LOGTOWN FIRE SAFE COUNCIL
Notes of the January 12th, 2013 meeting
Station 44
Diamond Springs – El Dorado Fire Protection District

Call to order:
Ken Hasse called the meeting to order at 9:08 am.

Introductions and sign up:
Attendees signed in and enjoyed coffee and snacks.

Treasurer’s Report:
Ken reported that the Treasurer, Chrystie Mort-Davis informed him that the council had a bank balance of $5852.92 as of the end of 2012.

Strategic Planning for 2013:
   Meeting format: Ken proposed that the Board Members sit at the front table so that the council members would get to know them. It would also facilitate discussion. The group approved of the change.
   Newsletter: There was a discussion about the newsletter format and distribution. Ken started the discourse by stating it currently costs about $700 per year to print and mail the glossy format four page newsletters. The costs break down to approximately $553 to print and $145 for bulk mailing. The group approved changing the format from glossy to matt for printing savings and changing the distribution from USPS mail to electronic (e-mail). It was estimated that about 50 percent of the residents are on the email list. Rod and Kevin volunteered to “cull out” the email recipients from the mailing list and future newsletters will be mailed to those residents who are not on the email list. Email recipients can still request a hard copy if that is their preference. Steve Morgan recommended that we use the savings to remove hazards and improve fire protection with an “on the ground” community effort.
   Logtown Fire Safe Council Mailing Address: Ken told the group that all of the council mail currently comes to his home address. He did not think this was a good business practice and when there was a change in the board there would have to be address change notices sent to all interested parties. Rod made a motion to obtain a Post Office Box for the council at the El Dorado Post Office with an estimated cost of $60 per year. Pat seconded. The motion passed.
   Logtown Sign: The sign design was selected at the hot dog social. On a parallel track the County Fire Safe Council is seeking a grant to obtain signs for all of the Satellite councils in
the county. The group thought the county effort could take a significant amount of time with design and placement issues along with permits. After discussion Audry Keebler made a motion that we proceed with the sign and Dominic seconded. The motion was approved. Kevin will contact the property owner and get permission to place the sign on private property near Bobby's Market. The group authorized the expenditure of $1465 to obtain the sign once the placement and permit issues were resolved.

**Logtown Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) Update:** The CWPP requires update and coordination with the affected organizations/agencies every five years. Ours was due for update in 2012. The plan is a key document that is necessary to apply for grants to reduce the fire threat to our community. The plan identifies the type of vegetation, terrain prevailing winds and probable behavior of fire specific to our area. These elements are then used to identify high risk areas and develop plans and projects, such as shaded fuel breaks, to mitigate the threat; it is a comprehensive document that must be validated by a registered forester. There is an extensive review and approval process. As Pat pointed out there is an evacuation plan for our neighborhood that contains valuable information in the event of an evacuation. The El Dorado County Fire Safe Council has contracted with Barry Callenberger to produce and update the CWPP for other councils. There was a motion by Pat to authorize Ken to negotiate a contract for our CWPP update with Barry up to the estimated amount of $3230 ($1230 for the update and $2000 for printing). Rod seconded. The motion passed.

**EDCFSC Update:** El Dorado County Fire Safe Council did not receive any grants from the Grants Clearinghouse this year. Ken had been “saving” the CAL FIRE prop 40 funds to use as matching for a Clearinghouse grant proposal to expand the project. Since the Clearinghouse grant was not approved we will proceed with the CAL FIRE portion of LT10 on the east side of Monitor. The County Fire Safe Council continues to explore financial alternatives in order to remain solvent.

**Neighborhood Coordinator Updates:** Nothing to report.

**Public Comment:** Ward Green, a neighbor on Stope, was recently appointed the Postmaster at the El Dorado post office. Congratulations Ward!

Ken stressed the importance of the meeting of the Golden West Community Services District that immediately follows this meeting. The continued viability of the district is going to be discussed.

**Adjourn to the February 9th Meeting:** Ken adjourned the meeting at 9:59 am