



Rogue Valley Fire Prevention Cooperative

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Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2011
Fire District 3 Admin Building

Call to Order: 10:03a.m.

Attendees: Brian Bolstad, Mary Ann Ceglia, Mike Shaw, Carey Chaput, Charles Chase, Mike Hanna, Karl Giepel, Steve Darnell, Michelle Fuss, Greg Kleinberg, Ron Garfas-Knowles, Neil Benson, Ashley Du Brey, John O'Connor, Teresa Burkhart

Meeting Minutes: January meeting minutes approved

Financial Report: January financial report approved

Committee Reports:

Outreach & Education

- Two defensible space displays have been constructed from materials donated from Lowe's to be used in the Southern Oregon Home Show, February 11-13.
- The ODF O&E staff is making progress on the fire resistant plant displays for the Grange Co-op. Signs should be on display early this spring.
- The vinyl for the billboards will be changed the weekend of the February 12-13. The billboards will have fire resistant plants and defensible space information.
- Ashley and Teresa are still continuing to get the Greenway project underway. Additional schools will be considered if Phoenix H.S. doesn't participate.
- ODF staff has been busy conducting home assessments. Many people have signed up for grant approval, as well as landowners concerned with SB-360 requirements.
- ODF held five public meetings throughout the valley regarding SB-360 requirements. The meetings were held in Ashland, Medford, Jacksonville, Shady Cove, and Rogue River-each meeting well attended.
- Applegate will be holding a series of public meetings this spring starting with one out in Williams March 16, at the Pacifica. O&E staff will be partnering with Applegate and Williams Fire Departments; playing a support roll in these meetings providing information on defensible space, fire resistant vegetation, burning information, and animal evacuation preparedness.
- The initial letters have been sent out for the surveys. Areas included are the wildfire hazard zone in Ashland, Greensprings, and Seven Basins. Survey results will be available in June.
- In Josephine County John will be running a defensible space campaign in news ads and radio.
- April 2, John is partnering with Rural Metro for a Fire Resistant Plant Workshop at Green Leaf Industries Nursery in Grants Pass.
- March 26 and 31, in Cave Junction -at the Grants Pass Fairgrounds public meetings will be held addressing wildfire preparedness and animal evacuation.
- John will be taking the Fire Safety House to Evans Valley Elementary March 16 for Outdoor Activity Day.

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- Wildlife Images will be hosting a two day fire prevention event June 11-12, the Fire Safety House will be available but needs staffing. Lin Bernhardt will be discussing emergency evacuation.
- John will be using the new defensible space displays at the Josephine County Spring Home Show May 13-15. Additional staffing is still needed for this event.
- The Co-op has a Facebook page, and is updated weekly with structural and wildland fire prevention messages. **We need more followers so please "like" "Rogue Valley Fire Prevention Cooperative" on Facebook, and encourage your friends as well.** Ashley will send an announcement out to generate support.
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Rogue-Valley-Fire-Prevention-Cooperative/134587959931597?tour=1&sk=wall>
- Ashley is working on the next installment of the "*Firebrand*". If you have any ideas or stories you would like included, please send them to Ashley mail to: ardubrey@odf.state.or.us.
- O&E members discussed using the campaign "Ready Set Go" for Jackson and Josephine Counties. Jenny Zeltvay and Sandy Shaffer are attending a workshop in Reno introducing this concept.

Old Business:

- The airport displays have been put on hold indefinitely, as it was discovered that they would cost around \$450.00 for each display.
- Ashley has a list of messages to be used on the ODOT reader board on I-5. **Charlie will contact ODOT to find out how many characters the reader board allows, so the messages can be tailored to fit the screen.**
- **Carey has made a tentative schedule for team teaching, and will be updating it with Rainbow Valley DVD requests.**
- In the event we need a CPA/bookkeeper, **Carey has found someone that would work with the Co-op. Carey find out if she is bonded, and what compensation she would require.**

New Business:

- Greg Kleinberg shared a proposal to develop a partnership between the Co-op and foster homes to apply for a \$500,000 Foster Home Fire Sprinklers Grant. Upon approval, adult and developmentally disabled group foster homes would receive a \$5000 voucher for each home to equip them with residential fire sprinkler systems. The goal is to target at least one hundred foster homes. Education is a big factor in saving lives with sprinkler systems; it was discussed that upon receipt of the grant the Co-op would form a committee to provide classes to the providers.
- A motion was made and approved for the Co-op to agree to be applicant for the Foster Home Fire Sprinklers Grant.
- There was discussion on membership dues and how to raise more money. Carey will contact Greensprings Fire and Rescue to extend a membership offer to them.
- Michelle Fuss volunteered to be the Event Coordinator for the Co-op. If you need staffing for an upcoming event email Michelle <mailto:MichelleF@jcf3.com> with the details of the event a month in advance.
- Carey will be presenting the "Clifford" books to elementary students in Wolf Creek and the Red Barn Monasary School. Approval from the Co-op was given to leave the books with the students at Wolf Creek, with labels attached to the back identifying the Co-op as

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donators of the book. Ashley will be contacting State Farm Insurance to see if the Co-op can get additional funding for this endeavor.

Good of the Order:

- Michelle Fuss introduced Steve Darnell; he was hired on with Jackson County Fire District#3 as a Fire and Life Safety Staff Assistant.
- Sandy Shaffer and Carey Chaput will be putting on a Home Assessment Training Workshop at Jackson County Fire District#3, February 9-11.
- Mary Ann Ceglia distributed FS Smokey Bear Planners to member, thank you Mary! A GS 5, Prevention Assistant position has opened up with the Forest Service for the Prospect/Butte Falls area. The position details from April to November and the individual would respond to fire assignments.
- Carey will conduct the audit upon meeting adjournment.
- Charles shared that Matt Lichtenstien confirmed acceptance of the scholarship to attend the Pacific Northwest Fire Prevention Training Workshop held at Salashan.

Adjournment: 12:00p.m.