

Pikes Peak Wildfire Prevention Partners
January 18th, 2007, Noon
Colorado Springs FD Station 19

1. The meeting was called to order and attendance noted (see attached list of attendees).
2. Minutes of the December 14th, 2006 meeting were approved as written. The secretary reminded the group that only "approved" minutes should be posted on the PPWPP web site.
3. Treasurer's Report- Current balance on hand is \$11,743.34
 - a. Annual dues are due by March 31st. Chris Barth (cbarth@springsgov.com) needs to know if you need a hardcopy invoice or if an email invoice is acceptable.
 - b. A suggestion was made to open a savings account. It was felt this is not needed at this time.
 - c. The mail box renewal is now due. A motion was made and passed authorizing payment of \$144.00 for the renewal.
 - d. The new hourly rate for volunteers is \$17.55 per hour or can be your agency/business hourly rate. Mileage is now set at \$.485 per mile.
 - e. Taxes will be filed in March.
4. Discussion of PPWPP future and direction- Much discussion ensued on the sustainability and direction the group should take. Several items of note were:
 - a. Revisit the Futures Committee findings. Discussion on outreach role or member support role.
 - b. Clarify roles of board members to aid in filling positions.
 - c. Yahoo web site development was recommended to allow better communication between members; especially active members and the board.
 - d. Lack of support for the President's role was noted as a major problem. County Directors not obtaining meeting locations in a timely manner.
 - e. A "Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval" was suggested as a possible role for PPWPP. Roni Vale mentioned her group's future role.
 - f. A motion was made and passed authorizing Randy Johnson to set up a "Yahoo" group site for PPWPP members to facilitate group communications. Draft minutes will be posted to group members.
 - g. Discussion on board positions and nominations followed.
5. Nominations for 2007 Board Positions: The following slate of candidates was presented. A motion was made to elect by acclamation and passed.
 - a. President, Teller County- Marti Campbell
 - b. Vice-president, Douglas County- Randy Johnson
 - c. Vice-president, El Paso County- Andrew Notbohm
 - d. Treasurer- Chris Barth

- e. Secretary- Keith Worley
 - f. At-large/Ad hoc members (non-voting agencies):
 - i. Dawn Sanchez, USFS
 - ii. Diane Strohm, AFA
 - iii. Vick Ecklund, CSDPU
 - iv. Mark Johnston, El Paso County
 - v. Naomi Marcus, CSFS (by separate motion)
6. Meeting locations and assignments for 2007
- a. February- Dawn Sanchez, USFS
 - b. March- Karen Bergethon and Dawn Sanchez (Fossil Beds?)
 - c. April- Mark Jansen
 - d. May- Chris Barth
 - e. June- Brent Botts
 - f. July- Mark Johnston
 - g. August- Roni Vale
 - h. September- Dave Root
 - i. October- Jim Mesite
 - j. November- Randy Johnson
 - k. December- Roni Vale
7. Old Business
- a. A motion was made, 2nd and passed to recognize Julie Lokken for her ten years of dedication, often above and beyond the call of duty, to the Pikes Peak Wildfire Prevention Partners. Chris will deliver her award when completed.
 - b. Zoo Project- PPWPP work day at the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo was approved by Zoo management. Tentative dates will be set for the week of May 14th (possibly May 19th). Two work dates were suggested; one for PPWPP members and a following day for groups affiliated with PPWPP members (Scouts, community groups, etc.). Expenses by members will be reimbursed. A motion was made and passed authorizing up to \$1,000.00 for the volunteer expenses and direct costs (fuel, refreshments, lunches, etc.). A media plan will be developed by Naomi Marcus, assisted by Dawn Sanchez, Dave Root and Jim Mesite. Roni Vale agreed to coordinate lunches and refreshments.
8. County Reports
- a. El Paso County- Dave Root noted that Ute Pass communities are working on their CWPP that will cover from Manitou Springs to Teller County. Mark Johnston reported the new Land Development Code for un-incorporated parts of El Paso County will be in affect beginning April 1st to cover weed plans, forest management and new wildfire regulations.
 - b. Douglas County- Randy Johnson reported the Douglas County Fire Chiefs Assoc. Fire Marshals Working Group is now working on updating DC wildfire regulations.
 - c. Teller County- No report

- d. Colorado Springs- Keith Worley provided a “realtor notice” from a Larkspur area realtor on Dwarf Mistletoe and Mtn. Pine Beetle as follow-up for possible addition of Wildfire as a “disclosure” item. Feed back from the Colorado Springs study suggested Wildfire was not currently a disclosure item in the WUI.
 - e. USFS- Pikes Peak- Brent Botts gave a brief update on activities in the Ranger District.
9. Committees
- a. Finance Committee- It was recommended the committee be discontinued at this time. A motion was made, 2nd and passed authorizing PPWPP to add the President, Treasurer and Secretary to the signature card for its bank accounts. Dawn Sanchez and Naomi Marcus presented possible items for spreading wildfire prevention messages. These will be presented at a future meeting for further consideration.
 - b. Futures Committee- The list developed in early 2006 will be presented for review at the next meeting.
 - c. Legislative Committee- Keith Worley presented an article on Allstate Insurance’s effort to inspect WUI properties. The article can be found in the Wednesday, January 17th Business section of the Rocky Mountain News (www.rockymountainnews.com/business)
10. FYI
- a. Chris Barth advised the group he is currently learning procedures for updating the web site.
 - b. The information web site for regional wildfire information can be accessed at www.rockymountainwildlandfire.info
 - c. A free subscription to the Natural Hazards Observer can be obtained at their web site www.colorado.edu/hazards/ or by mailing a request to Natural Hazards Center, Univ. of Colorado at Boulder, 482 UCB, Boulder, Co 80309-0482.
 - d. The Colorado Mitigation and Wildfire Conference will be in Pueblo, Colorado on April 13, 14, and 15th.
 - e. The Colorado Wildfire Academy will be June 2nd – 8th.

The next meeting will be February 8th, **12:30pm**, at the Colorado Springs Utilities Conservation Education Center, 2855 Mesa Road, Colorado Springs. Note the meeting time change for this meeting only.

A motion was made and passed to adjourn the meeting at 3:26

Submitted by:
Keith Worley, Secretary
PPWPPD
Approved at 2-8-07 Meeting