

# Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council

Board of Directors Meeting

February 14, 2017

## Minutes

Board members present: Chris Kramer, Norm Walker, Ron Perry, Doris Lombard, and Marvin Spreyne

Staff present: Edwina Scott and Pat Boss

Public in attendance: Brian Tisdale, Supervisor Washington's Office; Gregg Bratcher, CAL FIRE; Matt Boss, U.S.F.S.; Arturo Lopez, U.S.F.S.; Greg Ross, Woodie.

1) Opening Remarks (Chris Kramer, President)

President Kramer commented on the recent Community Meeting at the Nature Center, very informative; thanked the board members that were in attendance and thanked J.P. of the Idyllwild Crier for the publicity on the event.

2) Budget and Financial Report

- a. Treasurer Spreyne commented on the distributed financial reports. Monthly Profit & Loss Statements from January 2016 were compared to those of January 2017. Each board member was asked to give thought to whether either a Profit & Loss review versus a Balance Sheet review. The topic was tabled until the March 14, 2017 meeting. Move to file the report for audit made by Norm Walker, seconded by Ron Perry, passed.
- b. An audit is scheduled for February 20, 2017 with the Auditor.

3) Adoption of January 10, 2017 Minutes

The Minutes were reviewed. Move by Marvin Spreyne, seconded by Ron Perry, to accept minutes as submitted passed.

4) Fuel Modification Operations (Edwina Scott)

- a. California Fire Safe Council 2015 Grant: Final report will be submitted next month. Will then close out grant.
- b. California Fire Safe Council 2016 Grant: MCFSC received a \$20,000 advancement for planning and education;
- c. CWPP: MCFSC received the total grant allocation of \$38,900, \$6K to managing this project. CalFire has submitted their revision and we are awaiting U.S.F.S. update.
- d. County funds to assist low-income individuals: Checking with Supervisor Washington's Office for status.
- e. SRA Grant applications
  - I. Dead and Dying Tree Removal: Started late January. Six projects on the board.
  - II. Fuels Reduction: Once snow clears the program will proceed. Letter from John Huddleston was discussed. Board currently feels insurance is a requirement.
- f. Projects and Woodies Report  
The Woodies had four working sessions, cutting and splitting 10.5 cords of firewood and donated 118.75 hours.

MCFS has six on-going tree removal jobs, 5 have agreed and 1 is awaiting their board to approve; have 18 applications to review. Will be working on fuels reduction by March 1' 2017.

5) Education (Edwina Scott)

- a. GSOB Update: Edwina Scott commented on 200 trees of concern with Gregg Bratcher referencing the need to continue educating the public on the issue.
- b. Spring 2017 Newsletter: Edwina Scott would like to have it published for June distribution. Board members were asked to think of a theme for the issue.

6) New Business

Board Election

Chris Kramer withdrew his name from the ballot. There being no further nominations and with all positions being filled, the following were automatically elected to their respective position on the ballot: Norm Walker, President; Ron Perry, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President; Larry Kueneman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President; Jerry Holldber, Treasurer; Marvin Spreyne, Secretary.

7) Agency Reports

- Arturo Lopez, U.S.F.S., commented that the CWPP is on everyone's desk; further commented on fuel breaks: Strawberry completed; effort being made on Southridge, Pine Cove being inspected; possible use of Ramona crew on Westside Fuel Break and Thomas Mountain is one-third completed.
- Chief Bratcher gave an update on CAL FIRE/Riverside County activity; Stone Creek has 700 pile that State Park has accumulated and that CalFire has burned a few. Working on the Upper Dry Creek Camp. Sincerely thanked the GSOB volunteers.

8) Public Comments – None.

9) Meetings:

- a. Next Board Meeting: March 14, 2017, 9:30 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Marvin Spreyne, Secretary

Note takers: Director Spreyne and Executive Director Edwina Scott