

Pikes Peak Wildfire Prevention Partners
March 13, 2008
Florissant Library

1. The meeting opened with introductions and thanks to Colorado Mountain Estates for hosting the meeting.
2. The minutes of January 10th were approved as amended by motion, 2nd and unanimous vote. NOTE: The February meeting was cancelled due to weather and illnesses resulting in a lack of quorum.
3. Treasurers Report- January bank balance was \$9,822.14. After dues income and approved expenses, ending balance is \$9,256.54 in February. Motion was made and 2nd and passed to approve the treasurer's report for February. Expenditures were approved leaving a March balance of \$9,241.57. Motion made, 2nd and passed approving the March treasurer's report. Dues are due by March 31st, with invoice payable to PPWPP. Dues are currently \$25 for agencies and companies and \$10 for individuals.
4. New Business-
 - a. 2008 Meeting Topics- Chris Barth presented a list of possible topics for discussion at future meetings. (see attached) Thoughts that came out of the discussion were:
 - i. We should handle what is already on our plate before we take on too many other items or issues. Currently, these are educational efforts and projects.
 - ii. Historically, PPWPP's goals were to avoid duplication of services, providing a standardized message, agency networking, clearinghouse for information, and to support and aid other agencies/partners in the group.
 - iii. Any new project or task should be brought before the group and approved.
 - iv. It was noted we may not know each other's expertise and experience.
 - v. Committees have typically formed from interest within the group.
5. Old Business-
 - a. 2008 Mitigation Projects-
 - i. Black Forest Thinning Project- Dave Root applied for a grant through Mountain View Electric to cover chipper rental costs. Sawyers are needed. Sawyers are to begin cutting at 8:00, slash draggers at 9:00 and chipping to begin at 9:30. Times are set for 8:00-4:00 Friday and 9:00-2:00 on Saturday.
 - ii. Emily Griffith Center- Nothing to report at this time other than the Center is still excited to receive assistance.
 - b. Web Site Development- Dawn's contact did not pan out. Roni suggested "Presis" as an option. David Ury suggested contacting

Campbell Consulting for consideration. Chris will follow up with a list of needs for the web site.

- c. Colorado Springs Home and Garden Show was recapped. Roni reported on contacts she made for possible follow up at future dates. Thanks to all who were able to participate.
- d. Question arose on the location of the PPWPP History notebooks. All who have PPWPP materials are asked to dig through their boxes to see if these can be located.

6. County Reports

- a. El Paso County- Kyle Anderson gave a brief report on his wood waste disposal site in Monument using an "air curtain burner." Tim Rineholt, Seedmasters, reported on his new Fecon mastication machine. Dave Ury reported on HB-1110 regarding a possible income tax deduction for wildfire mitigation. He also reported on implemented changes to the North Group's wildland codes requiring sprinkler systems on homes over 6,000 sq. ft. Estimated costs are running \$2-2.50 per sq. ft. Dave Root reported Palmer Lake is beginning its CWPP process. He also noted the Garden of the Gods project is nearing completion.
- b. Douglas County- Randy Johnson reported on the status of amendments to the Douglas County Wildland Codes through DC Building Department. Sandstone Ranch, recently approved by DC, will have many wildfire related improvements done prior to development and were included in development documents. Keith Worley reported on pending fuel treatment projects in Perry Park, Roxborough Park, and Woodlands-Escavera neighborhood.
- c. Teller County- CUSP (Coalition for Upper South Platte) is targeting needy homeowners and elderly for its treatment projects. The Catamount Institute shaded fuel break (6 acres) has been completed. Navajo Mountain reported on their use of "Slash Engineers" for hauling slash. The slash/mulch site in Divide is to be supervised by CUSP. Colo. Mtn. Estates is also working with CUSP on several projects. Woodrock has initiated its CWPP process, along with Ridgewood. Florissant Fossil Beds National Park will begin their spring slash pile burning.

7. FYI's

- a. Roni reminded anyone interested in attending the International Builders show in Florida, 2009, should contact her for information.
- b. SB-39 was mentioned as pending legislation requiring training for fire coordinators.
- c. SB-80 was mentioned as pending legislation allowing a tax credit for volunteer fire fighters.
- d. Keith reported he will be presenting at the National Firewise Conference in Tampa, Florida this fall on "Humor in the Wooo-Eeee" and "Developing Firewise Curriculums." Chris will be presenting his sociological study on "Buyer Awareness in the WUI."

8. The next meeting will be at the Larkspur Fire Station, 9414 S. Spruce Mountain Road in Larkspur.

Motion was made, 2nd and passed to adjourn at 3:35pm.

Submitted by:
Keith Worley, Secretary