Minutes of the March 20th, 2014 General Meeting

CALL TO ORDER
The general meeting for the Fire Safe Council East Orange County Canyons was called to order by Mary Schreiber at 7:02 pm on January 16th, 2014 at 29402 Silverado Canyon Road, Silverado CA 92676.

ROLL CALL
The following FSCEOCC Board of Directors were present: Schreiber, Kerrigan, Click, Antrim, Newell

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE:  R. Chapman, R Roberts OCFA.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:  Approved with some typos to be corrected.

CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:  None

OFFICER’S REPORTS
- President reports difficulty with the mail chip to operate, they changed the format. We can't broadcast more than 4 a month without paying a fee.
- Treasurer. Karl to take over, we have about 15K in savings and about 2890 in checking. We received a $100 donation from 3rd District Supervisor Todd Spitzer.

INPUT FROM MEMBERS
- .none

COOPERATIVE PARTNER & AGENCY UPDATE
- OCFA: March 27 at 1100 is the next county FSC meeting at OCFA HQ. Director Antrim reports they are recruiting a new Fire Marshal by June.
- Fire Wise Community- Antrim reports Clean Sweep and the CEPA class will be the FWC community event.

OUTREACH & EDUCATION
- CEPA Class on May 18. Director Newell is working on the presentation. It will be at FS16 for about 3 hours.
- COAD VOAD- President Schreiber reported Bob, Joanne and her went. The class in San Berdoo went over many issues facing So Cal.

CONTINUED BUSINESS
- SR-18 Grant: 20 Minutes of presentation and discussion. Below are Robyn’s notes from the presentation: Road Encroachment permit ready to go to Public Works Dept. pending notarized form which Mary is going to get. The notarized form gives me permission to communicate and sign documents pertaining to the permit.
- I decided not to wait until after their Public Works Department reviewed permit to find out about CEQA determination. (That’s what they wanted me to do)
  - Have been in touch with Bea Bea Jimenez who is the new person in the OC Public Works Planning Dept / Environmental division. Had a good conversation with her regarding the project. I sent the grant application, award and federal compliance letters and press release) to her for her to review in order to make a CEQA determination. She stated that we may be exempt due to the nature of the grant (project for safety purposes). She is aware of our time frame to do work and when the work needs to be completed by. I advised her that I would be submitting the road encroachment permit on Monday, March 24th and she said she will work closely with the road department to coordinate the processing of permits, etc.

- The 4th quarterly report was submitted by the deadline of February 28th and will be uploaded to the drop box. Does anyone need access to it?

- I need to review the drop box to see what other information may need to be updated there.

- The next quarterly report is due in May. Please make sure to log any match time hours by May 1st.

- The Workers Compensation policy goes to May 21st. Deanna handled getting this before, and I have not problem taking that over to get the renewal done. I will submit for a request for payment upon receipt of the renewal.

- So far since the beginning of the grant I have logged approximately 131 hours on the grant and been paid $2,640 which equates to about $20 per hour

NEW BUSINESS

Antrim attended a WUI conference in Reno. CDF Chief Pilmot talked about the issues of Fire Severity, Prevention, Treatment and Planning. Our CDF fire fees will be used in the FIRESTEP program and OCFA is reviewing what they can do to take advantage of the money and use it for prevention. Trend in the national setting is Wildfire is a national problem. The environment is changing and need to determine resource allocation. The Cohesive Wildfire Strategy document will change at some point for WUI issues, and we will have to stay on top of it. WUI need to become a fire adaptive community to move firefighters out of danger. Our CWPP will have to take note of these strategic changes, but probably we will never be a Fire Adaptive Community by that standard.

BOARD Action required: Bob, Pat, Mary and Dick’s term expires on April 22. We need to have a BOD meeting, hopefully on April 8th.

Next General Meeting: APRIL 17th at FS14. 7pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made to adjourn meeting by Director Kerrigan at 8:15 pm. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by Steve Kerrigan, Secretary Fire Safe Council East Orange County Canyons