



MINUTES
Aukum Fairplay FireSafe Council
April 15, 2020
7- 9 pm
Zoom Meeting

1. Meeting was **called to order** by Chair John Hess at 7:00 pm
2. **Introductions** were made/Attendees: John Hess, Mary Elliott-Klemm, Ed Matwich, Ken Pimlott, Jane Taylor, Janet Barentson, Gary Clark, Susie Clark, Norman Ross, Christine Mania, Greg LaDeaux, Shirley Woods, Richard Carlson, Sue Wilson
3. The **Agenda** for the April 15, 2020 meeting was approved. Motion Greg/2nd Janet. One change: under New Business add Elections .
4. **Minutes** of the February 19, 2020 Council Meeting approved. Motion Greg/2nd Jane.
5. **Chair and Vice Chairs' Report:** Chair: PG&E: cutting in Slug Gulch, Cedar Creek is marked, Showcase is partially marked and will be started soon, Outingdale, beginning inspections, Perry Creek are cutting. Webinar: Radio for the Rest of Us coming soon.

Vice Chair: Microsoft Office 365 can provide free storage. Will try it out and work out how it is being used for record storage. Remember your Time Sheets! John will send out another reminder. The information about Time Sheets is on the Website along with an explanation of both the regular Time Sheets and Grant Time Sheets.

6. **Treasurer's Report:** There is \$320.55 in the bank. There has been no activity in the main account. Motion-Approved to accept the report. Ed/2nd Ken

8. Information Items

a. Agency Reports

i. EDCFSC: an Online Webex meeting: John Hess: 1. Congratulations to the Oakhill FSC for obtaining FireWise USA approval. 2. Defensible Space Evaluation training is on May 26 at the BOS Training Room from 3-5. It will be videotaped. 3. Chipping: 57% of the resources have been used. 4. Veteran and Senior programs might have some funding. 5. New Grants Committee: We are seeking help. 6. EDC Vegetation Management Ordinance: no changes. It will be effective on June 1. The intent is to encourage folks to become compliant 7. Request to USDA Natural Resource Committee, Danny Marquis, to make a webinar about grants 8. Fiddletown did a webinar on Home Hardening and Evacuation. Links are on our website.

b. Committee Lead Reports

i. By-Laws/PP Manual: By-Laws has been approved. The Draft Policy and Procedures Manual: in progress

ii. Outreach Committee: Website: (information sent out by email after the meeting) Gary has been updating the website. Newsletter: Jane reported that it is in the mail!!!!. Mary reported several events have been cancelled. Outreach Meeting was cancelled. She plans to phone individual members.

iii. Grants: The CCI grant was not awarded to our Council. Project Manager, Christine Cook-Mania, explained the status of the Outreach Grant reporting . Next report is due May 1. John will send the Quarterly Report to Janet.

iv. Defensible Space Committee: Richard Carlson shared that they completed 5 evaluations in February. John will check the website for Seniors to see if they

are ready to accept applications yet and will forward the information to Richard.

v. CWPP/Risk Assessment Committee: 1. The Committee and Board met on March 21 with Deer Creek Resources. The four areas of focus are Outingdale, Fair-play Road, Pioneer School, which is proposed as a staging area, and Omo Ranch Rd. There was discussion about adding an area North of the river at Outingdale to create a 150-300 foot fuel break to slow the fire down if it comes up the drainage. The CWPP committee communicated in writing to the contractor requesting that fuel treatments should be performed on all major roads in AFFSC and in the Cedar Creek area. We wonder if we can propose projects on Dean Road as we coordinate with Amador County and their efforts in River Pines. There may be opportunities for the Contractor to share their Fire Spread programs. The Contractor also met with the Fire District. We will be sent another proposal then it will go to the BOS for final approval. The CWPP is a plan and any projects will have particular specifications. 2. The FireWise signs have been made with the Council logo below the FireWise sign. They will be posted near River Pines at Mt. Aukum Road as well as at Grey's Corner. Greg volunteered to help post them.

vi. Fundraising: not addressed

10. **Old Business:**

a. New members: Keep looking...

b. Clothing: need someone to take the lead. Greg recommends that Vista Print is great if we need another company

11. **New Business:**

a. Council Member Agreement: other associate councils don't have a similar agreement. The Board decided not to pursue this further.

b. Cedar Creek: Since our Council has been contacted by residents from the area, and there have been 4-5 Defensible Space Evaluations done in the area, and John has notified Omo Ranch that we are considering adding this neighborhood, it was moved by Dick/2nd Greg and approved by the Council to add the 75 residences in Cedar Creek to our Council.

c. Elections Committee: John will send out an email to ask for 2 people to be on a nominating committee. Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and At large member are all up for election in June. The committee should contact present Board members to see if they are interested in the positions and identify any other people who might be interested in the positions.

d. Richard Carlson asked how much data the Zoom meetings consumed. Greg volunteered to check.

12. **Public Comment:** Shirley Woods commented that she really appreciates all the work of the Council.

13. **Council Comment:**

14. **Good of the Order:** The next AFFSC Council meeting will be May 20, 2020. The Executive Board will meet on May 6, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47.

2020 Calendar:

March 7: display at Thank-you dinner for Crab Banquet: attended by Mary and Sandy R.
March 21: CWPP contractor meeting- attended by Board
April 4: EDCFSC Annual Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser
April 11: display at PVFA Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt
May 9: Safety Day: in cooperation with PFPD: READY! display
June 13: ORFSC Fundraiser
June 27: D'Agostini Amarado Festival: Display
October: Fire Prevention Month TBD

AFFSC Monthly Schedule

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| 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 Weds 7:00 pm | Monthly Council Meeting |
| 4th Weds | Secretary sends out: Draft Minutes and Draft Agenda for next Council meeting to Executive Board |
| Monday before Exec. Board meeting | Exec Board Agenda sent out (John) |
| GFFSC meeting | 1st Saturday 9:30 am at Grizzly Flats Community Church (Ed) |
| ORFSC meeting | 4th Saturday 9:00 am at Indian Diggings School |

~~Committee Meetings: Outreach : First Tuesday of each month; 3:00-4:30 pm~~