Call to Order: Pat Dwyer called the meeting to order at 9:06. Members present: Pat Dwyer, Ken Hasse, Kevin McAllister, and Rod Repshlaeger.

Special Presentation: Assistant Fire Chief Brian Ransdell of El Dorado-Diamond Springs Fire Protection District presented a summary of the Patterson Fire that occurred on Friday, August 30th, 2013. He displayed maps of the area and described how the fire progressed from its origin near Union Mine HS across the Patterson property to the subdivision on Patterson Drive and to the Lake Oaks Estates Retirement Community. He said the winds kicked up and the fire spread very quickly. He was at the Patterson house and power line concerns delayed fire equipment from reaching the scene. The house had brush and shrubs along with a woodpile nearby. The fire ignited the brush and woodpile and the home and barn were lost. Chief Ransdell emphasized the importance of defensible space and Firewise actions like keeping gutters clear of debris and keeping woodpiles away from structures. He went on to tell the group how the ember storm was pushed by the wind and created spot fires in the backyards of homes along Patterson Drive. The fire teams did an excellent job of saving several homes. To the north the manufactured homes in Lake Oaks Estates were saved by fire crews and the prior efforts of Mr. Patterson to clear a fuel break along the property boundary. The Chief discussed the evacuation and told the attendees to follow the orders of the officials on scene. Have a plan, have a “to go” kit or checklist and evacuate quickly to clear the roads for emergency vehicles.

Treasurer’s Report: Ken Hasse reported that our bank account balance is: $4,171.

Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) Pat and Ken had a meeting with Chief Tom Tinsley of Cal-Fire and they have corrected the information in the database to show Logtown has a CWPP. The plan does need to be updated as it is over five years old.

El Dorado Fire Safe Council Update. The current chipping and dumpster program has been suspended pending receipt of federal funds. Even if funds are received the program will end in December of this year. Ken has been working on the grant request to extend the program for the next two years ($200K). We have obtained letters of support from the County Board of Supervisors, Air Quality Management District, County Water Agency, and the Fire Chief’s Association. In addition El Dorado Disposal has committed to donating 10 dumpsters over the life of the grant, a $7000 value. We have teamed with El Dorado Disposal to promote the use of the greenwaste “carts” as an
easy and efficient way to clear defensible space and incrementally dispose of the material.

The county has $26K of remaining Title III funds. We have requested that the funds be provided to the Fire Safe Council. We are meeting with the Board on Monday, September 16th. These funds will put the County Council on a firm financial footing for another year.

Ken has also been working on a grant request ($100K) to extend the shaded fuel break along the east side of Dolomite. If approved this project will clear the equivalent of 47 acres and protect the east side of our community. Community support is an important consideration in these grants and Bobby (Bobby’s Market) has committed to a donation to help us compete for this project. A big thanks to Ken for both efforts.

**Neighborhood Coordinator Update:** We need a new neighborhood coordinator for the “Orange” (Dolomite) neighborhood. Cathy White has done a great job since 2006 and is going to take a break. Sam Baker volunteered to step up and step in as the new coordinator. Thank you Sam.

We are looking at modernizing the phone tree and using text messaging for those who have text available. We will be sending out an email requesting a good “text” phone number and provider then we will start building the data base. It may take a couple of months to get done.

**Hot Dog Social Planning and Volunteers – Our Annual Fund Raiser:** It is only 1 month away. It is scheduled for Saturday, October 12th. Plan to be there. Please coordinate with Nancy Hasse before making contact as someone may have already approached the business. Again, Bobby (Bobby’s Market) has signed up with major donations, a magnum of wine, box of cigars, $100 in lotto tickets and bottles of special beer. His family plans to be at the social again this year, please patronize Bobby’s Market and say thanks if you get a chance. Other donations include: the “Gourmet Dinner for 6” as well as the “Slave Labor for Brush Clearance”. Rex Roden did a great job as the auctioneer last year and he has volunteered again this year. John will provide the music. So please get involved – we need your participation. It is a fun day and one that we benefit us all. If you have items for a basket, contact Nancy 620-7220.

**Public Comment:** Steve Morgan cautioned people to eliminate junipers adjacent to their homes they are prone to fire.

Rattle snake round up. The awards for the most rattlesnakes and the largest rattler will be awarded at the Hot Dog Social.

**Evacuation Routes:** There was a discussion concerning the viability of “Mica Road” Evacuation Route. The conclusion was to follow the guidance of the authorities on the scene.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Pat adjourned the meeting at 10:35. Next meeting – Hot Dog Social October 12th. Next regular meeting: Saturday, November 9th.
Signed:
Pat Dwyer

Logtown Fire Safe Council Board:
Pat Dwyer, President (622-7121), Ken Hasse, Treasurer (620-7220), Marilyn Olson-Petersen, Secretary/Vice Chairperson (620-2461), Kevin McAllister (295-9123 ), Rod Repschlaeger (621-3219)