



Rogue Valley Fire Prevention Cooperative

P.O. Box 3301 ♦ Central Point, Oregon 97502 ♦ www.rvfpc.com

Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2008 10:00 a.m.

ODF – Grants Pass Unit

5375 Monument Drive, Grants Pass

Call to order: 10:15 a.m.

Attendees: Brian Ballou (ODF), Chris Chambers (Ashland F&R), Dana Sallee (Ashland F&R), Brian Bolstad (JCFD#5), Mike Hanna (Rural Metro), Hugh Holden (JCFD#3), Cheryl Stanley (BLM), Mary Ann Ceglia (USFS), Carey Chaput (Applegate FD), Neil Benson (Jo/Ja O&E), Patty Commons (Phoenix FD), Ian Keusink (ODF)

Minutes of April meeting: Approved as written

Treasurer's report: Account balance at end of April: \$5,429.57. Ballou will check on ODF payment for computer purchase. Need receipts for Southern Oregon Public Safety Expo expenses.

Old Business

Committees:

JaCIFP and JoCIFP O&E committees: Jenny Zeltvay is coordinating PSAs about disaster planning for vulnerable populations, with the goal of getting more people to sign up on the registry. Committee also discussed re-running some radio PSAs about fire prevention (the same spots that were recorded for use in Jackson County in spring 2007). Jenny and ODF will coordinate project with the Maentz Agency. The Living with Wildfire publication is still being considered for updating, reprinting and distribution, but Sandy Shaffer hasn't heard yet from the company that originally produced the publication whether the co-op can reproduce the document. Ian Keusink has worked on a new publication for the wui audience, and this booklet will be produced and available by summer, using local fire prevention education team funds. Ian has also worked on several handouts that the team will use, and he's added quite a lot of content to the co-op's website. Carey and Sandy are continuing their work on the home assessment program, and will present materials to RVFCA in July. The committee spent some time discussing the concept of getting a vehicle to be a mobile fire prevention education cache, which could also be used for other functions, such as team teaching.

Fire safety trailer events committee: The trailer was pulled in Pear Blossom Parade and it went well ... despite confusion about where the trailer was supposed to stage prior to the parade. Ashland Fire & Rescue towed the trailer and Mike Hanna was Smokey. Cheryl noted that the trailer needs to be on-site for an event with enough time (30 minutes) to set up before the event is supposed to begin. The Wal-Mart event was well-staffed. However, staffing was thin during the Public Safety Expo. Air Show: the trailer will need the generator because adequate power will not otherwise be available. Set up needs to be by 6:30 p.m. on June 6. It will be sited beside the north end gate. The show runs 9-5 each day, June 7 & 8. Cheryl will circulate a signup sheet for staffing the trailer at the Air Show. Brian will send the RVFCA e-mail list to Cheryl. The trailer needs to be moved as soon as the Air Show is over.

Trailer management committee: Cheryl will pick up the vinyl signs for the trailer and arrange to have them installed. More liquid smoke needs to be ordered. There is enough to last through the Air Show, but will likely need more by August's KTVL Kids Day. A general search was

launched to find the key for the fire alarm box; copies of the key (once it's found) will be made and circulated to those who run the trailer at events. A call sheet of RVFPC members' cell phones needs to be put in the trailer. Another 4-foot table and two more chairs will be purchased. Need handouts for kids. Leveling blocks need to be purchased. Interior TV and video player still need to be installed.

Team Teaching: Scheduling was excellent and participation very good. Butte Falls school asked to be moved to a later time in 2009. Rural Metro is updating the slide show and converting it to PowerPoint, which the co-op will review at an upcoming meeting. It was briefly discussed that a new poster either needs to be made or general Smokey posters be used; the existing poster has saturated the First Grade marketplace in both counties.

RVFPC website: Nothing new

Nonprofit application status: Nothing new

New business

Activities: Research and construction will continue on a ring-toss game to go with the Smokey whiz rings. A bean bag game exists and may be in Nicco Holt's garage.

Free Fishing day is June 7: Smokey will be appearing at various lakes in the valley.

Forest Service and BLM join forces on various events: One event is the Jackson County Fair, where they will be staffing an exhibit. A lookout tower will be erected on the site, Smokey will be deployed, and other forest/land management themes will be highlighted.

Good of the Order

BLM's Rogue River cleanup is this Saturday.

Adjournment: 11:45 a.m.

Next meeting: June 11, 10:00 a.m., USFS High Cascades Ranger District, 47201 Hwy 62, Prospect. Weather-dependent, the meeting may take place at North Fork Reservoir. Plan for a pot luck; a barbecue will be available.

Prevention



Education



Safety