

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

7:30 P.M, Tuesday, January 12, 2025

Bodega Volunteer Fire House. Bodega, CA 94922

### 1. CALL TO ORDER 7:34 P.M.

A. Board members Present David Hamilton, Ron Albini, Sarah Molica, James Piazza

B. Board members Absent. None

C. Others in Attendance 3 Community members

Organizational and Financial Management

Minutes Approved from December 10, 2024

### 1. Report from Ron on Fire calls in December: 10

Including on the 14th, rescue vehicle in floodwater in Valley Ford and tree down Highway 1 at Doran Park. On the 21<sup>st</sup>, medical aid for fall victim Highway 1 in Valley Ford. Again on the 21<sup>st</sup>, vehicle accident with non-injury and vehicle in ditch in Bodega.

### 2.501c3 Suspension:

The 501c3 organization status is still under suspension by the Franchise Tax Board due to failure to file income tax return for prior years 2020-2023. Efforts to resolve the issue are ongoing, with plans to contact the Franchise Tax Board again. We received our third penalty from the IRS for past late filing in the amount of \$5,524.35. The total amount was paid on Jan. 7, 2025. To date, we have paid the IRS a total of \$18,735.00. We hope the total penalties stay around \$24,000.00. We are waiting for the 2022 late filing fee and will pay once received. 2022 is the

only year that we're waiting for an amount. We have paid 2020, 2021, 2023. It is expected that 2022 should be a smaller percentage. The organization did not owe taxes for 2020 through 2023; however, we are assessed late filing fees in arrears for not filing income tax returns for 2020 - 2023 years.

3. Treasure Report: Current funds, as of December 31, 2024, are at Exchange Bank \$61,360.66 and Morgan Stanley \$423,436.50 for a total of 484,797.16. Discussed the issuance of 1099 forms for contractors and service providers.

4. Update from Bob Haroche, Haroche Law: Attorney contracted to review Articles of Corporation and Revise Bylaw. Haroche advises we resolve the tax issue to obtain our 501c3 status again. Once resolved, we can easily move funds to the new organization name. We cannot transfer funds until the new organization is formed as a nonprofit.

5. Insurance for Post Office and McCaughey Hall:

Insurance coverage for the post office and other buildings was discussed, with estimated costs provided. James spoke with insurance provider regarding insurance costs. Due later in 2025, the estimated amount is between \$8,000 and \$12,000 to cover the Post Office and McCaughey Hall.

6. Organization Naming: Proposed name for the new 501c3

Bodega Volunteer Association.

Bodega Community Hall and Fire Station Association.

7. Update on Gold Ridge lease:

Once we regain nonprofit status, Bob Haroch will assist with writing the new lease. Mike from Risk Management will provide the insurance estimated cost for coverage. We will include in the lease that Goldridge will carry insurance on the Fire House, trucks and equipment naming the nonprofit as loss payee. It was agreed that the equipment should stay in Bodega and state so in the lease agreement.

8. Proposed and agreed to organize and move Association records from the existing Firehouse to McCaughey Hall. Board members to meet Friday night Jan. 17 at 6 o'clock to plan move.

9. Safe Deposit Box: Need keys and access to box. Sara will ask Bill and Beth for keys.

10. Building Maintenance: Fire station was pressured washed to address mold and mildew issues. Project was completed in December at a cost of \$1,900.00. Steve P. and Alex C. caulked sky lights to resolve leaks around sky lights.

11. Flashlight Replacement: Ron will order (5) 12-volt hardwired flashlights and chargers as used in unit 8792 for approx. \$255 each. Board agreed to cover costs and will ask Goldridge to reimburse costs.

12. Bodega sign repair: Steve P. and Josh P. removed the broken posts. Dave H. is getting the new materials. A work party is scheduled for January 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. to install the sign

13. Polenta Dinner: Ron is checking which day in late March to do the annual Polenta Dinner.

14. Fisherman Fest Grant: There is a meeting tomorrow night. Ron completed and filed the application for our allocation request. We have always asked for \$10,000.00 and we have always gotten \$10,000.00. If received, we're going to use it for a new thermal imaging camera.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:46 P.M.