



North Whidbey Firefighters Association
 Recorded Minutes for January 2009 Meeting
 Taken by Secretary Tim Schulz
 January 5, 2008

Meeting Called to order at 7:00 PM																		
<p>Attendance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New President Matt Buchholtz ▪ New Vice President Scott Lanier ▪ New Secretary Tim Schulz ▪ New Treasurer Scott Jackson ▪ All active firefighters considered members at this meeting ▪ Three Guest - checking out the department 																		
<p>Past Minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Secretary Schulz read the minutes from December 1, 2008. Motion was made and seconded to accept minutes as read - passed unanimously. 																		
<p>Treasurers Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Current Balance of \$2824.90 and \$1000.00 in \$50 dollar Walmart gift cards. (Additional information about the gift card later in the minutes.) 																		
<p>Public Testimony:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ President Buchholtz thanked and pointed out the new officers for 2009. ▪ The officers for 2009 are: <table style="margin-left: 40px; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">President</td> <td>Matt Buchholtz</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vice President</td> <td>Scott Lanier</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Secretary</td> <td>Tim Schulz</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer</td> <td>Scott Jackson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Trustees</td> <td>Marc DeLuze - 2 year term</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Jim O'Connor - 2 year term</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Cameron Fisher - 1 year term</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Jim Anema - continuing -1 year left</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Ed Klasky - continuing - 1 year left</td> </tr> </table> 	President	Matt Buchholtz	Vice President	Scott Lanier	Secretary	Tim Schulz	Treasurer	Scott Jackson	Trustees	Marc DeLuze - 2 year term		Jim O'Connor - 2 year term		Cameron Fisher - 1 year term		Jim Anema - continuing -1 year left		Ed Klasky - continuing - 1 year left
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<p>Old Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kmart Shopping with Santa <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Went very well. There are copies of a video taken that day floating around if people get a chance to see it. Matt Buchholtz will make some additional copies available if people want to see it. ▪ Walmart Shopping with Santa <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Went well despite occurring during a snowstorm here on Whidbey. ○ Funding was obtained to support 60 kids. However, notice went out 																		

too late to the school districts up and down the island to provide names for that many kids this year.

- NWFA donated \$1000.00 for the Shopping with Santa. But because of lack of names and the snow Walmart used there funds first and we now have a \$1000.00 in giftcards. Matt Buchholtz is working with the manger of Walmart to hopefully return the cards some how. Walmart has provided us with forms to apply for grants thru Walmart. These are different than the matching funds they have.
- Donation buckets
 - Matt Buchholtz put out buckets in local stores in town to see what could be raised to help a family that lost their house in Coupeville. \$350 dollars was raised and Matt and his family delivered the money to the family.
 - Buckets were placed at Frank Place, The BBQ Joint, Espresso Connection, Seabolts, and the Pizza Factory. Thank you to those businesses as well as the Whidbey Island Paramedics.

New Business:

- Appreciation Dinner
 - Chief Koorn came forward to let us know about the appreciation dinner to be January 26, 2009 at the CPO club at 6:00PM.
 - Significant others are to be paid by the firefighters and it was asked if the association could assist with the collection of the money for the district. It was agreed the association could assist.
 - The question was asked about the paying of retired firefighters and their spouses. A motion was made and seconded and passed unanimously to pay for the retired firefighters and their spouses.
- Web site information
 - President Buchholz asked about the status of information on the web site saying he had not seen the past minutes since August or the Bylaws posted on the web site.
 - Andy McHale who takes care of the web site said he had not received any minutes since August or the Bylaws in electronic form to put on the web site thus the reason it was not there.
 - President Buchholz agreed to email the Bylaws to Andy so a current set can be posted.
- Water Rescue Boat
 - Chief Koorn came up front to ask the association about support of a boat and the possible assistance in purchase. A gentleman has a boat the water rescue program is interested in and is willing to take payments.
 - The boat a 21' custom-made boat with 20-30 hours on it was originally for sale for \$55,000. The owner agreed to reduce the cost to \$45,000 dollars and accept payments with no interest.
 - Commissioner Morse is starting preliminary work on a \$25,000 grant toward the purchase of the boat.
 - The question was asked by Chief Koorn of the association if would the

association be willing to raise \$20,000 dollars towards the boat if commissioner Morse was successful with the grant. And if there is enough interest in supporting the boat for commissioner Morse to pursue the grant.

- Discussion followed asking questions about the boat, payments, keeping stations vs. boat, the boat owner, and other related subjects to the boat.
- Chief asked for a show of hand in support and approximately 90% in the room show an interest to support trying to raise the money.
- It was suggested a committee be formed to find out more and answer questions about what if we can't raise the money, etc.
- Chief also said that the next commissioner meeting would be January 20, at 7:00 PM and it would be good to have people there to show interest in the idea.
- Safety Committee
 - It was time to elect a firefighter representative for the safety committee. Jeff Amidon just finished a 3-year term. Jeff said he was willing to continue if firefighters wished.
 - The floor was opened for nominations. There was a nomination made and seconded for Jeff Amidon. No others were made. Nominations were closed.
 - A motion was made, seconded, and passed to reelect Jeff Amidon to the safety committee.
- Public information
 - Chief mentioned the association requested copies of public information from the office. President Buchholtz clarified that the association requested no information but he had requested information for his own use.
 - Chief continued that it is good for people to learn what is going on, but he strongly reminded any one looking over information they receive from the district, to please ask for clarification before spreading rumors if they don't like what they see, as there is usually an explanation or clarification behind it.
- Christmas party
 - A question was brought up about rescheduling the Christmas party and potluck since the one scheduled in December was canceled due to snow.
 - The chief officers agreed it could be rescheduled for January 12th at 6:00 as a potluck and a gift exchange (<\$10.00).

Committees:

- No trustees report.
- April Pancake breakfast
 - It was asked who would like to be on the committee for the Holland Happening Pancake breakfast.
 - Most of those to raise their hand follows:
 - Matt Buchholz - contact - Food Handler

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jackson • Goen • Amidon • Koorn • O'Connor, Jim • Baker - Food Handler • Anema • Lanier • others missed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We have talked about a kitchen logbook for years, 2 volunteered to obtain one. ○ A question was asked about including advertising raising money for the boat with the breakfast. Discussion followed and it was decided not to advertise the money raising until it was determined if we were going down the path of the boat. ○ Food permits need to be checked on. ○ Jim O'Connor requested that there be a certificate to be given to participating stores that help with the breakfast. Some on mentioned that they are part way designed. (Did not catch who said they had them.) ○ Ticket presales should be started soon to make the breakfast work well. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Relay for life <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Scott Jackson is interested in starting a relay for life team. ○ A team needs a minimum of 4 people and the relay is June 5 and 6. ○ Several people said they were interested and Scott was going to pursue it.
<p>Good of the Order:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reminder of Commissioner Meeting January 20, at 7:00 PM.
<p>Meeting Adjourned 8:15 PM</p>