

Fire Safe Sonoma
CDF West Division HQ – 2210 W. College Ave, Santa Rosa, Ca
Minutes
November 3rd, 2010

Attendees

Tamara Boulton, Ray Utterback, , Nathan Garrett, Caerleon Safford, Robert MacIntyre, Ben Ventura (FSS website) and Ray Gallian (PG&E guest speaker)

Additions, Deletions, or Reordering to the Agenda :

- Addition of Ray Gallian on Biochar

Ray Gallian - Biochar :

- Biochar – High-tech way to sequester all negative carbon emissions through taking plant material and converting into charcoal.
 - Would like to partner with FSS in the future when a portable unit is available to reduce carbon emissions.
 - Current Funding Nationwide – W.E.C.H.A.R. Bill (R&D work run by the US Department of Agriculture and Interior).

Reports:

- Treasurer’s Report – Approved by the board.
- Chief’s Meeting – Caerleon attended and gave an update on the chipper programs.
- Timesheets – Approved. In the future, to be e-mailed to the FSS board by the 15th of every month. If no feedback is received from the board, it will be considered to be approved.
- Board Members: Board approved Chief Aston and Robert MacIntyre to share a seat on the board.

Grant Status:

- **Chipper Extravaganza:** \$25,000 remaining. Caerleon needs to contact Randy about extending the due date (12/15/10).
 - Amer is working with Caerleon on the media portion of the grant (Facebook Page/Press List / PSA’s / follow-up phone calls)
- **CWPP:** Mary Dedanan is editing the document. The document is in InDesign and Mary does not have the program for editing. Putting out the word for a used computer Mary can use with InDesign loaded for editing.
- **Chipper Grants:** Caerleon is having trouble with Empire Tree not responding to chipper requests.
 - Davey Tree – Folks in the community say they are slow at chipping debris.
 - May need to move down the list to recruit more tree care companies to help.

Website Update

- Ben Ventura: Updated the group on the new FSS website
 - Using Content Management System (like using Facebook) to update the website easily.
 - Talk of having Ben manage the site. Need a long term deal figure from him.
 - Make sure the site is ADA compliant

Living with Fire Re-Print

- Update needs to happen for the current document. Try and follow some similar ideas with Cal Fire's "Ready, Set, Go" literature. In the short term, re-print the current Living with Fire document.

FSS Chipper

- The chipper is located in Healdsburg. Questions to tackle:
 - Who is taking care of the chipper and what to do with it
 - Need release of liability forms
 - Need log books to track maintenance

Fundraising Strategies:

- Ray is working with Tamara on a policy draft for fundraising.
 - Ray has been speaking with folks at the volunteer center
 - Ray will be attending the December 8th fundraising meeting
 - Ray will be soliciting his own insurance company for donations to FSS

Future Agenda Items and Next Meeting Date

- Next meeting to be held at CDF West Division HQ – 2210 W. College Ave, Santa Rosa on 12/1/10.
- Talk about the future of the FSS chipper!
- Accountability for bi-annual conflict of interest. Needs to be discussed and a review done with signed forms of understanding.

