

Notice FireSafe Marin Meeting February 13, 2009

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Friday, February 13, 2009

9:00 - 11:00 AM

555 Northgate Drive, San Rafael

Downstairs Conference Room

San Rafael, CA 94903

AGENDA

- 1. Call to order**
- 2. Review and approve agenda**
- 3. Review and approve minutes from January 9, 2009**
 - a. Protocol for meeting minutes**
- 4. Treasurer's Report**
 - a. Distribution of BOS funding.**
 - b. Amend and approve the budget.**
- 5. Chipper Day Application Procedures**
- **10:00 AM Social****
- 6. Muir Meadows/FireSafe Marin partnership ideas.**
- 7. Once around the table**
- 8. Adjourn**

FIRESafe Marin
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Friday, January 9, 2009

Attendance:

Kent Julin	MCFD/FSM President
Lori Jessell	Novato FD
Mark Heine	Novato FD
Brad Beedle	Novato Fire Board
Brian Sanford	MCOSD
Pete Martin	Retired MCFD
Paul Smith	Kentfield FD
Amy Blakeney	Marin Realtors
Mike Meszaros	Retired, Inverness FD
Mike Swezy	MMWD
Dan Kida	PG&E
Dick Sadler	Dominican / Black Canyon
Jordan Reeser	NPS
Brad Mark	San Rafael FD
Roger Meagor	Ross Valley FD
Roger Sprehn	Corte Madera FD

1. Call to Order:

0909 hours by President Kent Julin

2. Agenda Review and Approval

At the request of President Julin, Item #6 "Board of Directors 2009", moved up to first item. M/S/P, Roger Meagor/Roger Sprehn

6. Board of Directors 2009

The proposed list of Board Members and Executive Committee Members were reviewed. M/S/P, Pete Martin / Paul Smith (List attached)

NOTE: Meeting was turned over to incoming President Dan Kida.

3. Review and Approve Minutes of December 12, 2008, meeting

With minor changes to name spellings and clarifying statements. M/S/P Kent Julin/Mike Meszaros

4. Treasurers Report

Lynne reviewed the profit/loss statement and the balance sheet. Filed for audit. It was requested, and approved that we pay our rent up-front for the entire year. We continue to sublet the office space to CalFire. Rate is \$400/month for '09; \$450 for '10 and \$500 for '11. A question arose about how to account for in-kind contributions in the budget.

5. Approve Budget 2009

Draft budget was reviewed. Need to make a change to the expenses to show a reserve item, instead of a "profit". Will be revised and sent out and brought back to next meeting.

7.Grants 2010

Grants in the works for 2010 include Wolfback Ridge (Sausalito) for access and Eucalyptus and a fuel break to GGNRA. Deadline for the Ca. Fire Alliance Grant Apps. Is Feb 20, 2009

8.Once Around the Table

Special thanks to Kent Julin for his many years as a president!

Brad Mark- Suggests more publicity for FSM and make grant opportunities for neighborhoods known.

Jordan Reeser- He reviews CFA grant applications. It is important to coordinate requests with him so he has an idea what the local projects are. Also, they will be doing several control burns during the summer. This provides an opportunity for NWCG training.

Kent Julin- Mill Valley is doing some pile burns. He has been working on the Eucalyptus project in the upper Tam. Valley and a Dominican area project. Also, in response to a later question, the next attempt for a sales tax initiative for fire prevention will likely be in 2010. This may or may not be combined with open space funding.

Lori Jessell- Introduced Mark Heine, Battalion Chief for Novato Fire. He will be the designated board member for Novato. Doug McDonald is retiring, and Mark will be working days for 6-9 months.

Brian Sanford- Working on their Vegetation Management Plan, burning piles and rehabilitating a trail that has been used as a "Segway" track.

Pete Martin- More grant money will be available next year. He would like to see FSM help local jurisdictions develop Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP).

Amy Blakeney- Suggested a link on the FSM website to the Eucalyptus Brochure

Mike Meszaros- using funds from a maintenance grant, submitting progress reports to Lynne.

Lynne Osgood- FSM joined the San Rafael Chamber of Commerce. Will join the Soroptomists in May. Will be making a presentation of the annual report to the board of supervisors. Issuing a press release asking for venues for her to do presentations. Looking to have a demonstration garden again this year. Would like to see a one day seminar for landscapers.

Mike Swezy- Vegetation management focus for MMWD this year will be fuel breaks at interface with homes in the Homestead Valley, Double Bow-Knot, Der Park, and Bolinas Ridge areas. EIR for the Desal. Plant is \$20M. A drought is imminent! Rates will be increasing. Meetings for the proposed Veg. Mgt. Plan have been postponed.

Dan Kida- PG&E is trying to do outreach for power line hazard reduction.