



## MINUTES

Aukum Fairplay FireSafe Council

February 17, 2021

7- 9 pm

ZOOM Meeting

1. Meeting was **called to order** by Chair John Hess at 7:10 pm. Attendees:, John, Mary Elliott-Klemm, Ed Matwich, Greg Ladeaux, Janet Barenston, Ken Pimlott, Mike Davidson, Michael Pinette, Judy Hobson, Shiela and Pat from ORFSC, Jane Taylor, Kara Garrett, Mike Cook
2. The **Agenda** for the February 17, 2021 meeting was approved.
3. **Minutes** of the January 20, 2021 Council Meeting approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report**: was approved.
5. **Chair's Report**: EDCFSC meeting today: Ken Pimlott was elected to serve on the EDC Council and will serve as the interim Vice-Chair. John will retain his membership, but Ken will be the official representative from AFFSC.
6. **Vice-Chair's Report none**
7. **Agency Reports**
  - a.EDCFSC: reported by Ken
    - i. Defensible Space Training:
      - 1). In person training in a safe CoVID way.
      - 2). Publicity: John will send out an email, Jane Social Media asking for anyone interested in doing the training. Needed by end of month.
      - 3).Want to blend in the VMO training as well.
    - ii. VMO progress:
      - 1). next area: Hanks Exchange, Deer Valley Rd.
      - 2). Focus on the education piece through the FSCs.
      - 3) At present about 2/3 non compliance. More education is needed.
    - iii. Ron Phillips: State Fire Chiefs
      - 1). Engaged in a White Paper on Fire Insurance issue
      - 2). Title 14 and FireSafe regulation: Engaged in reviewing the standards at Board of Forestry. Looking at Rural Water Supply systems
    - iv. Address signs: Standard is 4". Reflective, green background. Still conflicts which are being addressed.
    - v. GMRS: Radio networks:
      - 1)concern about liability, accurate information
      - 2)morphing into a Neighborhood Radio Watch.

3) FireSafe is working in tandem. We are not adopting Neighborhood Radio Watch as a Council, but we will share information. It is a separate effort.

4) Contact is *El Dorado County Amateur Radio Club*.

vi. Office 365 is a Microsoft system we are starting to use, primarily for Cloud document storage.

vii. PGE grant to County Council...funding perhaps available in August.

viii. Green Waste Removal:

1) Chipping program. No other funds available for Chipping program.

2) County working with ED Disposal with dumpsters and coordination of green waste pick up.

ix. Senior programs seeking grants

x. County Wide Community Wildfire Protection Plan CWPP:

1) Projects identified

2) Vendor working on treatments.

3) Plan projected to be approved by next year this time. They are finishing summary language, fine tuning the project recommendations. Needs to be presented to CalFire, other agencies, and finally BOS. Contractor done with work in fall and back to us.

4) We don't have to wait for the document to be completed to apply for grants.

xi. EDCFSC grants committee making progress.

xii. PVFSC declared inactive

b. PFPD: Kara :

i. Fire Hydrant Marker. working with county and PDFA to create a standard.

ii. Local Boot Drive: Feb. 27 10 am-3:30 pm Grizzly Flat and Mt. Aukum intersection.

iii. QRT program recruiting and retraining -need volunteers

iv. Emergency Response Workshop March 20 Virtual, 10-noon. Will send out an event flier next week. Ed and John will attend.

v. Report: Grizzly Flats fire event: Advice: call El Dorado Sheriffs Office or Pioneer Fire Protection District in case of a fire for information. Utilized Code Red at the Fire.

c. ORFSC: Shiela:

i. Community Outreach goals :pursuing tri-councils group signage. Would we want to join them?

ii. Grant committee focusing on May 1 Clean up Day.

iii. Potential new VP: Ken Hobbs is interim .

iv. Online insurance form on EDC website. Need to have it added to their insurance.

v. concern about clear signage for water tanks.

d. GFFSC: John reported from Feb. 6 meeting:

i. Tod Crawford: Bucks Bar Bridge projected construction date April 2022-Sept. 2022.

ii. CHP Andrew Brown- been tasked with addressing and developing an evacuation vehicle siren notification.

