

Long Lake Volunteer Fire Department

Monthly meeting minutes – April 3rd, 2025

Roll Call: reference sign-in sheet

- 1) Meeting was called to order by Chief Justin N. at 6:10pm.
- 2) Pledge of allegiance was recited by those in attendance.
- 3) New members/applicants – Mike Davis has submitted an application for consideration by the Dept members. Discussion surrounding Mike's application was exchanged. Chief Nacius make a motion to offer Mike a position on the Dept; Scott Lamers seconded the motion. Motion passed by all Dept members.
- 4) Secretary Report: Joe Hurst reviewed the meeting minutes from the February meeting and specifically requested the members review the ACTIONS summarized. Any owners of the ACTIONS please follow-up with Joe, Justin, Jaden or Cliff on updates. This ACTION list will be summarized and updated monthly going forward. Jaden S. made a motion to approve the Secretary Report; motion 2nd by Scott Lamers. Passed with agreement by membership present.
- 5) Treasurers Report: Chief Nacius provided a summary of current financial state and provided the latest bank statement for record. Jeremy Streu suggested the Department begin using a program such as Quickbooks to manage finances for formal tracking and supporting audits that could be required in the future.
- 6) Committee's Reports:
 - a. Health and Safety – review of team's use of gear during tree/road clearing provided. Most everyone did wear correct gear for such work (chaps, break-away safety vests, helmets and gloves). **ACTION: Scott L.** will get price quote from his contact for twenty (20) 5-point break-away safety vests...sizes Large (10), XL (10).
 - b. Memorial Weekend Fundraiser – Scott is leader of committee and coordination of activities. Justin reviewed the thoughts of food for the afternoon including a possibility of a fish fry on Sunday. It was decided that for this event the Dept will offer burgers, brats, and hotdogs in order to allow for a quick stop option. The even was decided to run from 2pm to 5pm on Sunday, May 25th. Decisions on meal qtys and other raffles options to be completed by end of April to be prepared for May event.

- c. 4th of July Picnic and Parade – earlier meeting was held this same afternoon to take further actions. Jaden will provide further updates next month and will gather actions and volunteers interested in supporting the event from Tipler in the meantime.
- d. Grant Comm – Jaden provided an update on a contact he made within FEMA who is very engaged with grant requests. Jaden will continue working with this person to move grant applications and options forward quickly. Jaden has asked the Dept members to compile a list of what we feel is needed for the Dept. It was also noted that Calvin's wife Tina also writes grants and could be used to structure and refine the grants before submitting them to FEMA. **ACTION: ALL** Department members to bring ideas to the next meeting in order to begin grant targeting and application process.

7) Old Business:

- a. 50/50 Wildland Grant gear – all gear has arrived inclusive of helmets and respirators. The amount owed to Tipler from Long Lake for their share of the grant will be cut to Tipler FD from the Town this upcoming month.

8) New Business:

- a. Dispatch Communications – There are yet ongoing issues with some members not receiving the dispatch notices (test and calls). **ACTION:** Members having issues have been asked to reload the eDispatch App to see if the issue can be resolved. Members having issues will be requested to report back as to if they are receiving the notices. In addition, Dept members MUST remember to “respond” to the dispatch notification on true calls to provide response to the Dispatch officer. In addition, it will be standard protocol that first response to dispatch on actual emergency scene shall be given by a Dept officer. If no officer is available, then next Dept member on scene shall provide direction to dispatch.
- b. Forestry Bld Clean-up – this will be scheduled to take place on Wednesday 4/9 beginning at 1:00pm. Please come to help if you are able.

9) Planned Training –

- a. Driver Training – Any member that had taken the Driver Training and received invoices from Nicolet should notify Chief Nacius and provide him any information. These are not responsibility of the members to pay.
- b. Pumper Operator Training – **ACTION:** Chief Nacius will be reaching out to get Pumper Operator Training scheduled now that the weather is improving. This will be communicated when the timing is best...targeting to get it done in May/June.
- c. Controlled Burn Training – time is coming to perform a controlled burn. **ACTION:** Jaden is working to schedule these with local landowners. If anyone has property that is appropriate and available for burning, let Jaden know.

- d. Chainsaw Training – Jaden reviewed the need to know how to cut trees properly – great example being the recent ice storm that resulted in many “bent” trees with extreme stress at trunk. Chainsaw and wildfire training will be planned to take place during the April Training Session on April 17th at 5:00PM.

10) Recent Calls Review – Three calls were reviewed from over this past month.

11) Truck and Equipment Maintenance – Cascade compressor is having some issues, but unsure of what the issues may be...large oil leak from under the compressor platform. Need to look more closely at what is causing the issue with the compressor in order to determine if it can be fixed or needs to be replaced.

12) Friends of LLVFD Report: - No representatives present and no current report.

13) Purchase Requests:

- a. Per previous Action - Scott L. to get quote for 5-point breakaway road emergency vests for all dept members.

14) Open Comments:

- a. Charlie brought up the idea of a “Community Appreciation Day” to give back to the community members. This will be brought back into the next month’s agenda for further discussion. David Raab has had experience at his previous department where they had done a similar event (Spaghetti dinner and give-aways).

15) Next Meeting Schedule: Next meeting is scheduled for May 1st, 2025 at 6:00PM. Training meeting will be April 17th at 5:00PM this month.

16) Meeting Adjournment: Meeting was motioned to be adjourned by Chief Nacius; motion 2nd by Charlie N. – meeting adjourned at 7:25PM.

ACTION ITEM Summary List – April 2025

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- a. **ACTION: Scott** will get price quote from his contact for twenty (20) 5-point break-away safety vests...sizes Large (10), XL (10).
- b. **ACTION: ALL** Department members to bring ideas to the next meeting in order to begin FD FEMA grant needs and application process.
- c. **ACTION: Members** having issues have been asked to reload the eDispatch App to see if the issue can be resolved. Please reach out to Justin, Jaden or Joe if issues persist.
- d. **ACTION: Chief Nacius** will be reaching out to get Pumper Operator Training scheduled in May/June timeframe.
- e. **ACTION: Jaden** is working to schedule these with local landowners. If anyone has property that is appropriate and available for burning, let Jaden know.