

Pikes Peak Wildfire Prevention Partners
Membership Meeting
May 8, 2008
El Paso County Office of Emergency Management

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:35pm. Introductions were made and thanks to EPCo OEM for hosting the meeting.
2. Minutes of April 10 were not approved due to late delivery.
3. Treasurer's Report- Three memberships were paid (Pikes Peak Ranger District, Air Force Academy, CSFS) with deposits of \$90. Beginning balance was \$9,276.11, and ending balance \$9,264.12. The donation check from Mountain View Electric will be picked up by Mark. Funds will be used to acquire PPE (personal protective equipment) for the El Paso Wildland Fire Crew. Motion was made, 2nd and passed approving the treasurer's report. 501C3 status has been lost temporarily and will be refilled. A grant request has been submitted to the Woodland Park Wal-Mart.
4. New Business-
 - a. International Builders Show- Roni Vale, nothing to report.
 - b. A summer BBQ was discussed to celebrate PPWPP's 15th anniversary and recognize past members. A tentative date was set for the September membership meeting, 12:00-3:30.
 - c. It was reported that Craig Paddock, Wildfire Mitigation Inspector for Douglas County, had passed away recently. Condolence cards were to be sent from PPWPP.
5. Old Business-
 - a. Black Forest Thinning Demo project was recapped by Dave Root. Recognition was given to Ruth Ann Steele for her efforts in setting up the Black Forest Slash/Mulch Site. Thankyou's and donations will be sent out. The Explorer Troop will accept a donation of PPE. Motion was made, 2nd and passed, to approve expenditure of \$250 for the Explorers. Chris Barth will prepare Certificates of Appreciation to all parties that donated time and money to the effort.
 - b. Emily Griffith Center project to begin planning for fall project. A one day event was encouraged with tentative date of September 20th. Randy will report in next month.
 - c. Web Site Development- Chris reported on contacts with Campbell Consulting on re-doing the web site. It was suggested they attend the June meeting to make a presentation. Examples of their site development include www.ngfire.org and www.bffire.org.
6. County Reports-
 - a. El Paso County- Robert reported on status of the re-organization of the EPCo OEM division. It was reported the Front Range Fuel Treatment Project is looking for a community to select as a major project with up to \$160,000 available. The Palmer Lake VFD

CWPP is in progress. The Colorado Springs Chipping Program is in full gear for the field season. Dennis Will is working on permitting process for tree/mitigation firms licensing/permitting through Colorado Springs. The Black Forest Slash/Mulch Site is now open for the season. (www.bfslash.org)

- b. Douglas County- Keith reported fuel treatment projects in progress in Woodlands-Escavera, Roxborough Park, and Perry Park. A private fuel treatment project is in progress on the Tomah Forest site. Keith passed out his class list for May and June.
7. Committee Reports-
 - a. The Allstate public relations contact is setting up a media day with Chris.
8. Events and FYI-
 - a. Wildfire Academy set for May 31- June 6th.
 - b. A video, "Does Evacuation Always Put Life Safety First?" is now available from www.firewise.org .
 - c. Keith requested information on availability of "Wildlife Tree" signs previously available through USFS and CSFS. No source is known.
 - d. The Air Force Academy is studying evacuation planning.
 - e. The Rocky Mountain Wildlife exhibit at the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo is now open, and includes a wildfire component.
9. Next meeting- Cheyenne Mountain State Park Visitors Center, June 12th, 1:30pm.
10. Motion was made, 2nd and passed to adjourn the meeting at 3:30pm.

Submitted by:
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