

Pikes Peak Wildfire Prevention Partners  
General Membership Meeting  
February 8, 2007, Reported by Keith Worley, Secretary  
Colo. Springs Utilities Conservation Education Center

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:32pm by President Marti Campbell.
2. Thanks to Colo. Springs Utilities for hosting the meeting. Vic Ecklund gave a brief history of the Conservation Education Center.
3. The minutes of January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007 were approved as written.
4. Treasurer's Report-
  - a. The bank balance is \$11,443.80.
  - b. In-kind forms and invoices were passed out to all attendees with a reminder dues are now due for 2007.
  - c. Signature cards will be distributed to the President, new treasurer and secretary.
  - d. Chris Barth has resigned as treasurer. A motion was made, 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed appointing Mark Jansen to fill his vacancy. Mark was to take receipt of State documents, tax information for filing with Bruce Fosdick, and 2 mailbox keys.
  - e. Keith Worley, with the assistance of Randy Johnson, will assume posting approved minutes to the website.
5. Old Business- Cheyenne Mountain Zoo Fuel Treatment Project
  - a. Dates were set for the event as May 18<sup>th</sup> (member work day) and May 19<sup>th</sup> (volunteer work day with assistance of members). Christine will serve as project coordinator and liaison with Zoo staff.
  - b. Colorado Springs will offer its chipper and dump truck for the event, with backup by CUSP chipper and crew.
  - c. Volunteers for the 19<sup>th</sup> will be coordinated by Christine, Chris and Brent Botts.
  - d. Tools will be loaned by CSFS (mitigation trailer from CSFS, Naomi), CUSP and Keith Worley
  - e. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for volunteers will be provided by CUSP (Matt), and CSFS.
  - f. Refreshments will be coordinated by Roni Vale, with assistance from Diane Strohm.
  - g. Media contacts will be coordinated by Naomi Marcus and her sub-committee (press releases, media contacts, etc.)
6. Awards- Karen Bergethon
  - a. A PPWPP briefcase was presented to Marti Campbell for her past and present roll as president of PPWPP.
  - b. Shirts with the PPWPP logo will be ordered and can be purchased for an approximate cost of \$23.38 depending on quantity ordered. A motion was made, 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed authorizing payment for at least 24 shirts. A March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for ordering member sizes was set. Karen Bergethon ( [kbergethon@yahoo.com](mailto:kbergethon@yahoo.com) ) will be taking orders on the Yahoo Group site (Womens: S, M, L; Mens: M,

L, XL, XXL). Checks, made out to PPWPP, should be delivered to Mark Jansen at the March meeting. Motion was made, 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed to authorize expenditure of \$500.00 for initial purchase of 24 shirts.

7. Presentation- Fire Box, by Dawn Sanchez and Naomi Marcus
  - a. A brief review of learning tools in the Fire Box followed.
  - b. Promotional items were reviewed and members voted on choices.
8. New Business
  - a. El Paso County- Jim advised the group of the upcoming Black Forest Mulch Site opening. He noted that he has the PPWPP banner.
  - b. Colorado Springs- CSFD will have a booth at the Peak to Plains Landscape Symposium, Double Tree Hotel, Colorado Springs.
  - c. Douglas County- A meeting has been set with Douglas County Planning staff and D.C. Fire Marshals to begin discussions on needed updates to D. C. regulations. Keith Worley reported a "Realtor" presentation had been conducted with a Larkspur Broker office (Realty World).
  - d. Teller County- Marti has started orienting impacted groups on the potential snowfall impacts for the upcoming season. Experiments with local mines has begun on using biomass (chips) for mine reclamation work. Hauling costs are still an issue. The Teller County "Be Aware and Prepare" Firewise Fair is May 12<sup>th</sup>.
9. Committee Reports
  - a. Future Directions- The Future Directions list was posted on the Yahoo Group site. Committee chairs and members were reviewed for revision. This is to re-posted with updated members.
  - b. PPWPP Brochure- Randy Johnson will initiate updating of the brochure. Chris Barth will provide him with the logo. It was suggested Kristin Garrison may have the previous layout. Naomi was to follow up with her.
10. FYI
  - a. The Colorado Mitigation & Wildfire Conference will be April 13-15<sup>th</sup> in Pueblo.
  - b. Naomi suggested PPWPP "host" the Rocky Mountain Wildland Fire information website for one month. She is to investigate costs and/or responsibilities.
  - c. Marti Campbell requested that minutes and agenda items be provided to her at least two weeks prior to the next meeting (without having to be asked/reminded?).
  - d. Keith Worley advised the group he will be attending a national meeting entitled Firewise Springboard 2007 in St. Louis, Mo. To aid in shaping the national Firewise Communities USA message and direction. PPWPP members are encouraged to contact him with any feedback; good, bad, or indifferent.

- e. Randy Johnson reported on potential ethanol production from wood biomass (it's only waste if it goes in the landfill).
11. A motion was made, 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed to adjourn the meeting at 2:50pm.