

Pikes Peak Wildfire Prevention Partners
January 10, 2008
UCCS Campus

1. The meeting was opened by Larry Long, District Forester of Woodland Park District of CSFS, to thank Marti Campbell for her tireless efforts in promoting wildfire safety through her efforts with the Coalition for the Upper South Platte and PPWPP.
2. The meeting was called to order at 12:45 with thanks to Mark Janssen and Chris Barth for organizing the meeting and luncheon.
3. Minutes of the December meeting were approved as written.
4. Treasurer's Report- A brief review of finances was given by Mark Janssen. Starting balance for the year was \$11,743.34 and ended with \$9,822.14. Motion was made and 2nd to approve the treasurer's report. Passed.
5. New Business-
 - a. Elections- Chris Barth reviewed the by-laws and announced that 16 paid members were allowed to vote. The following slate was presented by the nominating committee:
 - i. President- Chris Barth
 - ii. VP El Paso County Rep- Andrew Notbohm
 - iii. VP Douglas County Rep- Randy Johnson
 - iv. VP Teller County Rep- Vacant
 - v. Secretary- Keith Worley
 - vi. Treasurer- Mark Janssen
 - vii. Ad hoc- Agencies-
 1. CSFS- Dave Root
 2. AFA- Steve Wallace
 3. USFS- Brent Botts
 - viii. Motion was made, 2nd and passed to retain the Teller County seat as open.
 - ix. Motion was made, 2nd and passed to close nominations and appoint officers by acclamation.
 - b. Retirements-
 - i. Jim Mesite, founding member of PPWPP, is retiring effective January 31st. He has been with PPWPP since 1993. Patty Baxter (719-575-8418, {8401 after 31st}). Jim delivered event tracking information to the secretary.
 - ii. Vic Eklund, C. Springs Utilities, has also retired. Patrick Wells was present to insure continuity, but was not sure who will be attending future meetings for C. Springs. Util.
 - c. Dues Structure- Invoices will go out soon for those needing hardcopy invoices. Agency dues is currently \$25 and individual dues \$10. This will be discussed at a future meeting (May) prior to August (budget cycles).

- d. Hosting of Meetings- The schedule for meetings and locations was tentatively set as follows:
 - i. January- Done
 - ii. February- Teller County- Dave Root
 - iii. March- Teller County- Colorado Mountain Estates
 - iv. April- Douglas County- Randy Johnson
 - v. May- El Paso County- Patty Baxter or Fire Marshal
 - vi. June- El Paso County- Chris Barth
 - vii. July- Douglas County- Keith Worley
 - viii. August- Douglas County- Randy Johnson
 - ix. September- El Paso County- EP Environmental Services- Mark Johnston or John Powell
 - x. October- Dave Root
 - xi. November- AFA, Diane Strom
 - xii. December- USFS, Dawn Sanchez
- e. Road Ahead- 2008 and beyond
 - i. Cash Flow was discussed and possible revenue generation or fund raisers.
 - ii. Educational Efforts-
 - 1. Pod Casts, Fairs, Booths, School Districts, Service Groups, Brochure placement.
 - iii. Membership-
 - 1. Business Partners- Donors? Corporate Memberships? Sponsorships? Donation of in-kind materials, supplies.
 - 2. Outreach to other active groups- Teller County Alliance, Northern El Paso Community Association, etc.
 - iv. Presentations-
 - 1. As part of PPWPP regular meetings
 - 2. Post possible speaker's list/bureau
 - 3. Tie to revised/updated website
 - 4. Rocky Mtn. Insurance Industry Assoc.- Carol Walker
 - 5. Colo. Non-profit Assoc.
- f. Web Site Development-
 - i. Options for web site design were discussed ranging from university classes, non-profits, Middle Arkansas Partners.
 - ii. It was strongly felt the site must be re-built. Roni Vale and Dawn Sanchez will report back at the February meeting on possible "in-kind" web site developers.
- g. Colorado Springs Home and Garden Show, Phil Long Expo Center, Feb 29, Mar. 1&2-
 - i. Sign up sheet was passed for manning the booth. Set up will be Friday 8-12:00am.
 - ii. The "Firewise House" and diorama will be set up.

- iii. Sheryl Page will be contacted for hand-out materials (Dawn to follow up).
 - iv. Naomi Marcus will forward the previous Public Information handout to Roni Vale.
 - h. International Builders Show, February 2009- Roni requested assistance for manning a booth or aid with training session. Roni will also contact Michele Steinberg at NFPA (1-617-984-7487) for possible Firewise Communities participation.
 - i. Internet Magazine- Roni is working on an "Internet Magazine" for the Firewise Ranch and would like to link to PPWPP when developed.
- 6. Old Business
 - a. Spring Work Project- Black Forest Thinning Project. Dates will remain as April 25th and 26th, with weather dates for May 9th/10th. A draft press release and signup sheet will be available at the February meeting.
- 7. County Reports
 - a. El Paso County- A "Show-me" trip has been set for Cheyenne Mountain State Park. AFA is currently setting up for pile burning. It was recommended any opportunities for public participation in burning activities be developed. C. Springs Utilities is now including more water providers in its treatments at the watershed level. UCCS has completed its initial phase of fuel treatments around several campus areas. C. Springs Fire will be filling its new Fuels Program Coordinator on soon.
 - b. Douglas County- D. C Fire Marshals Working Group continues to work with DC on updating wildfire regulations. A public meeting was held January 8th. Roxborough Park recently completed over \$53,000 in fuel treatments on 70 acres. Perry Park fuel treatments have been lined out for mastication and thinning. The Woodlands-Escavera CWPP area is set to start its Firewise program in April with a huge PR push.
 - c. Teller County- "Community Assistance Grant" funding was made available by the Natl. Park Service for Red Zone software. A recent project was completed on 45 acres spread over 23 ownerships. Elk Valley Estates has started work on its fuel breaks. Mueller State Park projects are set to begin soon.
- 8. Committee Reports-
 - a. Legislative- The idea of developing an insurance industry standard for home inspections was discussed. This will be on the February agenda.
- 9. FYI's- None.
- 10. Motion made, 2nd and passed to adjourn at 3:41pm.

Reported by:
Keith Worley, Secretary