

Raleigh Fire Department Historical Society

Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2010, 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Present: David Barefoot, Jan Chamblee, Tim Henshaw, Mike Legeros, KC Ray, Tim Wall, Alan Walters

Location: Keeter Training Center

Agenda

1. 2012 Steering Committee

- a. Chief Walters provided an update on the steering committee that's forming, at the request of Chief McGrath, to oversee planning for 2012 anniversary activities. The committee will create goals and tasks for anniversary, and in 2011 will get tasks rolling with completion dates.
- b. Each shift has representation on the committee. The membership is presently:
 - Alan Walters
 - David Barefoot
 - Kevin Coppage
 - Rob Johnson
 - Frank McLaurin
 - John Rehbock
 - C.J. Barrows
 - Randy Bagwell
 - Chief Poole (maybe).
- c. The committee is expected to hold their first meeting, perhaps informal, within the next week or two or three.
- d. The group discussed integrating or interfacing RFDHS with the steering committee. Who is a part of whom, who is leading whom, etc.
- e. **Action: Chief Walters took the action item to invite the steering committee members to RFDHS meetings.**

2. 2012 Yearbook Committee

- a. Andy Meier and Mike Legeros is a committee of two and have been exchanging ideas for recruiting a committee to produce the next book(s). They are trying to recruit an executive sponsor at the Battalion Chief level. They also plan to send a general message to the troops, requesting participation.

- b. It was asked if such a mailing would interfere with any early 2012 planning or announcements, and the group thought not.
 - c. **Action: Meier and Legeros will proceed with a recruitment message to the troops.**
 - d. The group also restated ideas for the 2012 book(s), including just a history book for release in 2012, with a yearbook for release in 2013 or later. Legeros indicated that the forming committee should discuss and make said decision, once they're in place. The group agreed with this line of thinking.
3. Incorporation
- a. Mike Legeros submitted the Articles of Incorporation and a \$60 filing fee to the state. He received that day a letter indicating a problem with the articles.
 - b. **Action: Legeros is going to address and resubmit.**
 - c. Tim Henshaw also indicated a possible new expense for RFDHS, upon incorporation. He's learned of a \$200 annual fee for corporations or types of corporations.
 - d. **Action: Henshaw will investigate if it applies to RFDHS and/or non-profits.**
 - e. The next major legal step is filing for federal tax exemption. The process for filing for state federal tax exemption is automatically initiated upon submission of Articles of Incorporation. It was restated that federal filing will likely utilize LegalZoom as a service.
 - f. **Action: Filing for federal taxes, unassigned at this time.**
4. Storage Space
- a. Mike Legeros provided an update on the collection of log books from all fire stations. That has been done, though there are holes. Such as a number of Station 18 books, which need to be found. As well as early decades of Station 1, Station 2, and Station 3, as examples. Legeros has a plan for indexing and inventorying all log books collected. No timeframe on execution.
 - b. Chief Walters provided an update on building materials requested for the Station 23 storage space. Services is getting the materials, and the crew of Station 23 will building additional shelving, as well as further finish the upstairs storage area at Station 23.
5. Display Space
- a. Chief Walters provided updates on display space at both the Dillon Building and the Keeter Training Center.
 - b. At the Dillon Building, at the top of the staircase on the second floor, Chief McGrath, Chief Styons, and Sammy McIntyre have discussed ideas for displaying historical items in the stairwell space, near the Fire Administration office. Chief Walters has a coming meeting with them, to discuss options.
 - c. The group discussed possibilities for that space, such as showing artifacts in a secure cabinet, to prevent theft. Or incorporating photos into a display. Chief Walters noted that

RFDHS could rotate artifacts in that display space, in the same fashion as was planned for the ground floor of the Public Safety Center.

- d. At the Keeter Training Center, the EMT classroom trailer—second trailer from the left, facing the trailers—will be available for RFDHS beginning in April. Chief Walters was told by Chief McLaurin that a rear door could be expanded, and the 1870 bell and mount could be easily moved into the trailer. The group discusses ideas for displaying items in the trailer.
- e. Mike Legeros showed photos of the History Room from a prior retiree day, as well as the history room at Fayetteville Fire Station 2. Legeros noted that posters and other display materials from the prior retiree day are still stored, and can be put on display in short order:
 - Retiree Day history room pics and diagram, <http://legeros.com/temp/arch-retiree/>
 - Fayetteville FD history room, <http://www.flickr.com/photos/legeros/sets/72157600645762567/>
 - Fire museums in general, <http://www.flickr.com/photos/legeros/collections/72157600600418765/>

f. Actions, Assorted:

- i. The City Museum was also suggested as a source, or outlet, for an RFD display. Legeros took the action item to establish a relationship with them.
- ii. Measure the interior of the trailer, unassigned.
- iii. Mike Legeros took the action item of photographing the trailer interior, and subsequently producing three-dimensional renderings of different display ideas.
- iv. Chief Walters took the action item of visiting AB Store Fixtures on Capital Boulevard, and begin initial assessment of used display case options.

6. Fundraising / Treasurer Report

- a. RFDHS has \$1062.56 starting money, from royalties from the 2007 yearbook project. Includes additional royalty check cashed by Chief Walters for about \$50 that week.
- b. Chief Walters was also requested to provide a social security number to the publisher for tax reporting purposes. The group discussed the need for the yearbook publisher to pay directly to RFDHS, and resolve any tax issues that might loom.
- c. Mike Legeros withdrew \$60 from the funds for reimbursement for state incorporation filing fees

7. Communication

- a. Mike Legeros had a prior action item of writing a script for a short video segment to show to the troops, promoting RFDHS. He has not completed that action. He did look

into using RTN resources for such a video production, and was told that RTN resources are not really available.

- b. He also noted that a FireWatch segment about RFDHS is needed, and he would work to make that happen.
- c. It was suggested that the FireWatch taping could be used to generate a second video and with minimal or no extra work, for showing to the troops.
- d. **Action: Mike Legeros took the action of arranging for a FireWatch taping, and inquiring about repurposing the results for internal use.**

Other Business

8. Random History

- a. Mike Legeros shared a printed list of active and retired firefighters with parents or children in RFD, as a random historical exercise.

9. Old Pumpers

- a. Tim Henshaw provided an update on two former Raleigh pumpers:
 - b. 1953 ALF
 - i. Owned by Henshaw. Body in bad condition. He's planning to carve up the body this year, and probably use the cab to make a display or furniture or such.
 - c. 1961 ALF
 - i. Owned by private person in Hillsborough. Henshaw infrequently in contact with owner. Truck in great condition. Owner wants higher price than apparatus collectors would be interested in paying. Needs nearly no work to run. Henshaw continues to talk to owner about trying to secure for Raleigh. Truck is presently stored, and will likely be safe until the fall, when the current garage owners seek its movement.
 - ii. Group discussed options for obtaining the truck for RFDHS, including soliciting funds from the troops.

10. Funds for Restoration

- a. Mike Legeros noted that the estate of retired FF Charlie Chappell donated a small amount of funds to the city for restoration of the steamer. The group talked about restoration, both of the steamer and the old hose cart stored at Station 8.
Action: Chief Walters took the action of contacting Chief Woodlief, and finding out the present status of those funds.

11. Old Hydrants

a. The group discussed trying to obtain an old hydrant, two-nipple, from the city.

Action: Contact water department, unassigned to an owner.

12. Next Meeting

a. The group left the date of the next meeting to be determined.

Minutes compiled by Mike Legeros and Tim Henshaw.