



Pikes Peak Wildfire Prevention Partners Monthly Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Thursday, August 13, 2009
Meeting Time: **1:00 – 3:00 pm**
Meeting Location: El Paso Sheriff's Office, Emergency Services, Colo. Springs, Co

Thank you to Kathy Russell, EPCoSO-OES for hosting the meeting.

1. Call to Order at 1:05, and Introductions
2. Approval of Minutes. Motion made, 2nd and passed to approve minutes of July 9, 2009.
3. Treasurer's Report- Starting balance of \$6,840.17 and ending balance of \$6,905.17. Walt Seely reported \$1,124.18 in-kind. Motion made, 2nd to accept Treasurer's Report.
4. New Business
 - a. Chris Barth announced his resignation as president of PPWPP. He has accepted a job with the Montrose Interagency Management Unit based in Montrose, Colorado. After a teary-eyed speech, the group thanked him for his years of commitment to PPWPP. There wasn't a dry eye in the house. Jill Alexander and Andrew Notbohm will fill in until elections in January. Randy Johnson will assist with web site maintenance.
 - b. Kyle Anderson announced birth of Ezekiel as a new employee of Anderson Stump Grinding.
5. Old Business
 - a. Smokey' Birthday report by Cheryl Paige . Check was written out to cover expenses of da bear's birthday cake per motion passed in July.
 - b. New banner expense will be researched by Keith for use at future PPWPP attended events.
6. Committee Reports-
 - a. Santa Fe Trail project will be led by Andrew. Dates of September 25th and 26th were set. Brett Botts will work on press release tied to National Day of Service. EP Wildland crew offered use of its chipper and crew. Keith will contact Palmer Lake Fire for their assistance with manpower.
 - b. By-law revisions will be taken on by the executive board.
7. County Reports
 - a. El Paso
 - i. Kyle reported good activity with his firm.
 - ii. Black Forest Regional Park will be completing 5-7 acres of fuel treatment.
 - iii. Air Force Academy mitigation efforts continuing on schedule. Mtn. pine beetle activity dropped from 300 trees to 30 this year.

- iv. Roni Vale reported development of a slash disposal program and Firewise Day on September 19th in SW Hwy 115 Fire District.
 - v. Kathy Russell explained her role in developing the EP Co. CWPP.
 - vi. Dave Root continues to pursue goats as the national solutions to fuels management with his on-going experience in Manitou Springs. Can we expect roast goat (kid) at the October meeting?
 - vii. Colorado Springs reported on-going mitigation/educational efforts in Peregrine, Broadmoor Bluffs, Bear Creek, Mt. St. Francis.
 - viii. A 320 acre fuel treatment project was awarded in the Pikes Peak Watershed by C. Springs Utilities.
 - ix. El Paso Wildland Crew is in a new location (new Penske building) with Bobby White as new Crew Chief.
- b. Douglas-
- i. Tim Rineholt reported work on a 30 acre tract.
 - ii. Jill reported on-going efforts in Burning Tree Ranch spurred on by the PPWPP project.
 - iii. Dawson Butte Open Space mitigation/forest management progressing well. Swingle is the contractor.
 - iv. Roxborough Park bid out its annual mitigation work.
 - v. Woodlands-Escavera held its Firewise Day with great success. Mitigation work is scheduled to start in September.
 - vi. Perry Park fuel treatments are in progress with Dove Creek Enterprises as primary contractor.
 - vii. Larkspur Properties (next to Town of Larkspur) completed its fuel treatments and dwarf mistletoe buffer work on 45 acres.
 - viii. Larkspur Fire's Station 1 construction/upgrade is nearing completion and work on Station 3 in progress.
- c. Teller-
- i. Mueller State Park to begin fuel treatments on 450 acres of the park.
 - ii. Woodland Park Healthy Forest Initiative progress on its CWPP is on-going.
 - iii. Mitigation work completed or in progress in Majestic Peak, Ridgewood, Sturman Industries, and Aspen Valley Ranch.
8. Upcoming Events-
- a. USFS to have a booth at State Fair.
 - b. SW Hwy 115 to host Firewise Fair on Sept. 19th.
9. FYI- Nothing to report.
- a. Keith reported on the comment period for adoption of the Colorado Roadless Rule and effort to overturn wildfire mitigation language. The documents are available at www.dnr.state.co.us/roadlessrule. Please comment to the governor's office at roadless.comment@state.co.us by September 30th.
 - b. Breckenridge rescinded its wildfire regulations recently as a giant step backwards in addressing the wildfire issue in Colorado.
10. October Meeting: Meeting locations for remainder of the year:
- a. **September 10th, 1:00pm- Woodland Park Library** (host Dave Root)
 - b. October 8th - Perry Park (host Keith Worley. 7377 Osage Road, Perry Park (Larkspur) at Keith's Firewise Lab. Plan on being there at 12:00 for lunch and light meeting schedule.)
 - c. November 12th - Larkspur Fire Station No. 1 (host Randy Johnson)

- d. December 10th - Air Force Academy (host Diane Strom)
11. Adjourned at 2:35pm.

2009 Dues are PAST DUE

(We expect AFA dues any day now. 3 weeks?)

Pikes Peak Wildfire Prevention Partners
Executive Board Meeting following membership meeting
August 13, 2009, 2:40pm

In attendance: Chris Barth, Walt Seely, Andrew Notbohm, Jill Alexander, Keith Worley.

Note: No formal actions were taken at this meeting.

- Chris will pass on all electronic documents to Andrew and Jill, with copies to Keith.
- Walt will obtain signature cards for the bank account.
- Chris reviewed goals for the year as follows:
 - Projects have been successfully run under Chris' leadership with on-going planning of Santa Fe Trail project to be lead by Andrew with assistance from the board.
 - Goal of 20 paid members was met.
 - New web site was implemented.
 - Educational efforts of PPWPP are on-going and could be strengthened with more active member participation.
 - Annual picnic to be held at Keith's residence in October as a more social meeting.
 - Fiscal management under Walt's leadership has stayed on track.
 - Fund raising will be an on-going task of all- not just the board. Goal of having \$10,000 in the bank was not met, but reserves stabilized.
 - By-law amendments will be a task of the executive board.

By-law Amendments- The following items will be recommended to the membership as amendments to the by-laws:

1. Non-discrimination and sexual harassment clauses should be added.
 2. No alcohol or drugs should be allowed at PPWPP functions/activities.
 3. Upon payment of dues, members should acknowledge receipt of the by-laws and agree to abide by them.
 4. Check authorization/signing should require two signatures if in excess of \$250.00.
 5. Policies and procedures should be developed to cover IAP's.
- (restated from previous Executive Committee meeting)