



Rogue Valley Fire Prevention Cooperative

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Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2008 10:00 a.m.
Rogue River Fire District
5474 N. River Road, Rogue River

Call to order: 10:05 a.m.

Attendees: Brian Bolstad (JECFD #5), Mike Hanna (Rural/Metro), Dana Sallee (Ashland F&R), Patty Commons (JCFD #5), Neil Benson (Jackson County Fire Plan), Mark Northrop (Rogue River FD), Brian Ballou (ODF)

Minutes of August meeting: Approved as written

Treasurer's report: Balance of \$5,717.66 as of end of August. Approved as presented.

Old Business

Committees:

JaCIFP and JoCIFP O&E committees: A new Western States Fire Managers grant has been applied for to get funding for several new wildland/urban interface (wui) landowner assistance publications. Should know in six months or so if grant has a chance of being awarded. A new display being developed by Maentz agency is ready to be produced. The display focuses on defensible space and is for use at workshops and fairs, and as a stand-alone display at libraries, nurseries, fire districts, etc. It may be necessary for RVFPC to loan \$840.00 to the O&E committee for the down payment on the display. The money will be repaid to RVFPC through the Local Fire Prevention Team grant. RVFPC members approved the loan, and Ballou will contact Patty if it is necessary to complete this transaction. Ballou will also secure a booth at the Southern Oregon Homeshow (Feb. 2009) for a wui display, and home/neighborhood emergency planning information.

Fire Safety House events committee: JCFD #5 has reserved the fire safety house for Oct. 7, and Rogue River FD for Oct. 11. Ashland Fire & Rescue has reserved it for Oct. 9-Nov. 22 and will coordinate with District 5 and Rogue River. Also, Rogue River FD will use OSFM's all-hazard trailer at its open house. *LATE-BREAKING NEWS:* JCFD #3 needs the fire safety house on Oct. 14.

Fire Safety House management committee: A work party on Aug. 24 cleaned the fire safety house, installed the "Fire Safety House" sticker signs to the sides, and installed the inside TV/DVD/VCR. RVFPC members discussed what to put on the front of the trailer. At a previous meeting, it was decided to reserve this location for sponsors and donors under a "Thank you to our sponsors" sign. Since Hubbard's ACE Hardware sold the generator to RVFPC at a very good price, Dana suggested that a sticker for Hubbards be placed there. The RVPFC logo and web address will also be put on the front. Dana will coordinate the ordering and installation of these stickers with Sign Dude. Dana will also order new liquid smoke and RVFPC will reimburse him for the costs (approx \$120 plus shipping and handling). Mark or Dana will contact Cascade Fire about getting the generator box built on the trailer's tongue. ODF will winterize the generator later this year.

Nonprofit application status: Oregon Secretary of State approved RVFPC articles of incorporation as a nonprofit corporation. The next steps are to secure an employer identification number and file nonprofit tax exemption paperwork with the IRS. Ballou will bring the IRS 1023 form to the October meeting to get help from RVFPC members with answering some of the more interesting questions on the form.

RVFPC website: Plans are underway to add/update content on the site this fall.

Public Safety Expo: Nothing new.

Adult foster care emergency planning guide: Mark will get CD-ROMs of this information and distribute them at RVFPC's October meeting.

Team Teaching: New slides and projector for 2009? Deferred until April.

New business

Charlie Chase and Michelle Stevens asked for full RVFPC membership. Charlie is checking with OSFM about paying RVFPC's annual \$50 dues.

Good of the Order

Keith Woodley, chief of Ashland Fire & Rescue, is retiring in December.

JCFD #5 is now the home for Sparks, the (short) Fire Safety Dog. Contact Brian Bolstad to borrow him.

Adjournment: 11:22 a.m.

Next meeting: October 8, 11:00 a.m., Wild River Pizza, Cave Junction

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