

Crete Fire & Rescue Department

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Department Meeting
March 14th, 2023

1900 hours

President Terry Petracek called the March 2023 department meeting of the Crete Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department to order at 1900 hours with 19 members in attendance.

Crews for 92 and 99-3 were established.

Public

President Terry Petracek read the open meeting rules: The Fire & Rescue Department has posted a copy of the open meetings ACT. Laws of the State of Nebraska, in the back of the meeting room, additional copies are available to read. If anyone wishes one during this meeting, please make us aware. As each agenda item is considered, if there are any questions concerning the agenda item please make us aware of these questions.

Officers Reports

Chief Tod Allen:

City wants us all to be aware that DocuSign might be a cybersecurity risk, don't use city computers for that.

Tod talked to Tom about the building addition. USDA consultations will need to occur. Tod will continue to push for the addition.

No questions for Tod at this time.

Assistant Chief James Yost:

Not present.

No questions for James at this time.

Fire Captain Harrison Gaman:

Fire school is coming up May 19-21. If interested, talk with Harrison to get signed up.

New radios update – emergency activation button will be able to be used for override in Mayday situations. 2 second push will override and the mic will go hot for 10 seconds to pass Mayday message. Will have priority over any other radio traffic at that time.

Five more sets of gear will be ordered – Mel, Adam, Harrison, Will, and Tiff will receive new gear. Sizing will occur sometime next week (M/T/W).

No questions for Harrison at this time.

Fire 1st Lieutenant Preston Zvolonek:

Not present.

No questions for Preston at this time.

Fire 2nd – Will DeHart:

No comments from Will.

No questions for Will at this time.

Rescue Captain Stephanie Yost:

Paperwork has been great, getting done in a timely fashion and getting sent to billing much faster, thank you!

When doing rig checks please make sure that glucometer checks are completed.

When returning after a call, ensure that restocking is occurring.

In EMS supply room there was a pile of blankets and towels that will be rotated onto the rigs. Don't take extra blankets from the hospital when restocking.

No questions for Steph at this time.

Rescue 1st Lieutenant Marvin Barlow:

Paperwork is getting done quickly, but also make sure all sheets are completely filled out. Appreciation was expressed for marking paperwork clear (responsibility).

No questions for Marvin at this time.

Rescue 2nd Lieutenant Nikki Wells:

If you are a BLS provider but a medic is with you, the level of care (of the unit) is ALS – make sure that is changed when completing report as that affects billing.

An oxygen bottle on 99-2 was not replaced following a call leaving no oxygen bottle in the blue bag – check oxygen bottles for level of fill and make sure they are closed so oxygen is available when we need it.

99-2 is back in service.

No questions for Nikki at this time.

Ambulance Administrator Philip Oelschlager:

Not present.

No questions for Phil at this time.

Secretary Melissa Clouse

No comments from Mel.

No questions for Melissa at this time.

Treasurer Courtney Marcelino:

No comments from Courtney.

No questions for Courtney at this time.

Vice President Brandon Smejdir:

No comments from Brandon.

No questions for Brandon at this time.

President Terry Petracek:

No comments from Terry.

No questions for Terry at this time.

Committee Reports

Scholarship – Scholarship applications have been delivered – there are 18 applications this year. Instructions are included in the packets, committee members will have one week to read through and determine who will be recipients this year. The scholarship committee will meet next Wednesday at 7pm to finalize recipients.

Auditing – Audit of activities committee occurred last night. Three committee members were present – if you are on a committee you should be attending meetings for that committee.

Department Meeting Minutes

There was a motion by Archie to accept the February meeting minutes with no amendments, 2nd by Luke. Motion carried.

Claims and Receipts

March Claims & Receipts			
<u>Claim #</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Card	Sam's Club	Kitchen Supplies	\$65.34
Card	Spectrum	Wifi and TV	\$164.33
6216	9th St. Bar and Grill	Popcorn for station	\$45.00
Card	Walmart	Food for February Meeting	\$212.84
Card	Walmart	Food for February Meeting	\$12.16
Card	Walmart	Food for February Meeting	\$40.08
6217	AJ Page	Fuel for 92	\$40.00
6218	Terry Petracek	Stamps and Food for February Meeting	\$69.52
6219	Foodmart	February Statement	\$349.40
6221	Brandon Smedjir	90's Tool Mount	\$34.95
Total			\$1,033.62
<u>Receipt #</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
3967	Larry and Teri Shestak	memorial donation	\$135.00
3968	Glen Patton	Donation	\$500.00

3969	Crete Senior Citizens	Donation	\$100.00
3970	James and Cecilia Kreja	Donation	\$300.00
3971	Michael June	Donation	\$500.00
3972	Steve and Jayne Vanasperen	Sweatshirts	\$58.00
3974	Nebraska Community Foundation	Wildfire Response Grab	\$1,804.45
3975	Interest	Interest Income	\$0.67
Total			\$1,035.00

Treasurer presented the Claims to the membership. There was a motion by Harrison to pay the claims from the proper accounts, 2nd by Colin. Motion carried.

Treasurer presented the Receipts to the membership. There was a motion by Marvin to accept the receipts and place them in the proper accounts, 2nd by Luke. Motion carried.

Communications

There were no communications to share.

Old Business

Response percentage ongoing discussion: A proposed by-law change was proposed to the department. The floor was opened for discussion in preparation for a department wide vote at April's monthly meeting. If the membership accepts this suggested change, then the 10% response rate will be in effect starting in 2024. Discussion ensued. Motion to move the proposed by-law change to a vote by Harrison; 2nd by Will. Motion carried. The by-law proposed change will be put to a vote in April.

New Business

Application was read for Sarah Theiler. Motion by Rod to accept and move the application to the Standing Committee; 2nd by Will. Motion carried.

Application was read for Quinn Whitcomb. Motion by Harrison to accept and move the application to the Standing Committee; 2nd by Marvin. Motion carried.

Application was read for Henry Vicente Perez. Motion by Marvin to accept and move the application to the Standing Committee; 2nd by Donny. Motion carried.

Tod – In order to identify the new wildland gear – velcro name tags were suggested. It was suggested that we get two Velcro tags and have one for turnout gear as they could be used for on scene accountability (would replace the key tab model we have now). If we are willing to get red Velcro tags they may be cheaper. Discussion ensued. A motion was made to purchase nametags with money from city funds budget by Tod; 2nd from Colin. Motion carried.

Tod – opened a discussion proposing a rack for working out that would be kept out at the training grounds. Rack setup would be about \$1500, and weights would be \$600. Total cost would be

approximately \$2100. Tod will put together numbers in order to bring a more complete proposal to the department at April's meeting.

Special Order of Business

Retirement request to the active list from Archie. Motion to accept with regrets from Marvin; 2nd by Donny effective after this meeting. Motion carried. Thank you to Archie, from the department, for his 38 years of service.

There was a motion by Archie to adjourn meeting at 2001 hours, 2nd by Marvin. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 2001 hours.

Terry Petracek
President Terry Petracek

Melissa Clouse
Secretary Melissa Clouse