

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**EL DORADO COUNTY FIRE SAFE COUNCIL**  
**June 26, 2013**

1. **Meeting Call to Order:** Pat Dwyer at 10:02 a.m.

2. **Roll Call Sign In:**

Board members present: Ray Griffiths, Jim Stewart, Pat Dwyer, Ken Hasse, Bill Brandt, Michael Powell

3. **Approval of Agenda:** June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013 **Board Action Item:**

Pat moved election items 8a and 8b to 3b

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8a. Election of board members

8b. Nomination and election of officers

There are 21 positions authorized with 17 vacancies.

Motion by Jim Stewart for a white ballot, Michael Powell wanted to abstain. Motion failed.

Board voted on ballots, secretary counted votes and provided results to Vice Chair, Pat Dwyer.

All candidates were elected by a unanimous vote with the exception of Richard Krek and Bill Bergen, who received majority vote but less than unanimous. The matter was referred to the parliamentarian who researched the matter and determined that since there was a quorum present, the majority vote of those present was a valid.

Motion by Ray Griffiths to approve all of the candidates and for Pat Dwyer to be elected as Chair, Ken Hasse to be elected as Treasurer, Jim Stewart to be elected as Parliamentarian, and Linda McDonald as paid, off-board secretary. Seconded by Ken Hasse, motion passed.

4. **Consent Agenda: Board Action Item**

Approval of May 22, 2013 Board Meeting Minutes with corrections on page 4, Steve Willis said first fire wise event was held May 5, 2013 and Fire Wise NFPA tour was June 3, 2013, corrected spelling of WUE to WUI.

Ray Griffiths moved, Ken Hasse seconded, and Jim Stewart abstained. Motion passed

5. **Public Comment:**

A Discussion regarding the organization followed. The organization is in a rebuilding mode; need to have more efficient meetings and to communicate better internally and externally. Ken Hasse has done a great job with the accounting process. The following suggestions were made: that the Council send invitations out to Cal Fire, BLM, Forest Service, and Local Fire agencies to attend meetings, for staff to individually meet with the Board of Supervisor's staff, and to expand outreach to other agencies and satellites. There are currently 10 or 11 satellites that are

active. Each satellite should have a representative on the Board. A suggestion was made to change the Mission Statement and the organization's name. It was suggested that the by-laws change to allow new members to be part of the board right away instead of waiting. It was suggested that someone from an outside agency be the chair. It was mentioned that the attendance for the meeting was down due to the infighting.

A question came up regarding the fire tax money and whether anyone had asked for the dollars to come back to the county.

## 6. Information Items:

### a. Correspondence

Lloyd Heller has resigned. South Fork Weber and Fairglade sent letters stating that they would not be signing as affiliation agreement. Happy Valley has disbanded for lack of participation. Mary Cornelison sent in their newsletter from Volcanoville.

### b. Chairman's Report:

1. Database contract was awarded to Abe Lyons. The M.O.U. agreement needs to be signed. Mr. Swindle is working on a new database but has done little work to date. Pat to follow up with Mr. Swindle on his progress.
2. Grant Opportunity: - Senior assist  
Pat Dwyer provided information on a potential grant for El Dorado County Seniors through the El Dorado County Foundation. It is a small grant but it builds community relationships. The clearinghouse grants open on July 17<sup>th</sup>. A training workshop is available for Clearinghouse grants on July 23<sup>rd</sup> at no cost. There may also be a grant opportunity with California Conservation Corp, (CCC).

### c. Treasurer's Report: Ken Hasse

1. Financial reports  
Bank Balance \$92,481  
Profit & Loss – Have spent \$126,457.82  
Title III \$8,758.73  
Firewise \$2,264.56  
Donations \$7,786  
Ken was successful in getting the chipping program extended till the end of September.
2. Proposed budget 2013/2014  
The proposed budget was included in the Board Packet showing a balance of \$19,130. The insurance will be lower for the 2013/14.

### d. Governance committee report: Ken Hasse

1. BOD Manual: CD's can be picked up. The manual will be posted online.
2. By-laws: Nothing new

### e. Nominating committee report: Slate of candidates (moved to 3b.)

### f. Director's reports:

Mike Powell: Nothing to report

Ernie Lory: Discussed Grizzly Flats web base electronic newsletter. Their Bar-B-Que is sold out. Their clean-up day is September 14<sup>th</sup>. Steve gave a presentation regarding grant programs and stated that the "Rainbow event" resulted in few arrests and little property damage. He complimented the USFS for controlling the unsanctioned event.

Ken Hasse: Logtown fuel break will start this fall

Bill Brandt: Auburn Lake Trails is providing their chipping services.

Ray Griffiths: Only 1 person showed up to the meeting along with the Fire Chief.

Steve Hupner: Working on data project

Steve Willis: Received a thank you from Senator Ted Gaines for their fire wise efforts. Mentioned that the funds for Firewise to be cut by 30%

## **7. Special Presentation: Projects Committee (Steve Hupner & Steve Willis)**

1. Projects Committee Charter
2. EDCFSC Projects Matrix
3. Stakeholder Contact List

Motion by Jim Stewart to approve Charter, second by Ray Griffiths. Motion passed  
Board provided direction and requested overhead costs to be set at the max that the grant allows. Board members discussed the insurance for the Happy Valley project. Discussion regarding the Happy Valley project followed regarding the \$8,000 that may need to be returned to the grantor. The liability for the grant "match" was discussed.

## **8. Action Items**

- a. Election of Board members (moved to 3b)
- b. Nomination and election of officers (moved to 3b)
- c. Satellite Agreements – Are required every year
- d. Board member agreements-Are also required every year.

## **9. Good of the Order**

- a. Adjourn to July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Meeting  
Meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.