



Pikes Peak Wildfire Prevention Partners Monthly Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Thursday, July 9, 2009
Meeting Time: **1:00 – 3:00 pm**
Meeting Location: Cedar Heights, Colorado Springs, Co

Thank you to Cedar Heights Homeowners for hosting the meeting.

1. Call to Order at 1:01, and Introductions
2. Approval of Minutes. Motion made, 2nd and passed to approve minutes of June 11, 2009.
3. Treasurer's Report- Starting balance of \$6,815.17 and ending balance of \$6,840.17. Walt Seely reported \$1,099 in-kind to-date. Goal of 20 paid members has been met. Motion made, 2nd to accept Treasurer's Report.
4. New Business
 - a. Dana Butler (USFS) presented on the recent Australian fires (Black Sunday) in which 3,500 structures (2,200 homes), 1.1 million acres burned, 173 lives lost.
 - b. Smokey's birthday, August 8th, Monument, Colo. PPWPP to staff booth (Keith Worley). Motion was made, 2nd and passed to cover expenses for the birthday cake, not to exceed \$100.
5. Old Business
 - a. The executive board reported on its meeting of June 23rd. See attached report.
 - b. Mitigation Project updates- No reports.
 - c. Campfire Soup- No report.
 - d. Insurance and liability coverage- see executive committee report.
6. Committee Reports- to be presented at August meeting.
7. County Reports
 - a. El Paso
 - i. AFA- It was rumored that AFA may be paying their dues this year.
 - ii. Dave Root reported that "stimulus moneys" may be available in three weeks for mitigation projects.
 - iii. Chris Barth distributed copies of the Cedar Heights Evacuation Drill DVD.
 - b. Douglas-
 - i. Woodlands-Escavera- Firewise Day set for July 11th.
 - ii. Roxborough Park- Emergency Egress construction delayed by State Parks (fur/feather issues).
 - c. Teller- Nothing to report.
8. Upcoming Events
9. FYI- Nothing to report.

- a. Front Range Fuel Treatment Partnership grants due by July 15th.
 - b. Keith advised the group of the October meeting to be held at his residence in Perry Park, with lunch served.
10. Next Meeting: El Paso Sheriff's Office- Emergency Management, Colorado Springs.
 11. Adjourned at 2:15pm to a field trip led by Andrew Notbohm.

2009 Dues are PAST DUE

Pikes Peak Wildfire Prevention Partners
Executive Board Meeting
June 23, 2007, 3:30pm
Starbucks- Monument

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

Note: No formal actions were taken at this meeting.

Board and volunteer liability- Keith presented two Colorado State Statutes and one Federal Statute regarding volunteerism. These were:

1. CRS-13-21-115.9. Immunity from civil liability for directors, officers, or trustees-nonprofit corporations or nonprofit organizations.
2. CRS-13-21-115.5 Volunteer Services Act; and
3. United States Code Sec. 14501, Title 42, Chapter 139- Volunteer Protection, a.k.a. Volunteer Protection Act.

Jill reported on conversations with insurance providers on little need for insurance coverage by an organization like PPWPP. The state and federal statutes listed above re-enforce limits of liability for the board and members. The consensus was, generally, risks to PPWPP are low. The board concurred that waivers should be developed for future use. An incident action plan (IAP) is recommended for any major PPWPP project. It was acknowledged that individual members are acting in a volunteer capacity and responsible for their own medical coverage.

PPWPP Logo Use- It was suggested that all PPWPP members be allowed to use the logo showing "member" status only. Use of the logo, on a fee basis was discussed. Usage should be covered in policies and procedures guidelines.

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.

Web Site Maintenance- Walt, Chris and Jill will be authorized to add or amend the web site.

Other items discussed were:

1. Clarification of Mission Statement.
2. Possible payment of dues by credit card.
3. Annual picnic, award and recognition programs.
4. Possible October luncheon hosted and funded by Keith Worley at his "Always In Progress" Firewise Cottage/laboratory in Perry Park.

Reminder- July 9th meeting at Cedar Heights.