

FireSafe Marin Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2005

Call to Order:

9:15 a.m. by President Kent Julin.

In attendance:

Scott Alber	MCFD/Fire Safe Marin
Pete Martin	MCFD (Retired)
Matt Carbone	Fire Safe Marin
Kent Julin	MCFD/Fire Safe Marin
Lynne Osgood	Fire Safe Marin
Eva DeNegri	Sheriff/OES
Roger Sprehn	Corte Madera Fire
Bill Tyler	Novato Fire Protection District
Penny Teicher	Black Point
Sandy Wargo	Novato Fire
Mike Meszaros	Inverness PUD
Ray Moritz	Moritz Consulting
Roger Wong	NPS – PORE
Chris Bramham	MCOSD
Paul Smith	Kentfield Fire
Carl Sanders	MCC
Teanna Gentry	NPS GGNRA
Mark Grupé	NPS GGNRA

Review and Approve the Agenda: President Julin asked to move item number six on the agenda: Fund Request for Emergency signs for Black Point Novato by the NFPD to item 3b. Approved. Also would like to add Robert's Rules of Order discussion on the Treasurers Report section after the Wildland Urban Interface Funding update and the draft EIR for GGNRA. M/S Carl Sanders/Pete Martin. Approved as amended.

Approval of February 11, 2005 Minutes: M/S Carl Sanders/ Mike Meszaros. Approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Matt Carbone indicated that we have a net of approximately \$20k in checking. He has also indicated that the income has not kept pace with the level of expenditures. He feels that we need to be careful about how we spend our money. Lynne indicated that we received a fire protection grant from Homeland Security for \$32k and would like to spend this money on signs and public outreach. It requires a match of \$13k, but the BOS is going to contribute \$10k, which means we are

set for her time this year. She also indicated that the letter is almost ready to go for fundraising and now that Lynne is funded, we can go ahead and send out that letter. Lynne also indicated that we are not funded for the \$48k concept paper grant through CA Fire Alliance (NPS would have provided the funding) for chipper days and model homes. Lynne has a meeting next week with Fireman's Fund on their Heritage Grant programs.

Robert's Rule of Order: Pete Martin led the discussion thinking that it was incorrect to have the Board "approve reports". He feels that we need to "approve the reports for audit". See page 86 of Robert's Rules of Order. It is agreed that we would say, "Report has been filed for Audit" for future meetings.

Novato Request for Signs: Sandy Wargo for Novato Fire Protection District led the discussion of the request for the Black Point District. M/S Matt Carbone/Roger Wong to ask the County sign shop through the Fire Marshall if they could fund the production of the signs. If they are unable to do so, FSM will fund the signs provided that FSM is included on the signs. *Ray Moritz gave an "Atta Boy" to NFPD for their protection program, saying that it is probably the most well organized and run program in the County.*

WUI Funding Update: Roger Wong, NPS, led the discussion on the continuation of support of FireSafe Marin and the Park Service with the Wildland Urban Interface funding. He indicated that the NPS decided to funnel funds through the California Fire Alliance. They want all agencies to submit grant request to the California Fire Alliance. This year the Park Service didn't get much money, some allocations were submitted and were granted funding, such as Homestead Valley, but only one was funded for Marin County. There has been a call for 2006 fiscal year concept papers. He indicated that in general money is getting tighter and money for personnel was also used to fund cooperative projects. They are looking to see if they can continue with the same amount of funding, but it does not look like the Park Service will.

Fund Request for Multi Threat Zone Drill and Training, Marin County Training Officers Association: There was some discussion regarding this grant request. Originally this request was for community outreach, now it is for Port-a-Potties, lodging, food. We decided to table this request pending more information.

GGNRA Fire Mangement Plan: Mark Grupé, NPS/GGNRA led discussion. There is going to be a public meeting on April 19th at 7pm at the Bay Model Museum. The meeting will have other agenda items, but will also touch on the Fire Management Plan. He indicated that there are basically three alternatives to the Plan: a) 1993 Fire Management Plan, b) has some control burning and other various forms of vegetation management, c) NPS preferred plan, which has a lot more burning than the other two alternatives. Basically, alternative (a) has no action at all. In general, the document is fairly general giving a basic overview of the fire management plan that goes out ten years.

Once Around The Table:

- Ray Moritz Working on the update to the firesafe plant list. He is working with the UC Cooperative Extension. He has put a lot of time in ground cover and identifying certain plant types. His identification method is a little bit different for the fuel/plant types. For example, he is wrestling with: is a diurnal wetland a fuel type that needs to be addressed. How about coastal prairie grasslands? He wants input on fuels/vegetation types that needs to be addressed or if we have any information (both plant for vegetation type input). He has a draft document, which he hopes to have completed by the end of the month.
- Mike Meszaros Attended yesterdays Burn Area Rehabilitation Team (BARE Team) meeting. They have not been in business very long. The Vision fire is the second fire they did rehabilitation on.
- Eva deNegri Indicated the Counties hazard Mitigation Plan is complete, and is going to public meetings next week.
- Kent Julin Indicated that Chief Mike Groshong's mother passed away, and it was decided through a M/S by Roger Sprehn/CarlSanders to dedicate the meeting to her memory and to send flowers to Mike.

Adjournment: M/S Carl Sanders/Chris Branham 10:50 a.m.