



Aukum Fairplay Firesafe Council Meeting Minutes

April 20,2022

1. The meeting was **called to order** by Chair Janet Barentson at 7:05 pm.

2. Attendees

Board Members: Janet Barentson Ed Matwich, Ken Pimlott, Greg LaDeaux (zoom) Sandy Hodnett, John Hess, Mike Cook, Mike Pinette (zoom), Jane Taylor, Kim Biskner

Guest: Aarron Hargo, Shiela Triebull **ORFSC**,

3. Janet made a motion to add an item to the agenda. She added Item D – defensible space

Motion made and carried.

A **motion was made and carried** to approve the **Agenda** for the April 20th

4. **Minutes** of the March 16th meeting minutes had to be amended. The Tree guys in-kind donation for the Pioneer School Fuel Reduction Day was \$1600 not \$1000.

A **motion was made and carried** to approve the amended Council Meeting minutes

5. **Treasurer's Report:** A **motion was made and carried** to approve the Treasurers Report.

6. Chair and Vice chair reports

A. Ed Matwich

a. Ed checked into microphones for computer. Will continue searching for better deal.

B. Janet Barenston

a. Janet renewed the FSC entity with El Dorado Council.

7. Partner Reports

A. Ken Pimlott EDCFSC

a. Red Flag Warning signs are available.

b. Cal Fire grants hopefully back by June of this year.

c. Vegetation Management Program is kicking off soon.

d.The County is converting from **Code Red** to a Statewide system **Rave Alert**.

e. The Chipping Program opened, and was filled in 2 days. Additional funding was added, and was filled in 3-4 days. The program is now closed.

f. The **Community Wildfire Protection Plan** was discussed on how it will be advising the Boards on issues,

g. There is a **new FSC** – Wright Lake/ Dark Lake. Greenstone is also interested in becoming a FSC.

h. Janet mentioned that PG&E are changing the way their contractors take down trees from private land. Owners can ask for removal of trees cut on their property. Jane Taylor said that she thinks there is paperwork that the landowners can fill out requesting removal orders

B. Shiela Triebull ORFSC

a. ORFSC is having a Green Waste Day on May 7th.

b. They will be having a defensible space workshop Sat. April 23rd.

c. Fundraising strategies were discussed. Sheila had ideas of getting all of the local FSC's together taking advantage of other programs already in effect and incorporating them into simple fundraisers for our local FSC's.

8. Activities Reports

A. Jane / Newsletter

a. Jane mentioned speaking to USFS and said he would be interested in speaking at a meeting.

B Ed Matwich/Time sheets

a. Ed mentioned that the time sheets were disappearing from the post office. He will look for a solution.

9. Unfinished Business

A. Laison Program

a. Mary will be on leave for at least 6 months. When she returns, she will take on the development of the Laison Program for the AFFSC.

B . Go Bag Contest

a. We had only 1 response for the Go Bag Contest. Advertisement was discussed. Social Media will be used as well.

10. New Business

A. Fuel Break tour

a. Robert Little will be offering a **tour of the Caldor fuel break** on Sat. May 7 from 9am –2pm. There will be lunch served at the end.

B. Mike Cook / defensible space

a. There are currently 1-2 evaluations a month. Mike showed an interest in making this bigger than it is by using fundraisers and showcasing the work they did at Pioneer school. He suggested a gathering at the school.

b. The council discussed having the defensible space evaluators put up a display at the green waste day, including offering on-demand evaluations that day, staff permitting. It could be advertised with the green waste day outreach.

c. John Hess said he will look into the cost of flyers.

11. Public Comment

A. Aaron Hargo said that he will be donating a chipper or dumpster for the green day.

Respectfully submitted: Secretary Kim Biskner

Good of the Order:

The Executive Board will meet on May 4, 2022 by ZOOM.

The next AFFSC Council meeting will be a hybrid meeting on May 18, 2022,

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29pm

2022 Calendar:

April: Go Bag Contest

May 7: Field Tour of fuel reduction project

May 18: Evacuation Preparedness: Animal Evacuation:

May: Wildfire Prevention Week: Go Bag Contest Winner

October: Fire Safety Month

AFFSC Monthly Schedule:

1st Wednesday 7:00 pm Executive Board Meeting

2nd Wednesday Secretary sends out: Meeting call with Agenda and Minutes to Council members and Stakeholders

3rd Wednesday 7:00 pm Monthly Council Meeting

4th Wednesday Secretary sends out: Draft Minutes and Draft Agenda for next Council meeting to Executive Board

ORFSC meeting 4th Saturday 9:00 am at TBA