



Pikes Peak Wildfire Prevention Partners Monthly Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Thursday, September 10, 2009
Meeting Time: **1:00 – 3:00 pm**
Meeting Location: Woodland Park Library, Woodland Park, Co

Thank you to Dave Root, Asst. Dist. Forester, Woodland Park District of CSFS for hosting the meeting.

1. Call to Order at 1:04, and Introductions
2. Approval of Minutes. Motion made, 2nd and passed to approve minutes of August 13, 2009 as amended.
3. Treasurer's Report- Starting balance of \$6,905.17 and ending balance of \$6,828.19. Payment was made for Smokey's birthday cake. Walt Seeley reported \$1,371.76 in-kind. Motion made, 2nd to accept Treasurer's Report. Walt will follow up with Bruce Fosdick on tax filings.
4. New Business- None to report
5. Old Business
 - a. Stimulus (American Recovery and Re-investment Act) funds now available for large scale projects. The funding is a "jobs" bill. Apply through Terrie Craven at state CSFS office. Information available at www.csfs.colostate.edu. Perry Park will be submitting a grant application. PPWPP will provide letter of support.
6. Committee Reports-
 - a. Santa Fe Trail project will be led by Andrew. Dates of September 25th and 26th were finalized. Brett Botts will work on press release tied to National Day of Service. He will meet press/media at south trailhead on Saturday, 9:00am. EP Wildland crew offered use of its chipper and crew. Keith will contact Palmer Lake Fire for their assistance with manpower. (Note: Palmer Lake Board of Trustees approved project at their meeting on Sept. 10th). The following is a list of duties/assignments:
 - i. Friday meeting time is 8:00am at the north trailhead in Palmer Lake. Safety briefing at 8:00 sharp. Project time for Friday is 8:00-3:00.
 - ii. Saturday meeting time is 8:30 at north trailhead. Safety briefing at 8:30. Project time is 8:30-12:00.
 - iii. Lock-out post removal to be coordinated with El Paso County Parks. Andrew to follow up and schedule.
 - iv. Traffic cones (C. Springs fire and Keith) and "Tree Work Ahead signs (Keith) to be set up prior to work.

- v. Food and beverages- Keith to purchase drinks and ice. Coolers needed. Brent to purchase pizza on way to event at approx. 12:00 on Friday.
 - vi. Saw gas and oil- All gas mix at 50:1. C. Springs, Kyle Anderson and Keith to bring mix and oil.
 - vii. Power Pruner- Randy J. to bring with PPE.
 - viii. Communications to be via cell phones and Nextel. Cell number list to be distributed at Friday safety meeting.
 - ix. Photos- Diane Strom elected to take photos (if she is available). Others to bring digital cameras.
 - x. Incident Action Plan (IAP) to be done by Josh K.
- b. Request for spring 2010 projects now open. Keith suggested Larkspur Elementary School and will coordinate with Randy J. on proposal.
7. County Reports
- a. El Paso
 - i. Kyle reported good activity with residential properties.
 - ii. Black Forest Regional Park will be completed 7 acres of fuel treatment.
 - iii. Air Force Academy mitigation efforts continuing on schedule.
 - iv. Roni Vale reported development of a slash disposal program and Firewise Day on September 19th in SW Hwy 115 Fire District.
 - v. SW Highway 115 Fire Protection District completed its first slash/mulch project. A "Firewise Day" is set for September 19th.
 - vi. No word from Dave Root on his pursuit of goats as the national solution to fuels management.
 - vii. Colorado Springs reported on-going mitigation/educational efforts in Peregrine, Neal Ranch and Cheyenne Mountain Zoo. Andrew will be preparing contractor bid packages for winter and spring mitigation projects.
 - b. Douglas-
 - i. Jill reported on-going mitigation of the Dawson Butte Open Space. An extra 30 acres will be treated.
 - ii. Roxborough Park began its annual mitigation work.
 - iii. Woodlands-Escavera. Mitigation work bid held on September 2nd.
 - iv. Perry Park fuel treatments now completed for 2009. Randy reported on Mexican Spotted Owl survey for the USFS Perry Park Project. Randy reported an infestation of mountain lions at his residence (Four!!!!).
 - v. The Douglas County WUI training exercise for 2010 will be held in Roxborough Park.
 - c. Teller-
 - i. Brent Botts reported award of first 2,000 acre Stewardship project to Western Range Reclamation with 2,000 acres guaranteed per year. It was suggested PPWPP be invited on a field trip.
 - ii. Mueller State Park fuel treatments on 450 acres of the park are still done.
 - iii. Woodland Park Healthy Forest Initiative progress on its CWPP is on-going with mapping and setting of priorities.
 - iv. Mitigation work completed in Majestic Peak, and Sturman Parkway project partially completed.

- v. CUSP completed mtn. pine beetle control along the Hwy 24 corridor. CUSP is one of the funding conduits for community projects funded by WPHFI.
8. Upcoming Events-
 - a. SW Hwy 115 to host Firewise Fair on Sept. 19th.
 9. FYI-
 - a. Keith reminds everyone of 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. Fire mitigation interpretive signs were installed at the Section 16 fuel treatment demonstration area. Barr Trail interpretive signs also being installed.
 - c. Keith requested old fire scarred stumps for educational tools for teaching fire ecology to homeowners.
 10. October Meeting: Meeting locations for remainder of the years:
 - a. October 8th - Perry Park (host Keith Worley. 7377 Osage Road, Perry Park (Larkspur) at Keith's Fire Wise Guy Lab. Plan on being there at 12:00 for lunch and light meeting schedule. Bring a dessert to share.)
 - b. November 12th - Larkspur Fire Station No. 1 (host Randy Johnson)
 - c. 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?)

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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)