

Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council
Board of Directors Meeting
9:30 A.M., Tuesday, November 11, 2014
Mountain Resource Center

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Mike Esnard, Lois Henson, Chris Kramer, Larry Kueneman, Doris Lombard, Ron Perry, Marvin Spreyne, Norm Walker

Staff Present:

Pat Boss, Don Patterson, Edwina Scott, ED

Others Present:

Dan Dever; Chief Gregg Bratcher, Cal-Fire; Norm Cassen, Sherry Fae, Scott Fisher

1. President's Remarks (Mike Esnard)

The Meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM by President Mike Esnard. Mike mentioned that J. P. Crumrine is working on an interesting article on the Mountain Fire Fuel Treatment Effectiveness Summary Report.

2. Budget & Finance (Edwina Scott)

Financial Report

Executive Director Edwina Scott presented the financial report.

- The total Mailing cost of \$5,701.18 is shown in the Compass Admin account and will remain there until the money is reimbursed by FSC.
- The total Balance Sheet funds went down by \$7,036.65 this past month. However, \$5,701.18 of that was the Mailing Cost. The month to month decline in total funds should start to decrease quickly in the coming months.
- Director Ron Perry made a motion to accept the financial report and 2nd Vice President Larry Kueneman seconded the motion. The board unanimously accepted the motion and the motion was passed.

3. Adoption of October, 2014 Minutes

Mike and Ron had several edits to the Minutes. Ron made a motion to accept the October 2014 Minutes as amended, Larry seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

4. Fuel Modification Operations (Edwina Scott)

a. FEMA/CalEMA Roof Replacement Grant

Executive Director Edwina Scott said that in October, two houses were reroofed and completed at a cost of \$18,940.00 with a reimbursable cost of \$11,224.00. The total number of reroofing jobs completed through October 31 was 72 with 13 pending.

b. **CFSC Grant**

- To begin work, \$25,000 was moved from Bank of Hemet to BBVA. The account will be reimbursed when funds are received from CaFSC.
- The Project Managers worked with three property owners, which included four properties, removing hazardous fuels and creating defensible space on 1.43 acres. The Bio-Waste from these abatements was 21.5 tons.

c. **County Coop Grant**

- Two large projects are being setup for this program, Astro Camp and Santa Rosa Reservation.

d. **Other Grants: CWPP, State Cal-Fire
CWPP**

- This grant was submitted two weeks ago. When the grant is funded, Edwina will be working with Dave Caroline, ESRI, on mapping. The County is putting in a bid for printing the maps.

State Cal-Fire

- Everyone is applying for the SRA grant funds. Edwina is working on a Grant proposal for abatement.

e. **Projects and Woodies Report**

- Project Manager Don Patterson reported that four Woodies working sessions were held last month with seven cords of wood split. Two Cords of wood were given to Charities for raffles.
- The Woodies logged 167 volunteer hours of work in October.
- Ron on behalf of MCFSC thanked Agency Liaison Norm Walker and 1st Vice President Chris Kramer for the extra work that they have been doing on Woodie equipment maintenance.
- Project Manager Pat Boss has been working on the Astro Camp abatement project and other projects. An Archaeologist will be needed to review the Santa Rosa Tribal property before work can begin there.
- Gregg Bratcher, Cal-Fire, thinks that the archaeology study should be completed in a month
- Pat mentioned that membership donations during October totaled \$4,650.00 given by 105 donors.

f. **Woodies Safety Training**

- Eleven Woodies attended the CPR training safety session.
- A training session was held on safe splitter operation.
- Safety Meetings will be held when possible unsafe practices arise.

5. **Education (Edwina Scott)**

a. **GSOB Detection**

- A GSOB Meeting was held last month. The meeting was dominated by two individuals which necessitated the need for a another meeting to be scheduled for November 17.
- No Hotline calls have been received. Ron, Director Doris Lombard and Woody Elliott Taylor will do windshield inspections as needed.
- Ron talked about going back to some locations that have been previously photographed and take annual photographs for comparison purposes.
- There are ~54 to 60 GSOB trees.

b. **Garner Valley Meeting**

- Pat and Edwina meet with the Garner Valley Group and Pat gave a presentation that was well received.

6. **Special Goals**

Code Enforcement Revision

- Many people are for and against the new code.
- A number of people have said "just enforce the current code".
- San Bernardino County has a Fire Code Enforcement Team which has worked well. The Code Committee will be meeting with them in December.

7. **Agency Reports**

Gregg Bratcher, Cal Fire

- They are continuing work on Stone Creek.
- Gregg is working on a SRA Fire Plan.
- SRA grants will be given on an individual property basis.
- Gregg is also trying to tie Riverside to San Diego County as an extension to San Diego's Zone Infestation.

8. **Meetings:**

Brown Bag Meeting: No Meeting in November or December

Board Meeting: Tuesday, January 13, 2015, 9:30 AM, MRC Conference Room

Meeting Adjourned at 11:00 AM

Meeting minutes taken by Dan Dever.

Respectfully submitted,
Ray Barmore, Secretary