



Rogue Valley Fire Prevention Cooperative

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Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2007 10:00 a.m.
Jackson County Fire District #5
Talent

Call to order: 10:05 a.m.

Attendees: Chris Chambers, Brian Bolstad, Carey Chaput, Neil Benson, Charlie Chase, Michelle Moulin, Tracy Shaw, Bob Shoemaker, Patty Commons, Cheryl Stanley, Mike Hanna, Brian Ballou

Approval of minutes of July meeting: Unavailable; deferred until September meeting

Treasurer's report: Account stands at \$5,393.62

Jackson County Integrated Fire Plan Outreach & Education Committee: Chris reported that the committee discussed recent fire events in the Rogue Valley, and how outreach furthered goals of answering people's questions about fire prevention (primarily defensible space). The local fire prevention education team concept was discussed. Funding is likely for this team, but not yet in the bank. This team will be used to carry forth outreach and education work during wildland/urban interface fires. The team and other O&E efforts strive to maintain consistent prevention/education messages. Scott Lewis, former weatherman with Channel 12, is willing to help further O&E messages through the news media. Carey described more about what is in the fire education kits. Today's lesson was about how forests burn, and one tool in the kit is a video from the Biscuit Fire that shows how the fire started, how the fire was fought, and how the burned area was rehabilitated. A Kit Workshop will be scheduled for late September/early October for people interested in learning to use the fire prevention education kits (date/time TBA).

Josephine County Integrated Fire Plan Outreach & Education Committee: No report

Fire safety trailer events committee: No fire safety trailer events scheduled until October

Fire safety trailer management committee: Cheryl reported there are some things needed for trailer, such as a fire extinguisher, 100-foot extension cord, First Aid kit, folding chairs, sandwich sign to attract walking traffic and promote trailer and duct tape. A new table was added. There is a need to name the trailer. Suggestion was to call it "Rogue Valley Fire Education House." It was discussed to recruit volunteers to help staff trailer during fire safety trailer events; BLM can insure volunteers through its volunteer program. Brian Ballou will develop a volunteer application and promote it through newspapers and community websites, and teenagers may be recruited through high schools and Kiwanis (Key Club). A motion was made and approved to spend \$500 on trailer operational supplies and signs.

Website committee: No report

Nonprofit status: On hold until after fire season

KTVL Kids Day: Approximately 500 kids went through the trailer. Staffing was barely adequate; BLM employees carried most of the load. Better staffing is essential to operate trailer properly.

Other old business:

Handouts (license holders, Smokey stuff, badges and stickers, etc.) are in short supply. The co-op will discuss this further at the September meeting and prepare a budget and order(s).

Recruitment: Co-op discussed notifying non-participating fire districts to increase involvement in co-op. In particular, it was discussed to send letters of invitation to Grants Pass Dept. of Public Safety, fire districts in Josephine County, and the Josephine County Emergency Management Board.

New business: None

Good of the Order:

Charlie Chase reported kitchen fires are on the rise, and the Oregon State Fire Marshal is wrapping up its candle safety campaign. Send info about fireworks-related fires and injuries to Charlie. Progress is being made on novelty lighter problems, but much still needs to be done. Juvenile fire-setter training is available. Also, OSFM has a new multi-hazard safety trailer that is available through OSFM in Salem.

Adjournment: 11:35 a.m.

Next meeting: Sept. 12, 10:00 a.m., Rogue River Fire District, 5474 N. River Rd., Rogue River

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