

Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council

Board of Directors Meeting
9:30 A.M., Tuesday, June 10, 2014
Mountain Resource Center

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Ray Barmore, Mike Esnard, 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; Deborah Geisinger; Pat Smith, Woodies

1. President's Remarks (Mike Esnard)

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM by President Mike Esnard. He welcomed Don Patterson back, and made two additions to the agenda. Pinyon Crest was asking for administration help and this should be discussed in the Financial section. The Transfer Station problem should be discussed in the Grants section by Edwina.

2. Budget & Finance (Jerry Holldber)

Treasurer Jerry Holldber was not able to attend today's meeting. Executive Director Edwina Scott will present the Financial Report.

The Transaction Detail by Account page was discussed followed by the Cost Share Payments and Donations page.

The Balance Sheet was discussed next. First Vice President Chris Kramer had a question on how the Kubota charges were handled. Edwina said that Woodies Maintenance charges should in the future be taken out of the Compass Bank Account DDA #8110 funds to close the account out.

Director Ron Perry made a motion to accept the report and the motion was passed.

Pinyon Crest needs help to start their own Disaster Preparedness group and Edwina helped them. Edwina suggested that they contact Gina McGaugh and Opal Hellweg for funding. They want FSC to handle their grant, write checks, etc. They will pay a percentage to FSC for handling their account.

Ron Perry suggested that Mountain Disaster Preparedness should help them set up their group with emergency supplies. Director Marvin Spreyne, Secretary Ray Barmore and Chris Cramer agreed and suggested they talk to President Mike Fayder of the MDP group.

Mike Esnard feels it a perfect fit for them to join MDP, however there may be some draw backs. Edwina Scott will check with the county to see if they serve the Pinyon area or MDP.

3. Adoption of May, 2014 Minutes

Ron Perry made the motion to pass the May 2014 minutes for approval and the motion was passed.

4. Fuel Modification Operations (Edwina Scott)

a. FEMA/CalEMA Roof Replacement Grant

In April, five houses were reroofed and completed at a cost of was \$36,328. In April and May a total of 13 houses were roofed, that brings the total number of reroofed homes to 49. This total is just under one half of the number covered by the grant.

b. CFSC Grant—Option to Take Over Two Grinding Sites

The Council received a call from BLM about the 2014 grant. They wanted to know how we used the self-loader listed in the application. The self-loader will only be used on roads and driveways, no off-roading.

The grinding sites. The grinding sites in Poppet Flats and Pinyon funded through coop funds and the grant funding them will soon end. The County is asking MCFSC to oversee the projects and we will be paid through SRA. Poppet Flats needs someone to manage the site. Batista does the grinding at the Pinyon site, Marvin is involved. The work is done at the fire station in Poppet Flats.

Edwina suggested that we do it and add admin charge to cover costs. Ron ask about the insurance liabilities for the volunteers, no one knows. Norm made a motion to do fact finding on two sites.

c. County Coop Grant

In May, 3.84 acres were cleared. Five ton of biomass was removed and taken to the grinding station and five tons were ground on site and spread. 2.5 cords of fire wood were left for the owners.

d. Projects and Woodies Report

Director Ron Perry gave the Woodies report. Three Friday sessions were held and all abatement work. The owners have been asking the woodies to haul away junk as well which is becoming a problem.

The property owners need to remove all the dog poop before the Woodies begin work. This should be a requirement for doing abatement.

Jim Taylor has retired, he will be missed. Don, Bill and Sabrina are on medical leave. New chains have been received.

Field Supervisor Pat Boss gave the Projects report. Eight abatement projects are going out tomorrow. Six are in Pinion and two in Anza.

Pine Cove and Pinion are busy work areas. None of the jobs had violations but some should have. Inspections haven't started in Idyllwild and are spotty elsewhere.

The membership renewal for April and May has given the following results: Donors- Anza 14, Garner Valley 3, Idyllwild 110, Mountain Center 8, Others 5, Pine Cove 39 and Pinyon 7. For a total donation of \$6,499.15, this is a little low compared to last year.

5. Education (Edwina Scott)

a. GSOB Detection

GSOB Luncheon had a great turn out, 36 to 38 people were in attendance. JP picked up the story and put it in the Town Crier which got even more attention. During the meeting Dr. Scott said that Idyllwild was a success story for the GSOB effort, whereas San Diego's GSOB effort hadn't worked out so well.

A windshield GSOB inspection was held on June 5, 16 trees were spotted that were GSOB suspect. The results are being reported to the UCR.

The property next to Idyllwild Garage has two sick oaks.

Pat Smith said the big pile at the Dump is at 140 F. The transfer trucks are not coming to pick it up. Waste Management has sub-contracted Ecology and Ecology is not keeping up.

The big pile at the dump is 40 ft. wide, 15 ft. high and the length of the green waste site.

Mike offered, with Board approval, to send an email to Waste Management Inc. with copies to the fire chiefs, Jeff Stone, and JP, calling attention to the hazard.

b. Town Hall Meeting Goals and Speakers, June 26

Town Hall Meeting will be June 26 at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall. Edwina has spoken to Chief Hawkins, Chief Felix and Chief Reitz and they are ready to speak at this meeting. Topics for the Town Hall meeting were handed out.

A discussion followed as to whether Dr. Richard Minnich should be included in the meeting or the focus should keep to the original plan worked out by Edwina. Items raised within the discussion were the contributions of Minnich's research to our local forest and community situation, whether he would be a good fit for this meeting or another, and differing views on the solidity of the meeting plans, as well as Board-ED roles.

Pat Boss suggested that from his experience it would be best to go ahead with the Three Chiefs Town Hall Meeting as planned and plan another more scientific meeting in the future that could have Dr. Richard Minnich or someone of his caliber.

Mike proposed, with Board agreement, that the Town Hall take place as planned using the scheduled speakers.

6. Agency Reports

Representatives were not available.

7. Meetings:

- a. Brown Bag Meeting: No Brown Bag in June due to Town Hall Meeting
- b. Board Meeting: Tuesday, July 8, 9:30 AM, MRC Conference Room

Meeting Adjourned at 11:35AM

Meeting minutes taken by Dan Dever.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Barmore, Secretary