

FireSafe Marin Meeting Minutes December 9, 2005

Call to Order: 9:15 a.m. by President Julin

In attendance:

Emily Johnson	MWFD
Alex Naar	NPS-GGNRA
Mike Meszaros	Inverness PUD
Roger Meagor	Ross Valley FD
Ari Golan	MCOSD
Mary-Ellen Irwin	SRFD
Scott Alber	MCFD/Fire Safe Marin
Bill Tyler	Novato FPD
Kent Julin	MCFD/Fire Safe Marin
Roger Sprehn	CMFD
Lynne Osgood	Fire Safe Marin
Lori Jessell	Novato FPD
Paul Smith	Kentfield FD
Eva DeNegri	MCSO/OES
Michael Denning	Ross Valley FD

Approval of Agenda: M/S Eva DeNegri/Roger Sprehn. Motion approved.

Approval of October 14, 2005 Minutes: M/S Mike Meszaros/ Mary-Ellen Irwin. Motion approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report: Matt did not attend the meeting. Lynne gave an overview, after she passed out the balance sheet for the month. A discussion of balance sheet ensued with Matt indicating that the balance sheet looks good. Subsequently, the income sheet was discussed, and it appears that we will have sufficient funds for "chipper days" next year. The check disbursement summary was discussed, and filed for audit

The budget for next year was discussed. There is about \$270K of TAs next year, and an overhead of approximately \$17-\$20K is anticipated. BOS funding was also discussed. It was reported that there is approximately \$8K remaining on our Homeland Security Grant for 2006.

Lynne subsequently led a discussion of income items on next year's budget. This led to a discussion of ways to leverage FSM's participation in projects to get our name out there and to help solicit private donations.

Lynne also mentioned that the audit has been going slow. OEM is trying to pick up where the accountant (Rosalie) that has completed or audit for the last two

years has left off. Rosalie left the firm right after she started our audit in June and the new auditor just really started the FSM audit last month.

Board Nominations: There was a discussion regarding officers and board members for the coming year. It was mentioned that Chief Foxx is the Chief's representative for FSM next year.

Presentation: Cancelled due to equipment problems until next meeting.

Other Business: Roadside signs were discussed. Kent indicated that he would bring two alternatives with cost estimates for the next meeting.

The deadline for submitting grant proposals to the CA Fire alliance is 2/3/06. Alex and Wendy Poinot went to the last grant writing workshop. They left with the impression that grants should be allied/tied into the local Community-wide Fire Protection Plan. Roger and Alex would like at least a project description in case the Feds ask the locals at the National Parks.

They also indicated that there are going to be fewer \$\$\$available for the next round of grants. Projects most likely to be approved will tend to be former projects specifically tied into Federal lands. Kent, Alex, Roger and Wendy met to discuss the CWFPP and its nexus with federal programs/projects. Alex thinks the first cut will be 1/11/06. Finally, projects rejected will stay in the hopper for the next round of funding and may eventually get funded.

Eva handed out an earthquake safety brochure. She indicated that if you need a stack for distribution, let her know. Also, she handed out copies of an article on a USGS seismologist survey of the earthquake danger in Marin.

Bill Tyler introduced Lori Jessell, a Fire Inspector in Novato. He indicated that she will be attending FSM meetings in his place, and thanked the group for their support of Novato's projects.

Kent and Lynne will be going to a meeting regarding our office space in the new building. They will report back at the next meeting. They anticipate moving to the new building 1/21/06.

Lynne mentioned that she is involved with an after-school program involving kids from all over Marin that she is very excited about. The program is about preparing pets for a wildfire disaster with the emphasis on creating defensible space, creating safe exits and practicing emergency escape routes.

Adjournment: M/S to adjourn by Roger Sprehn/Eva DeNegri at 11:00.
Motion approved.