



Rogue Valley Fire Prevention Cooperative

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Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2007 10:00 a.m.
Phoenix Public Works Dept
1000 South B St.

Call to order: 10:05 a.m.

Attendees: Dana Sallee, Patty Commons, Mark Moran, Mike Hanna, Charles Chase, Brian Bolstad, Carey Chaput, Neil Benson, Chris Chambers, Matt Lichtenstein, Debi Bisbee

Review of February meeting minutes: Approved as written

Financial report: \$5,351.68 thanks to dues that came in. Financial report approved.

Old business:

Committee Reports

Fire safety trailer events committee:

Pear Blossom Festival Parade: Dana said he has access to a tow rig, and he is available to drive the rig. Mark said the trailer can be picked up from ODF's Medford Unit compound, then returned to the compound after the parade. Smokey will ride in the historic engine. Debi said the SafeKids and fire services parade vehicles will be grouped, but the entry fees must be separately paid. Cheryl Stanley is filing the application for the co-op.

The fire safety trailer will be joining SafeKids for the May 5 Safety Day at the Medford Wal-Mart. A pre-event meeting takes place April 12 at Medford Fire & Rescue, 200 South Ivy.

The co-op discussed the upcoming Wellsprings Children's Festival, held May 12 at the Rogue Valley Mall in Medford, and merging the fire safety trailer into the Jackson County Child Safety Seat Coalition's area. Debi said the fire safety trailer will be under the coalition's insurance umbrella.

Fire safety trailer management committee:

The co-op expressed favor for the idea of putting rvfpc.com on the fire safety trailer, and developing magnetic signs bearing the co-op logo that could be put on vehicles, such as the doors of a rig that would be towing the trailer during a parade. The motion was made and seconded to use \$100 of co-op funds for putting the website address, in 3-inch-tall letters, on the fire safety trailer.

Jackson County Outreach and Education committee:

Chris Chambers updated the co-op about current and planned projects, most of which are funded by grants. The fire-resistant plant exhibit will be used as the centerpiece of a display at the Jackson County Master Gardeners Show, April 28-29.

Josephine County Outreach and Education committee:

Neil Benson updated the co-op about City of Grants Pass and Josephine County plans to hold a joint woody vegetation disposal day in April.

Website committee:

Brian Ballou said he will add a public information page to rvfpc.com, which will link to fire districts, open burning information, defensible space information, and other sites. The co-op's website will be referenced in upcoming public information materials to be distributed by Jackson County and ODF in late April or early May.

Team Teaching committee:

Scheduling in both counties is finished. Carey double-checked contact info that she will use when confirming volunteers to be Smokey's helpers. Brian Ballou will post this year's Team Teaching schedule on the co-op's website.

Hispanic outreach: Patty distributed bills for the agencies paying for this year's fire safety ads.

Nonprofit status: The Rogue Valley Fire Chiefs Association is reviewing IRS-required additions to its bylaws, and is filling out a articles of incorporation form for the Oregon Secretary of State.

Fire Prevention Workshop 2007:

Dana and Carey shared their experiences at this year's workshop. Dana recounted discussions held about "sheltering in place" during wildfires. He also passed along an idea for reaching children with fire prevention information. Coloring sheets with a fire prevention message, and bearing the Rogue Valley Fire Prevention Cooperative's logo, could be developed and placed in pediatricians' waiting rooms and at day-care centers. It was discussed that enlisting the aid of local "pink ladies" at hospitals could help get this information into hospitals and doctors' offices.

Dana also noted that there was frustration among many attendees who weren't able to attend many of the workshop's classes and social functions due to overlapping code-enforcement classes.

Carey said her presentation about the co-op's website was well-received.

BLM Building: No takers yet. The co-op decided to keep the building on the open market until June, at which time ODF's Medford Unit will take possession of the building and put it together on its compound on Table Rock Rd.

New business:

Charlie Chase said the "Gated Wye," published by the Oregon State Fire Marshal, is looking for article submissions. Contact Richard Hoover, editor, at (503) 373-1540.

Charlie also proposed that the co-op consider hosting a fire prevention conference in southwest Oregon. Co-op members thought this was a good idea, and discussed potential dates and locations. This topic will be discussed further at the next co-op meeting.

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Car seat clinic: Help is needed for this event, to be held April 21, 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., at the Rogue Family Center, 3131 Avenue C, in White City. Contact Dan Marcisz at 864-8108 or 951-5511.

Neil Benson passed along some upcoming grant opportunities that may be of interest to co-op members and their employing agencies. The State of Oregon Sustainability Awards are to "promote and advance the inclusion of sustainable practices in government and the private sector." For more information, see the web page at <http://www.oregon.gov/ECDD/sustainAwards.shtml>. Also, Energy

Trust of Oregon, Inc., is offering grants for biopower development projects. For more information and to access the grant application, see <http://www.energytrust.org>.

Brian Bolstad distributed posters promoting a "Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament" to raise money for the Firehouse Five Foundation. Proceeds will go toward restoring Fire District #5's 1946 fire engine. The tournament takes place May 5 at the Ashland Elks Lodge, 255 E. Main. Registration is at 5:30 p.m., and the cards hit the table at 6:00. The registration fee is \$45 and \$5 buys \$1,500 in chips. There will be cash prizes for the top three winners. For more information, or to register early, contact Brian at 512-2364.

Adjournment: 11:55 a.m.

Next meeting: April 11, 10:00 a.m., Bureau of Land Management, Medford District, Oregon Room, 3040 Biddle Road, Medford

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