



Logtown Fire Safe Council

P.O. Box 1601
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Notes of the June 13, 2015 Meeting Station 44, Diamond Springs-El Dorado Fire Protection District

Introduction and Sign-In: Pat Dwyer convened the meeting at 9:03. Board Members present: Ken Hasse, John Lindberg, Rod Repschlaeger.

Events for 2015:

July: We will have a Master Gardener talk about FireWise landscaping/local native plants.

October 10 – Hot Dog Social – Our annual Fund Raiser and Fun Social Event.

Treasurer Report: Ken advised our bank balance is \$6961.00. This month we approved a \$100 donation to Yuba net, a nonprofit group of volunteers that maintain a current wildfire web site that is very informative and up to date. Check it out at www.yubanet.com/fire

Chairman's Report: Pat told the group about the request for proposals for the County Wide CWPP (Including an update for Logtown). He also mentioned a letter he had composed to El Dorado Irrigation District, thanking them for the recent hydrant maintenance in Logtown and other areas of the county. He challenged residents to help keep the areas around the hydrants free from weeds.

New Business:

Board Elections: There two board members up for reelection (Pat Dwyer and Rod Repschlaeger) and one vacancy with one candidate (Marc Regelbrugge) There were no write in candidates, all were elected to a two year term by a majority vote of those present.

Election of Officers: Nominations were accepted for board officers. Pat Dwyer was nominated for Chairman, Rod Repschlaeger was nominated for Vice Chair, Ken Hasse was nominated for Treasurer and Marc Regelbrugge volunteered and was nominated for secretary. All were elected by a majority vote of those present.

Congratulations to our new and returning board members and officers. We are looking forward to a great year for Logtown.

County Fire Safe Council Update:

Grant funding is flowing and El Dorado County is very successful in seeking and obtaining grants to assist the communities.

Fire Incident, Jasper Court:

Randy M. addressed the group. He relayed how he was mowing the front section of his property on a riding lawn mower when he noticed smoke coming from the engine compartment.

He attempted to move the mower to the driveway but could not. He dashed to the garage and retrieved a fire extinguisher but the extinguisher had lost its charge (even though the indicator was green). A neighbor called 911 and another neighbor grabbed another extinguisher but it was of little help. CAL FIRE and Diamond Fire arrived and extinguished the fire. It was contained to less than an acre and was confined to Randy's property. It did melt several sections of vinyl rail fencing. The text notification system was activated but there were issues. The phone tree failed and several neighbors adjacent to the fire were not notified.

Lessons Learned:

1. Do not use riding lawn mowers to mow dry weeds in fields. Mow when weeds are green and the moisture content is high. After the weeds dry out a string trimmer (weed eater) is a better choice. See the attached CAL FIRE sheet on Equipment Use Safety. Note: A few days after this incident another more serious fire near Union Mine Road was started in the same way.
2. Make sure all fire extinguishers are checked and recharged annually. Even if the gauge shows green.
3. The phone tree and text alert system need work. We discovered that our personal email servers will only let us send 99 messages at once. The first 99 went out but by the time the text problem was resolved the fire was contained and no longer a threat so the remaining people were not notified. We are working with our County Fire Safe Council web provider to use the email and text system in conjunction with the web page so we can notify everyone in Logtown at the same time. We will keep you posted on our progress.



Neighborhood Coordinator Updates: None

Public Comment: None

Special Video: “The King Fire” Compiled by the Pollock Pines Fire Safe Council.

A big thanks too Randy for sharing his story and making us all aware of the dangers and thanks to PPFSC for the Video.

Meeting adjourned. 10:20

Next Meeting – July 11, 2015

Signed: *Pat Dwyer, Chairman and Acting Secretary*

Logtown Fire Safe Council: Pat Dwyer, President (622-7121), Ken Hasse, Treasurer (620-7220), Marc Regelbrugge, Rod Repschlaeger (621-3219) and John Lindberg (303-3672)