## **8. Activities Lead Reports**

- a. Outreach Committee:
  - i. Gary has been very responsive to do updates
  - ii. Newsletter:
    - Jane: newsletter will be quarterly: next one in April, needs articles
- b. Defensible Space Committee:
  - i. Update: AFFSC has done 66 evaluations 6 remaining, 4 evaluators
  - ii. Looking for coordinator to manage requests and spreadsheet
  - iii. Wendy Dobson, Sharon Jenkins, Tom Turner, and Mike Davidson, will continue to do inspections
- c. Fundraising: Address Signs:
  - i. John has all materials from Richard.
  - ii. John made 6 signs
  - iii. Sign sales have raised \$590.
  - iv. John would like to put out a new flier on social media
  - v. Need Coordinator as contact person
- d. CWPP/Risk Assessment Committee:
  - i. updated plan due in November
  - ii. held a webinar
  - iii. need Time sheets!!!! in order to recertify.
- e. Ad Hoc Grant Committee
  - i. Mike Pinette got confirmation from Shirley Woods, Jim Burrows, Sandra Hodnett, who have committed to work as soon as funding is available.

## **9. Unfinished Business:**

- a. Time Sheets:
  - i. form is on the website.
  - ii. Discussion on importance of Time Sheets: Ed will be glad to help.
- b. VMO Update: nothing additional.
- c. March 31 Webinar: speakers committed. John suggested that we need back up in case Kara is called out. Publicity out in March.
- e. Community Clean up Project: no update.
- f. Burn Day Feedback:
  - i. a paper was sent out on how decision making is done.
  - ii. There was considerable discussion on the process of calling a Burn Day.
  - iii. Discussion about potential publicity explaining Burn Days.
  - iv. Opportunity to partner with Candice at AQMD with webinars.
  - v. permitting process: Online permitting process available.
  - vi. Greg appreciated the clarification.
  - vii. John reported: CAL FIRE lifted the fire season burn ban at noon on Monday, November 16, 2020. Between November 16<sup>th</sup> and tomorrow, February 18, 2021, AQMD has had NO burn day bans. During this same period of time, CAL

FIRE has banned burning for a total of 7 days (Dec 7 & 8, Jan 17-21). As you may recall, early December was extremely dry with north winds and in mid-January we experienced extreme winds across the Sierra foothills with numerous escaped burns, including homeowners, PG&E and Sierra Pacific Industries.

**10. New Business:**

- a. ByLaws revision: Adding members to Council: introduce potential council members at a Council meeting. At a subsequent meeting vote to accept new member or not accept. Approved.
- b. May 1 Wildfire Preparedness Day:
  - i. John will check with Judy from ORFSC if there are things we might share.
  - ii. Community Clean up Project: Greg suggested an event to gather the community at the school with food and highlight the community project.
  - iii. John will send out an email asking for ideas and perhaps a group of people to plan.
  - iv. Janet suggested a focus on GO of Calfire's Ready Set Go since Evacuation will be a timely topic.
- c. RCD: Communication plan: John will contact how to go after rights of entry. Need outreach.

**11. Public Comment:**

**12. Council Comment:**

**13. Good of the Order:**

The next AFFSC Council meeting will be March 17, 2021. by ZOOM  
The Executive Board will meet on March 3, 2021 by ZOOM.  
John will send out a link.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55.

**2021 Calendar:**

**March 31: Webinar: Ready for Wildfire? : The VMO, Defensible Space, Hardening your Home**

**April: newsletter**

**May 1 : Wildfire Preparedness Day**

**AFFSC Monthly Schedule**

**1st Wednesday 7:00 pm**

**2nd Wednesday**

**3rd Weds 7:00 pm**

**4th Weds**

**Monday before Exec. Board meeting Exec Board Agenda sent out (John)**

**GFFSC meeting**

**ORFSC meeting**

**Executive Board Meeting**

**Secretary sends out: Meeting call with Agenda and Minutes to Council members and Stakeholders**

**Monthly Council Meeting**

**Secretary sends out: Draft Minutes and Draft Agenda for next Council meeting to Executive Board**

**1st Saturday 9:30 am at Grizzly Flats Community Church (Ed)**

**4th Saturday 9:00 am at TBA**

## **ACTION ITEMS**

1. Publicity for Defensible Space Evaluation Training: John will send out an email, Jane Social Media asking for anyone interested in doing the training.
2. Emergency Response Workshop March 20 Virtual, 10-noon. Ed and John will attend.
- 3 . March 31 Webinar: Mary will communicate with Kara and will start publicity the first week of March.
4. John will check with Judy from ORSC to discuss Wildfire Preparedness Day
5. John will send out an email asking for ideas about Wildfire Preparedness Day
6. John will find out about the rights of entry process.

submitted by Secretary, Mary Elliott-Klemm