

FireSafe Marin Meeting Minutes June 10, 2005

Call to Order:

9:15 a.m. by Vice President Carl Sanders

In attendance:

Scott Alber	MCFD/Fire Safe Marin
Matt Carbone	Fire Safe Marin
Eva DeNegri	Sheriff/OES
Bill Tyler	Novato
Mike Meszaros	Inverness PUD
Mary Ellen Irwin	San Rafael Fire
Paul Smith	Kentfield Fire
Greg Holquist	PG&E
Alex Naar	NPS – GGNRA
Dick Sadler	Dominican Neighborhood
Lynne Osgood	Fire Safe Marin
Pete Martin	Fire Safe Marin
Robert Fox	MCFCA/CMFD
Casey May	MMWD
Carl Sanders	MMWD
Lindsay Merryman	Kent Woodlands Property Assoc.

Review and Approve the Agenda: Carl Sanders asked to add Chris Godley, who is to talk about Long Beach State's degree programs as item 6(b). M/S Matt Carbone/Greg Holquist to approve agenda as amended. Motion approved.

Approval of May, 2005 Minutes: M/S Mike Meszaros/Alex Naar to approve May minutes as amended. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Matt Carbone indicated that we should focus on the second page of the report previously distributed. We received \$10,000 from the County Board of Supervisors and are due to receive \$31,000 from a Homeland Security Grant. In addition, \$2,000 from the BOS is not reflected in the budget.

Lynne sent out 436 letters to local businesses, and he thinks we need to get creative to get to our usual \$40-50,000 yearly budget. But now with the money coming in as indicated above, we can go on as usual. As such Corte Madera Chipper day funding (2nd half) is technically available. CM indicated that they would work with us so that we would not have to spend 25% of the money allocated for chipper days on their one project.

Pete Martin requested that a copy of the letter Lynne produced be provided to the Board. Lynne also indicated that an audit is due and requested that we use the same company. M/S Mary Ellen Irwin/Pete Martin to use same company. Motion approved. The Check detail was filed for audit.

Coordinator's Report: Lynne indicated that she received a letter from Novato Heights for requesting funding for a chipper day. The neighborhood is located on the backside of Indian Valley. It is a \$400 request. It was decided to table the request because there is only a letter with no representation at the meeting. A discussion ensued regarding requirements for requests. It was suggested that we put something on the website regarding our requirements for funds. Lynne indicated that she would draft a funding request letter.

Presentation: Steve Hancock gave a presentation on the TENS system.

Once Around The Table:

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| Chris Godley | Led discussion on the Cal State Long Beach Bachelor and Masters programs for Emergency Services Administration. There will be an informational meeting on June 22 nd . |
| Lynne Osgood | Last week she attended the Marin Art and Garden Show. She indicated that it was a little slow, although she mentioned that there were several people from the foothills that showed. Although she did not give out as much material as before, she still thinks that it was a successful meeting. She has thought of having the Fire Safe Council meeting here in the fall. |
| Mike Meszaros | He didn't think that Inverness is going to ask for Chipper Day funding as they have in the past. They have enough subscriptions to fund themselves. They usually get \$1000 from the Inverness Public Utilities District and \$1000 from the Inverness Association. He also indicated that through WUI funding that the West Marin Disaster Council has funding to hold several community meetings where the discussion will include defensible space. |
| Pete Martin | Indicated he was interested in structural hardening in addition to defensible space provisions in the WUI. |
| Mary Ellen Irwin | Their Chief will be leaving soon (San Rafael Fire). They are also losing their senior secretary. |

Bob Fox	Fire Chiefs approved the proposed draft UWI ordinance. CM also completed their weed abatement projects last week.
Paul Smith	Introduced neighborhood rep. They were the host agency for the recent MAD Drill. He volunteered to host the tour for the Fire Safe Counsel if it is held in the fall.
Lindsay Merryman	Would like to contribute to Fire Safe Marin, and would like to be put on the email list for meeting announcements.
Casey May	Working on a couple of burns, Bon Tempe Lake and Rock Springs.
Carl Sanders	He announced that this is his last meeting. He will be resigning from Fire Safe Marin after today. He is also working with Casey on the proposed burns in the water district area.
Greg Holquist	At the last meeting he handed out Powerline Guides and brought more this meeting.
Eva DeNegri	Napa OES/Napa Firewise had worked with CDF to work on an Arson Fire Event with evacuation and shelter setup for animals and people. The focus was on vegetation management. She was wondering if FSM would be interested in participating in that part.
Alex Naar	Recently took a hike with Steve Kinsey in the Homestead Valley area and talked about community protection plans. He also spoke how our acres cost more to treat than the rest of the country. And there are different ways of counting acreage. He hopes to push cost per acre by accounting for the acreage treated in different ways. \$900 per acre is a Federal target cost for treatments. The problem is that he and Roger have not accounted properly that quality work has been done and has not kept an accurate log of the acreage that has been treated.
Bill Tyler	He spoke about a landscape fire that turned into a structure fire recently. Basically the fire started in shredded redwood bark from workers cutting metal outside that started a fast growing fire that extended to the house. An arsonist that was recently apprehended was sentenced to five years in prison, which included a charge of felony arson. He now has to register as a serial arsonist. FPO's

are working on the newspaper ads for 4th of July fireworks. They would like to split the cost three ways, between FPO's and Firesafe Marin. He will be coming to us with a cost.

Dick Sadler

Two weeks ago Beth Ashley had a column in the IJ that indicated that there are 12 thousand pools in the county. He is interested in thoughts of using them as a water source, using a blue identifier in front of the house that has a pool. He would like this discussed in the next meeting.

Scott Alber

Spoke about the proposed UWI ordinance and what the local jurisdictions will receive in order to adopt the ordinance.

Adjournment: M/S Casey May/Greg Holquist to adjourn at 11:05 a.m. Motion approved.