

1/28/17

Cuyamaca Woods Fire Safe Council-Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Susan Carter, Terri & John Groth, Bill & Eva Stowers, Jon Driscoll, Matt Arsenia

Minutes from the 9/24/16 meeting minutes were approved with no changes, motion by Terri Groth & second motion by Eva Stowers, all were in favor.

Treasurer Report: Terri Groth, Total current balance is \$9,678.50. We earned \$12.80 last quarter on Amazon Smiles, there are no pending expenditures at time of this meeting.

There was a motion made to add John Groth, President of CWFSC as a check signer on the bank account. Motion was made by Terri Groth, second motion by Susan Carter, all were in favor.

Networking and Communication John and Terri reported on the FSCSDC they attended on November 10, 2016, the meeting was held in the County Building with about 80 people in attendance, to include representatives from SDGE, AT&T, CalTrans and the Native Plant Society. The emphasis was collaborating the concerns and issues pertaining to fire safety. Emergency Kits were also in discussion at the meeting.

Jon Driscoll had presented a request to have the CWFSC sponsor a newly forming Fire Safe Council in his home community of Pala/Temecula. This was something that the CWFSC had to do when it was being formed years ago. A motion was made by Terri Groth, Second by Matt Arsenia, and all were in favor to sponsor the new FSC in Jon's community.

Grants: At the time of this meeting, the application for the CCC grant was completed, new forms were created in the midst of the submission, therefore they had to be filled out again. John Groth received confirmation that the new completed forms were received and Sara Weaver from CCC is working on the approval. This grant supports a 10-foot brush clearing from road side into homeowner's property (with homeowners' pre-approval).

The SRAFPF (*State Responsibility Area Fire Protection Fund*) Grant- A total of 10 trees have been marked. A scope of work needs to be drafted and approved to obtain bids to have the trees removed. Some discussion took place on reputable vendors to send bids to in the Julian area. A map of the tree locations needs to be made to send with the scope of work for bidding. Bill and Eva volunteered to complete the map. It is believed that we will have excess funds after completing the current marked trees, therefore more trees may be marked in the near future. John Groth will be contacting Cheyenne, our grant coordinator, to see if we can get a funding advance to start the process.

An e-mail reminder with the brush clearing grant form will be sent out by Matt Arsenia. The forms can be mailed in, emailed, hand delivered etc. Terri to send blank form to Matt to send out with email blast.

NFPA Grant, there is a deadline of March 3rd to submit for this grant. Terri Groth will be applying for this \$500.00 grant.

2017 Events: The next CERT (*Community Emergency Response Team*) session will be some time this year, discussion was made to have a guest speaker from CERT attend our hosted meeting. We discussed having the meeting at the Nickel Beer Company location. Terri, Eva & Bill will plan this event.

A Cinco de Mayo “Just Five Feet” program will be planned for this year and details will be discussed at our next meeting. The Just Five Feet program will be another community clean-up in early May that will include the large dumpster. This was a great success last year. Bill Stowers will be working on this event.

We were unable to have the Free Chipping event in the fall due to the company we used for chipping in the past is no longer in business. We are searching for other companies/alternatives. It was noted that the Resource Conservation District has funding for free chipping, if people go to their site and sign up.

Projects: Community Wildfire Protection Plan for CW- Susan Carter is currently working on.

Firewise Community Application- No new news (Colleen Manzer is working on)

Map of CW: The Baseline Digital Map of the CW Neighborhood is being worked on by John Groth and is close to completion.

Road Signs: Jon Driscoll is working on a prototype for Forest Meadow.

New Business: There was no new business, however it was decided that next CWFSC meeting would be held on Saturday, February 18, 2017.

Meeting was adjourned with motion by Susan Carter and second motion by Jon Driscoll, all were in favor.