

**RIST CANYON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
November 2, 2024**

RCVFD Board Members present:

Neil Faber, President
HJ Siegel, First Vice President
Mark Neuroth, Fire Chief and Second Vice President
Diane McCarthy, Treasurer
Richard Lund, Assistant Treasurer
Leisa Taylor, Secretary
Carolyn Stanley, Davis Ranch Road Area Representative
Erica Michel, Upper Buckhorn Road Area Representative
Dean Yoder, Lower Buckhorn Road Area Representative
Tim Stratman, Stove Prairie Road Area Representative
Roger Dev, Whale Rock Road Area Representative
Debbie Benson, Rist Canyon Road Area Representative

The 2024 Annual Membership Meeting, held at Stove Prairie Ranch, was called to order at 2 pm by President Neil.

I. Confirmation of Quorum

A quorum was confirmed with approximately 50 people in attendance.

II. Adoption of Agenda

With a motion by Debbie and a second by Carolyn, the agenda was approved.

III. Approval of Minutes from November 2023 Annual Meeting

With a motion by Carolyn and a second by Roger, the draft minutes from the 2023 Annual Meeting were approved.

IV. President's Comments

Neil said RCVFD is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2025, and the anniversary committee is collecting photographs and stories. A commemorative coin is being designed. Neil also reported on the progress of a fire station in the Buckhorn.

Neil thanked a number of people/groups, including Mervyn Jacobson (use of Stove Prairie Ranch), staff at Stove Prairie Ranch, RCVFD Board members, HJ and Festival volunteers, Josef Dvorak (car show at Festival), Jocelyn Wolf and the grants committee, and all those involved in the operations of RCVFD. Finally, Neil announced the resignation of Richard Lund as Assistant Treasurer and Leisa Taylor as Secretary.

V.A. Officer Report: Fire Chief

Chief Mark, who has been chief for almost a year, said his job/role is not as hard as he anticipated due to the hard work of his predecessors, including Jeff Elsner and Carol Dollard. He said he is proud to be chief, he has fantastic officers, the RCVFD Board has been great to work with, the Festival volunteers deserve much credit and applause, Rist Canyon has a great sense of community, and the department is well equipped without wasting any money.

Mark also reported:

- the department has received much gear and equipment through grants;
- the new (used) ambulance is in the process of getting licensed; and
- the department will be starting EMR (Emergency Medical Response) training.

Finally, Mark said two issues are:

- more training is needed for EV (electric vehicle) fires, although the department does have fire blankets; and
- there is the continual need to recruit and retain volunteers.

With a motion by Barb Monesson and a second by Carolyn, the Chief's Report was accepted.

V.B. Officer Report: Treasurer

Treasurer Diane said the department's finances are in excellent shape, and it was a good year for the investments. Diane thanked the grants committee for bringing in approximately \$97,000. She said the annual drive is approximately \$62,000 to date, and the King Soopers reward program has netted approximately \$7,000. Diane also explained three slides (see attached) about the department's finances. Finally, Diane thanked Richard for his mentorship.

With a motion by Richard and a second by Debbie, the Treasurer's Report was approved.

V.C. Officer Report: Ristwatch Editor

Ellison was absent from the meeting, but Neil read her emailed report (see attached).

V.D. Committee Report: Festival Chair

HJ reported on the success of the 2024 Mountain Festival and shared a slideshow (see attached). He said the Festival would not exist with Richard's guidance and mentorship throughout the years.

HJ added:

- the 2025 Festival is November 1;
- free Chimfex is available at the table in the back of the room;
- a list of Festival sponsors is available (see attached);
- some silent auction items are still available; and
- Neil Faber has been an outstanding president.

VI. Presentation of Board Nominees for 2025

The President presented the following nominees for the 2025 RCVFD Board of Directors:

President – Neil Faber
1st Vice President – HJ Siegel
2nd VP and Fire Chief – Mark Neuroth
Secretary – Pam Thomas
Treasurer – Diane McCarthy
Assistant Treasurer – Melanie Bevers
Ristwatch Editor – Ellison Carter

Rist Canyon Rep. – Debbie Benson
Davis Ranch Rep. – Carolyn Stanley
Stratton Park Rep. – Louise Creager
Whale Rock Rep. – Roger Dev
Stove Prairie Rep. – Tim Stratman
Upper Buckhorn Rep. – Erica Michel
Lower Buckhorn Rep. – Dean Yoder

VII. Invitation for Nominations from the Floor

There were no nominations from the floor. With a motion by Richard and a second by Barb Monesson, nominations were closed.

VIII. Election of Nominated Officers

The foregoing slate for the 2025 RCVFD Board of Directors was elected by acclamation.

Other

Carolyn noted for the attendees that insurance information re: helicopter medical evacuation was available on the back table.

IX. Adjournment

At 2:53 pm, with a motion by Carolyn and a second by Tim, the 2024 Annual Membership Meeting adjourned.