



North Bench Volunteer Fire District

Dedication to service and community!

NBVFD Annual Meeting 2.25.23

Firehouse #1

Attendees: Tony Shope (Chief), Fred Nystrom (President), Greg Mead (Treasurer), Ken Homik, John Lozier, Jack Douglas (Attorney), Mikayla Wilkerson (Secretary)

Fred called the meeting to order at 10:01am

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Fred introduced the board members and firefighters.
- Tony Presented the Mission & Year in Review
 - North Bench's primary mission is the preservation of life and property. This is achieved through response, education and preparedness. Our district is non taxing and the contributions of member dues are what makes this possible.
 - There was discussion on what makes a firefighter a firefighter-pride, integrity, dedication, devotion, love, and service before self.
 - There was a review of 2022 and an overview of changes for the new year.
- Fred's presentation
 - The annual meeting minutes from 2022 were reviewed. *John motioned to approve, Ken seconded, all approved. Motion passed.*
 - Fred covered the approved budget for 2023.
 - Details on NB Firehouse 1 and its location on county property and the status of the lease were discussed.
 - Fred gave those present moments to read through the budget line items.
 - Questions on the budget were answered and discussed.
 - Greg read the Year-to-Date financials.
 - There was some discussion on the Kootenai Complex Fire and how the funds generated from it will be used. The board will hold an executive meeting to determine their use.
- Slideshow of Firefighters for 2022.



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- Tony presented 2022 by the numbers including:
 - The number of calls for service, mutual aid, EMS, motor vehicle collision, Hazard checks, hazardous conditions, false alarms, rescue calls, and smoke checks.
 - The number of training hours completed by firefighters. There is an emphasis on education and training.
- Slideshow on training for 2022.
- Tony presented 2023 & Beyond-where are we going?
 - Firefighter 1 class, EMT Basic course, changes in meeting/training days, specialty courses, leadership development, engineer program, support services, auxillary services.
 - There was a question and discussion on department preparedness for a HAZMAT incident. It would be a Region response and NB does not have the funds to cover certification and maintenance of HAZMAT suits.
 - Kootenai Complex Fire
 - Tony is extremely proud of the response by North Bench firefighters, especially taking on night patrols before a contract was in place.
- Slideshow on Kootenai Complex Fire.
- Aspen Wheeler was recognized as Firefighter of the year.
- Fred presented Lynda Fioravanti with an appreciation plaque for her years of service on the Board.
- Board Member Elections
 - John Lozier & Walter Burrow were incumbents.
 - Dave Lorenz volunteered to run.
 - Richard Watts was voted on by several members before elections were held. He was not publicly nominated during the meeting, nor did he notify anyone in advance of his intention to run, so he was disqualified.



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- Board Members Elected for 2023
 - John Lozier, Walter Burrows, Dave Lorenz

Ken motioned to adjourn the meeting, John seconded, all approved. Meeting adjourned at 11:44am