Notes of the March 9th, 2013 meeting
Station 44
Diamond Springs – El Dorado Fire Protection District

Call to order:
Ken Hasse called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

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

Announcements: The annual Logtown clean up day will be on Saturday April 13th. Snowline Hospice will be accepting e-waste and donations, there will be dumpsters for bagged household trash and there will be green waste dumpsters at Station 44 and in the common area. It is a good time to get a head start on the fire season. We are trying to arrange a chipper day for chipping so make your pile and sign up on line.

One of the reported Pit Bull dogs running loose in the neighborhood was captured by animal control and will be held until the owner can complete an appropriate cage. There could be another dog on the loose. If you see a loose dog call animal services first, then let Ken know so he can send out an email.

Treasurer’s Report: Ken reported the Treasurer, Chrystie Mort-Davis informed him that the council had a current bank balance of $5262.92. We made a deposit of $500 on the Logtown Sign and owe approximately another $500 plus materials to install the sign. The newsletter has been sent to the printer. Since most newsletters will be sent by email, (if you are on the email list, be sure to open and read the newsletter on line) the printing cost is down to approximately $349. Postage will be an additional charge. Last meeting we discussed printing on plain (not glossy) paper. The charge for glossy paper was actually $3 cheaper than plain paper.

Guest Speaker: Craig Boehm, from Farmers Insurance, gave a presentation on insurance issues in our community. He said Insurance companies are becoming more concerned about their exposure risk in counties with wild land fire danger like El Dorado County. He said companies like to limit their coverage to about 20% of the market in any given area. If they have less than
20% they may be more willing to insure new clients. If they have more than 20% they may not write new business or may even cancel policies in high risk areas. He commended the Fire Safe Council for the fuels reduction projects that help to keep our community safe and insurable. Being a Fire Safe and Fire Wise community is recognized by the insurance industry. He urged homeowners to maintain the 100 foot defensible space area around their homes and make Fire Wise modifications to their homes like screening the vents, covering or cleaning gutters and replacing roofs with fire resistant shingles.

Logtown/Monitor Fuel Break: Ken reported that he sent out 31 right of entry forms (ROE) and all but 4 have been returned. There is one nonresident land owner that has been difficult to contact. They should start “flagging” in a couple of weeks and the work should start this fall.

EDCFSC Update:
There was a meeting of the “stakeholders on February 27th. Most of the associated agencies were there. The bad news is that there is not much funding available and there is a great deal of uncertainty for the future. The good news is that Logtown is one of 5 Fire Wise communities in the area.

Neighborhood Coordinator Updates:
There are new two coordinators. Jim Nystrom represents the Monitor side and Sue Melbourne represents South Crystal. They will work to create phone trees and email lists.

Public Comment:
Ed White from the Golden West CSD made a plea for residents to become active in the CSD or the funding for road maintenance will be lost. He encouraged residents to attend the meeting that follows.

Adjourn to the April 13th Spring Clean Up: Ken adjourned the meeting at 10:10 am

Signed:

Pat Dwyer