



**FIRE Safe Marin**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting**  
**Friday, 11, July 2008**

**Attendance:**

Scott Alber	MCFD
Kent Julin	MCFD/ FSM President
Lynne Osgood	FSM Coordinator
Dan Kida	PG&E/ FSM Vice President
Eva DeNegri	Sheriff OES/ FSM Secretary
Lori Jessell	Novato Fire
Amy Blakeney	
Dick Sadler	
Matt Carbone	FSM Treasurer
Roger Sprehn	CMFD
Roger Meagor	RVFD
Robert Bastianon	RVFD

1. **Call to order:** 0911 hours by President Kent Julin in the downstairs conference room at 555 Northgate Drive, San Rafael, California 94903.

2. **Agenda reviewed and *approved* as submitted with the following changes:**  
Add as item #5b discussion on FSM website (Dick Sadler).  
(Sprehn/Meagor)

3. **Minutes of May 9, 2008 meeting and the June 13, 2008 meeting were reviewed and *approved* as submitted with no changes.**  
(Carbone/Kida)

**4. Treasurer's Report (Matt Carbone)**

Matt reported the following:

- Three sources of funding totaling \$20,000 are still forthcoming. The \$10,000 from Hal Brown is available now; we just need to ask for it. Kent said he would make the request.
- There is a budget of \$35,000 available this year for Chipper Days. There will be a series of weekends at the Nicasio and Olema corporation yards where people can drop off their green. It is not limited to West Marin residents. There are no discretionary funds available to do other chipper days.
- Income this year from the DVD has been pretty low, only \$1,000. Kent would like to take out a couple ads about the DVD to improve sales.
- Matt asked for a discussion on the idea which surfaced a few meetings ago to do an annual assessment of board members and fire departments (for example, \$500 or best you can do). Roger Meagor offered that this would be a struggle for some of the smaller

**Checks were reviewed and filed for audit.**

**5. Tax Measure Update.**

Matt Recommended that someone from FSM speak at the Board of Supervisor's meeting on July 15 in support of the ballot measure. Kent Julin, Amy Blakeney and Lynne Osgood said they planned to go. The measure would give \$160,000 to FSM, expand the Fuel Crew to twenty persons year round, develop evacuation routes, and support work in the fire prone forests. Kent recently took the Audubon group up to a fuel break. They saw the value and need for fuel breaks but thought there should be regulations on how the breaks will look.

**5.b. FSM Website.**

Dick Sadler reported that there are non functioning links on the website. Lynne said that she is currently in the process of updating the links. Dick complimented the San Rafael Fire Department's website, and particularly a download available on the site, *Wildfire Action Plan* ("outstanding"). He gave a copy of the plan to Lynne.

**\*10:00 AM SOCIAL\***

**6. Eucalyptus Project & Mill Valley Fuel Break Update**

Kent spoke about the Tam Valley eucalyptus trees growing on National Park Service lands. The Park Service is not willing to move forward with large scale operations until all the details are worked out first. As it stands now, the Park Service has to come back in two weeks with an ops plan and a plan for how to restore the area (replanting, repairing and spraying stumps). The NPS Administrator at Fort Mason has told Kent that it would be easier for the Park Service if FIRESafe Marin would come forward and claim the project as theirs to remove the fire prone forest. Money could be generated from the chips made by the project. The re-planting could be paid for from the check that the logger/exporter will send. This is a highly visible area for the public. We will work with Jennifer Chapman on notifying the public and posting signs. Kent would like to propose that this become an FSM project with him as the project manager. Note that the Council agreed that no motion was needed here as the timeframe for the cutting is August.

**7. Once Around the Table.**

- a. **Dan Kida.** Eucalyptus work approved in Marin City; **reliability** removal behind housing. Dan is the contact for tree threats to power lines in Marin.
- b. **Roger Meagor.** Introduced new Fire Inspector, Robert Bastianon. Robert came from Alameda FD and Santa Rosa. He is working on plan review and vegetation management, etc. Welcome Rob!
- c. **Kent Julin.** Insurance companies continue to evaluate, and in many cases refuse, coverage in “interface” areas. Of particular note is USAA and Allstate insurance companies.
- d. **Lori Jessell.** Fire Squirts Camp is July 21-25. All are invited to the graduation and BBQ on the July 25 at Novato Station No. 2. Attendees are at-risk youth and Big Brothers/Sisters program participants. Novato Fire’s crews are out on the fires, like everyone else. The Model Home project, although underfunded, accomplished good results. Insurance companies are requesting evaluations and also dropping clients. Fourth of July Fireworks ad ran, FSM to contribute \$300.
- e. **Roger Sprehn.** Crews are also out on the fires. There was a power line-caused fire in Larkspur (small, but threatening). Five juvenile fire setters were counseled by order of Probation Department.
- f. **Lynne Osgood.** Handed out 150 DVDs at Eco-Fest. Attended Home Assessment Training in Sonoma Co. Throckmorton drive-by chipper days is happening for 13 residences.
- g. **Amy Blakeney.** Continuing work on Eucalyptus removal. Marin City Housing Authority, School and private owners are participating. Several other areas are slated for removal including the Zen center area, Civic Center, Hwy 101/CalTrans construction areas, but not Red Hill.

**ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT FSM MEETING:**

- Website update & review (Osgood/Sadler)
- \$10,000. Request from County Fire
- E-mail request for \$\$ from Board members’ organizations (Osgood)
- Check out San Rafael’s website for good action plan for homeowners

**6. Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1040 hours.  
(Alber/Meagor)**

**Respectfully submitted,**

*Eva D. Baker*

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Secretary, FIRESafe Marin  
(Assistance from Chief Roger Sprehn during second half of meeting)**