



## *Rogue Valley Fire Prevention Cooperative*

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**Meeting Minutes**  
**October 3, 2007 11:00 a.m.**  
**Wild River Pizza**  
**249 N. Redwood Hwy., Cave Junction**

**Call to order:** 11:00 a.m.

**Attendees:** Brian Ballou, Mike Hanna, Mark Moran, Cheryl Stanley, Natalie Simrell, Jerry Schaeffer, Kamron Ismaili, Curtis Pilcher

**Review September meeting minutes:** Approved as written

**Treasurer's report:** No report

### **Old Business**

#### **Committee reports**

**Jackson County Integrated Fire Plan Outreach & Education Committee:** The committee met Oct. 2 to prepare its annual report to the Jackson County Integrated Fire Plan's executive committee, and to assign subcommittees for specific outreach projects. Also, committee members Carey Chaput and Sandy Shaffer are continuing to develop a fuel-reduction professional training program, which was approved by the Rogue Valley Fire Chiefs Association at its last meeting. The O&E committee's next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Oct. 29, 9:00 a.m., at Rogue River Fire District. At that meeting, the committee will begin drafting the operating plan for the local fire prevention team, which is funded by a WSFM grant.

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

**Fire safety trailer events committee:** The fire safety trailer is reserved for Fire Prevention Week events at Jackson County Fire District #5 (Oct. 9), at Applegate Fire District #9 (Oct. 10) and at Rogue River Fire District (Oct. 13). The trailer will also be part of Safety Day at the Rogue Valley Mall on Oct. 20; Medford Fire Department and ODF will get the trailer set up and provide staffing, but more volunteers are needed (call Brian Ballou, 621-4156, for info). And Jackson County Fire District #3 is using the trailer Oct. 30 for an event at Eagle Rock Elementary School.

**Fire safety trailer management committee:** Dana is working on getting signs added to the sides of the fire safety trailer. The new signs will have the co-op's website address ([www.rvfpc.com](http://www.rvfpc.com)) and a name for the trailer; the proposed name (so far) is "Rogue Valley Fire Education House." Illinois Valley Fire District is interested in getting copies of these signs to put on the fire safety trailer housed in Cave Junction. Also, Jerry reported the IVFD has given the old fire safety trailer a new paint job. ODF will furnish a sandwich sign for the new fire safety trailer, which can be used at events to attract foot traffic to the trailer.

**Team Teaching committee:** Josephine County's team teaching will take place May 6-9, 2008. Carey Chaput and Kristina Sheppard will schedule team teaching in Jackson County. It was discussed to update some of the slides, and repair those that will be used again. Ballou said he'd do the repair job. Also, Ballou found some other slides that can be integrated into the team

teaching slides. Co-op members also discussed whether to convert the slide presentation to a PowerPoint file. The presentation materials will be reviewed at a co-op meeting early in 2008.

**Nonprofit status:** Continuing

**RVFPC website:** Send ideas, photos and copy for fire safety tips to Brian Ballou. Suggested topics: candle fire safety, Christmas decoration safety, smoke alarms.

**Local fire prevention conference:** Debi Bisbee said she is willing to work with the co-op as a mentor if the co-op decides to host a local fire prevention conference.

**Fire prevention workshop:** The 2008 Fire Prevention Workshop is scheduled for Feb. 4-8 at Salishan.

**Handouts (license holders, Smokey and Sparks stuff, badges and stickers):** Brian will work with Cheryl on developing an order. Among items to be ordered are 10,000 badges for team teaching, and Smokey/Sparky items, like wrist bands and other items for kids, and license holders for hunters and fishermen.

**Recruitment:** Deferred until the co-op's annual planning meeting.

### **New business**

ODF will prepare an open burning safety news release that will be distributed under the co-op's logo.

The Keep Oregon Green Association is offering two \$1,000 grants to a cooperative that is willing to look at their wildfire stats and plan a program to reduce the number of one of their greater causes of wildfires. (See accompanying flyer about grant)

### **Good of the Order**

**Adjournment:** 12:30 p.m.

**Next meeting:** ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING! November 14, 9:00 a.m., Ashland Fire & Rescue, 455 Siskiyou Blvd., Ashland

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