

# Bodega Volunteer Fire Department Inc.

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

7:30 P.M., Tuesday, February 11, 2025

McCaughey Hall. Bodega, CA 94922

Call to Order. CALL TO ORDER 7:36 P.M.

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

B. Board members Absent. None

C. Others in Attendance: 4 Community members

Organizational and Financial Management

Minutes approved from January 12, 2024

### Fire Calls Report

1. Report from Ron A. on fire calls: The Fire Department responded to various incidents, including vehicle accidents and chimney fires, between January 17th and February 11th. Included but not limited to 6 calls, a vehicle accident on January 17th on the Bodega Highway, and on January 20th, a reported structure fire on Highway 1 that turned out to be just a chimney fire and was contained to the chimney. In February, on February 2nd, medical aid was provided on John Street in Valley Ford. Additionally, a rescue to a vehicle in floodwater in Valley Ford. And on February 11th, another chimney fire, or just a smoking chimney.

2. Report on suspended 501c3 status. On Feb 10, 2025, the Franchise Tax Board again refused our revival form, which was submitted to reestablish the organization's status as a nonprofit 501c3. Claiming the failure to file the multiple years' tax returns, though no taxes were owed, the board refused reinstating the tax-exempt status. We are currently a non-profit organization that will be taxed. We must completely refile an FTB 3500 for Non-profit

501c3 with the Franchise Tax Board. We will continue all efforts to secure the tax-exempt status. Plans were made for the board to meet at 10 AM on Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> at McCaughey Hall to fill out the FTB 3500 form to file with the Franchise Tax Board for the 501c3 status.

3. Treasure Report. Current funds at Exchange Bank are \$60,303.92 and at Morgan Stanley \$424,849.35 as of January 31<sup>st</sup>, totaling 485,153.27. Three 1099 forms for contractors and service providers were sent out.
4. Update from Bob Haroche, Haroche Law: Attorney to review Articles of Incorporation and revised Bylaws. At this point, until we receive the 501c3 from the Franchise Tax Board, we cannot proceed. Bob will be ready once we are reinstated.
5. Organization Naming: Proposed name for the new 501c3:  
3 possible names have been proposed.  
Bodega Volunteer Association  
Bodega Community Hall and Fire Station Association  
Bodega Community Hall.
6. Update on Gold Ridge Lease and Equipment: First, we must get the suspension revoked. Unfortunately, we cannot write a lease until the non-profit status is reestablished.
7. The annual Polenta Dinner is set for March 29th. Volunteers will be needed for set-up, working dinner night, and clean-up.
8. Flashlight Replacement: Ron A. has ordered 5 flashlights, which are back-ordered, costing between \$1,100.00 and \$1,200.00.
9. Bodega sign repair was completed except for a few trim pieces to be added to the posts.
10. Fisherman Fest Grant: Ron A. attended the meeting and submitted the grant application. They will need volunteers to help with set-up

and clean-up. The funds received will go to purchase a new thermal imaging camera.

Meeting Adjournment At 8:33 PM