

Roping Club minutes
Beginning of Larkspur Fire Department

A meeting, to organize a volunteer Fire Department, sponsored by the Larkspur Roping Club, at the Larkspur Schoolhouse on Tue. Jan. 21st., was called to order by the President, Louis Anderson, Jr. at 8:20 P.M.

He introduced several members of the Castle Rock Fire Department. Jack Highy stated that the first step should be to organize, elect officers, then proceed to equipment.

Open discussion of various types of equipment followed.

Bill Rudolph stated that the Castle Rock pick-up is very helpful for grass fires, but not large enough for home fires. A County truck would be better but an 8½ ton truck might have difficulty going to some areas. He mentioned the need of safety rules, especially gashousekeeping and careful storing of flammable material; i. e. gasoline, cleaning fluids etc. He recommended light equipment to start with.

John Hammond also recommended light equipment. A new tank and pump ^{can} be obtained for approximately \$1,200, then mounted on a pickup. Hammond introduced a State Forest Service man, Charles J. Newlan.

Newlan stated that equipment can be obtained, very reasonably, thru the Forest Service. The only requirements being agreement to cooperate with the Sheriff and the Forest Service on any fire in Douglas County. Also that this equipment should not be resold without notifying

the Forest Service. He stated that U.S.A. items, in reasonably good shape can be obtained - such as a 4 wheel drive $\frac{3}{4}$ ton truck for \$1,200. He gave the following suggestions for raising money: White elephant auction, Bingo + raffles (requiring a license and 5 yr of organization), pancake supper, 'pot-luck' or any kind of supper, dance and donations. A fire-district can become tax supported - this requires 50 signatures and Court procedure. Women can also be active in raising money, as Secretary of the Fire Department, and in providing food for working firemen. They also can learn to operate equipment in case there are no men available.

Newson stated that insurance coverage is necessary. Workmen's Compensation, minimum amount approximately \$72 or \$74 covers 18 men. Apply to State Industrial Commission - State Capitol Annex - East 14th & Sherman, Denver 2, Colo. Liability insurance is also required on all vehicles. incorporation is necessary so that individuals will not be liable for accidents or mishaps.

President Anderson mentioned that the Friendly Lakes Club has agreed to let a firehouse be built on Club property. Anderson also mentioned the A.F.W. Co. offer of the bank south of H. Smith's pasture for use in building firehouse.

Nominations were opened for office of president:

votes received	13	Poland Dahlberg
	15	Stan Truelblad
	4	A. Beckant
	6	Flora Turner

Lean Baughton moved that the Raping Club officers not serve as officers in the Fire Department. Fred White seconded. Motion carried.

Mrs. Barr suggested that the one receiving the second highest vote for president be vice-president.

There was unanimous agreement to this. Stan Trueblood is President, Roland Dahlberg vice-president.

Nominations for Secretary and Treasurer.

votes received	5	Louis Anderson
	12	Dick Dighly
	21	Mrs. Homer Smith

— moved that nominations be closed. Lean Baughton seconded. Motion carried. Mrs. Homer Smith received majority vote.

Raping Club president Anderson thanked everyone for participating and turned the meeting over to president elect, Stan Trueblood.

Stan Trueblood thanked everyone for attending. He set date for the next Fire Department meeting for Tue. Jan. 28th, 8:00 P.M. at the Lakeside Schaeferhaus.

Lean Baughton moved that the meeting adjourn. Cadie Anderson seconded. Motion carried.

Margaret Smith - acting Secy.