

**YARNELL FIRE DISTRICT**  
**FIRE BOARD MINUTES, SPECIAL SESSION**

**February 13, 2017**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Arlon Rice called the meeting to order at 10 AM

**2. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call of Board Members:**

Present were Chair Arlon Rice, Treasurer Richard Mayer, Secretary Carole Ryan, Members at Large Kevin O'Donnell, Donna Gordon. Chief Palm. Nina Bourbeau, our accountant. Linda Ma, president of the YFD Auxiliary.

**3. Old Business: none.**

**4. New Business:**

- A.** Linda Ma discussed the purpose of the YFD Auxiliary which is to serve YFD needs by bringing in revenue. She reported several donations from private individuals. Their last event was the wine and cheese event. She requested that the Auxiliary oversee the Memorial Run this year. Richard made a motion that we request, in writing, that the Auxiliary oversee the 2017 Memorial Run. Donna seconded. Motion carried by all.
- B.** Richard made a motion that a \$1000 check, which is already available for the 2017 Run, be given to the YFD Auxiliary for the Memorial Run start-up. Carole seconded. Motion carried by all.
- C.** Chief's evaluation was passed out by Carole. These completed evaluations will be returned to Carole at our next regular meeting on February 27, 2017.
- D.** Questions were asked, via telephone, of CPA Anne B. Wenzel of TSW CPAs in Prescott regarding our YFD Annual Report-Cash Basis of June 30, 2016 which she completed for us. No problems were noted. As a result, Richard made a motion to approve the submitted June 30, 2016 YFD Annual Report, as completed by Anne. Kevin seconded. Motion carried by all.
- E.** Richard made a motion to approve travel expenses and per diem for the Chief to go to Reno in March to pick up the National Field Mitigation Award given to YFD by the Association of Fire Chiefs and State Foresters of the U.S. due to our extensive fire abatement. Carole seconded. Motion carried by all.
- F.** An initial discussion ensued regarding the 2017-2018 YFD budget with written and verbal information provided by Nina Bourbeau and Chief Ben Palm. It was projected that we will get more tax money this year than last year due to more completed residences in Yarnell. Arlon reported that we generated almost ½

million dollars this year while we only received \$107,250 from taxes . The extra funds came to us through donations (including a donated land sale) and grants (through our grant specialist Denise and including our Safer Grant) , as well as wildfire earnings by YFD. We would be 'in the red' if not for these extra funds. We will continue to work on the budget for at least the next 3-4 meetings.

## **5. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned by Arlon Rice at 11:25 AM. The next regular session will be held on February 27, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Ryan, YFB Secretary