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Blue Ridge Fire Department Auxiliary

Minutes for May 2, 2026 meeting

In attendance: Linda Hammer, Cindy Krah, Cindy Duca, Bill Unhock, Laurie Hawke, Karen Foster, Chief Paine

1. Meeting was called to order at 10:01.
2. Minutes were reviewed by all; motion to approve, Lauri approved, Bill second.
3. Financial Report; purchased battery operated equipment for engines, paid \$22,991.70 and was approved by emailing all members. Checking acct balance \$26,595, savings balance \$15,282.18, Total balance \$41,877.52. Motion to approve report, Bill approved report, Laurie second, all in favor.
4. No issues with annual accounting review that was previously reviewed.
5. Overstock sale approximately \$786, which was much more than we thought.

New Business

May 23 Starlight's boutique – Laurie, Linda, Cindy D will be helping with setup, working and takedown. We will have 2 tables; looking for more volunteers to help with this sale.

July 4 Sale – Karen – Bake Sale - Need another volunteer to help Karen; not sure if Janet can help this year. Suggested making cookies to give to customers visiting the sale to celebrate the United States semiquincentennial, marking 250 years of independence. Will discuss more in June meeting.

Firedog Cafe – Cindy K & Cindy D will do burritos. Will be putting together the list of volunteers for this project. Lunch will need to be taken over from Cindy D now that she is running the breakfast and craft sale. Looking for volunteers for the lunch

Raffle – Karol – is now retired so does not have access to email & printing as she did before. We will discuss this more at the June meeting.

Prizes – Becky has a few prizes but response has been slow; we still have time to work on this.

Vendors – Linda has had responses from several & will continue to work with them.

Coffee – Laurie would prefer to have someone do coffee; need a volunteer. The FD will start the coffee going around 6:30; volunteer needed to be there around 7:30. Discussed raising the cost of a cup of coffee to \$2.00 and just use the 12 oz cup; will not use 16 oz.

Cashier – hopefully Jerilyn Grant will cashier again for us this year.

Red Hot Mommas – Cindy D – color code tags so we know how long we have had the product and create an inventory list. Cindy put out a flier on Facebook re: meeting dates for RHM and adding Saturday dates twice a month.

Silent Auction – Linda might do it or Suzie might take over; will discuss in June

Corn Hole Boards – Bill has proposed to make one corn hole board set to celebrate our 250 anniversary; cost is \$80 for plywood; and various minor costs for paint and glue. All liked the idea.

T-Shirts – Linda & Bill – they will work on what inventory we have; ordering new t-shirts with red, white and blue to celebrate our 250th anniversary.

Purchasing 10-12 6ft tables – Linda – they run about \$70 each (about \$800 for 12 tables) at Sams Club. Will get definite prices and submit for approval at June meeting. Bill proposed approval for \$800, Laurie second; all in favor.

Chief Paine – no requests for this meeting, but next month may have something depending upon approval of a grant. He expressed his gratefulness for what we have done for the fire department. He's very pleased with the battery operated equipment we were able to purchase this year; it has allowed the fire fighters to treat the scene much more quickly.

To date, we have contributed \$350,000 since 1996 to the Fire Department!

Meeting adjourned at 10:40

Next meeting Saturday June 6, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

Next meeting of RHM is Wednesday 6th at 9:00