. Bob Caddoo suggested that no Alpine Water Company officers would serve as officers in this organization, to avoid a conflict of interest. The attendees selected as interim officers: Tony Phillips, president; Hugh Cornett; vice president; and Laurel Walters, secretary.

Hugh Cornett suggested that the group address:

- 1) Assembling a list of persons who will participate in firefighting

- 2) How we organize that group in the event of an emergency (the initial consensus was to assemble at the Aspendell Volunteer Fire Department station when a 911 call triggers the sirens in Aspendell).
- 3) Assigning responsibilities for who does what and when in the event of a fire.

Tony Phillips stated that he could set up an Internet-based phone tree that any of us could access, which could simultaneously call all Tract 2 residents with a pre-recorded message in the event of an emergency.

Action items that were discussed included:

- 1) Tony Phillips will look into how to organize a volunteer fire department.
- 2) We need to look at the length of hose in each box, and see how far can be reached from each hydrant.
- 3) Part-time residents need to be notified when there will be training sessions, so that they have the opportunity to participate.
- 4) Look into whether full-time residents can train with the Bishop Volunteer Fire Department, and whether part-time residents can train with their hometown fire departments.
- 5) Draft letter to all Tract 2 property owners to inform them of the establishment of this group and its goals, and solicit their participation .

END OF MEETING (participants watched demonstration of Barricade Fire Foam by Roger and Peggy Wilhelm)

**Additional tentative (or for consideration) action items from 7/4/04 firefighting training exercise and from earlier:**

- 1) Procure spare rubber washers for nozzles and brass adapters
- 2) Procure a triangular file for each hose cabinet to allow dressing up damaged male threads on fire hoses
- 3) Check condition of threads on all hoses, nozzles, and adapters
- 4) Check quality of fabric in all hoses (Dan Turko says at least seven hose sections are older than the others). [N.B.: do we need to mark the age of each hose section? Is there a recommended age for retirement of this style of hose?]
- 5) Need to know who is going to keep the snow clear from each hydrant and hose box in the winter
- 6) The chains on the hydrant caps need to be reattached on some hydrants
- 7) Paint the "open" arrow on the tops of the hydrants a different color so they can be seen?
- 8) Do we need to procure "Y"s with shutoff valves?
- 9) Develop a "mutual aid agreement" or protocol for water sharing with Tracts 1 and 3 in the event of a fire emergency
- 10) Cheaters for hydrant wrenches? (Hugh thinks probably not)
- 11) Written step-by-step instructions inside each hose cabinet
- 12) Procure extra 2-inch by hose size adapters?
- 13) Procure extra hydrant wrenches?
- 14) Paint female hose ends to indicate which end attaches to hydrant
- 15) Procure thread protectors for the male ends of the adapters

