

MINUTES
Fire Safe Sonoma Meeting
March 1, 2006

1. Introductions

- Board Members present: Tamara Boulton, Marjorie Conley, Vern Losh, Eric Hoffman & Jack Rosevear
- Board Members absent: Tim Doherty, Caerleon Safford
- Additional attendees: Donita Proctor- Fitch Mountain Association, Kim Batchelder-Sonoma County Open Space District, Dino Bonos-Sonoma County Open Space District, Jim McCray-Sonoma County Regional Parks, Pete Martin-DES, Cary Gloeckner-Firescape LLC, Scott Moon- SRFD, Darrin DeCarli, DES

2. Treasurer's Report

- Beginning Balance on 12/01/05 \$6,766.48

Deposits: Sonoma County FP \$1,000.00
City of Healdsburg \$187.00
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Withdrawals: All American Printing \$48.40 (Living with Fire publication)
Current Balance \$7,905.08

3. Approval of Minutes

- Minutes will be reviewed by membership and comments will be forwarded to Jack.

4. Grant Update

- FEMA grant is still pending. Draft copies of the grant proposal are available.

5. Website

- No new updates at this time. Once January's meeting minutes are approved, they will be posted to the website. Any updates or items to be posted are to be forwarded to Jack.

6. Old Business

- Santa Rosa Rose Parade is confirmed. The trailer will be staffed after the parade. Volunteers to include members of the Soroptomist, fire explorer scouts and CDF VIP's.
- Board Member terms: Jack, Tamara, Vern and Tim until 01/07
Marge, Caerleon and Eric until 01/08
- Review of Goals: Still working towards completion.

7. New Business

- Open Space Members: Dino Bonos from the Open Space District advised that Open Space is working on firebreaks and fuel load reduction. They are getting assistance from County Parks and SAC crews. They are looking to get more involved with fire planning. They have a grazing management program instituted on approximately ½ of their properties. Kim Batchelder advised that they are working on a plan for a property purchase in the Healdsburg area. The City of Healdsburg is looking to help manage Healdsburg Ridge. Open Space invited responders to tour the property and Open Space solicited feedback on the responder's concerns regarding emergency response. He advised that a multi-discipline team will be assembled to come up with a vegetation management plan. Vern Losh requested that they keep DES in the loop on these meetings.
- Jim McCray from Regional Parks advised that they have built relationships with the local fire districts and have solicited their input regarding fire hazard concerns in the county parks. County Parks uses SAC crews and youth crews to help with fuel load reduction. The fire plan that they have for Hood Mountain is in the process of being updated. They have enlisted the assistance of a Fire Ecologist. Jim advised that there is some inconsistency in the requests from the different fire agencies on how to address vegetation management. He advised that they work with the agencies to come up with compromises. Jack recommended to assemble a group for handling open space vegetation management issues. The group should have a background in vegetation management to address the areas of need. This would ensure a measure of consistency in how vegetation management concerns are addressed.
- Board Officer Nominations: Nomination committee recommended Caerleon Safford for President, Jack Rosevear for Vice- President, Eric Hoffman for Secretary and Tamara Boulton for Treasurer. The elections to take place during the meeting on March 22, 2006.
- May Wildland Seminar: The seminar will be hosted by the UC Coop and would like Fire Safe Sonoma to be involved in the planning process and co-sponsor the event. The date of the event has not be set. They are hoping to have the event located in the Santa Rosa area. More information to follow as it becomes available.
- Fireman's Fund Grant: Working on a grant for approximately \$10,000 to go towards printing costs for additional copies of Living with Fire. The copies would be made available for Fireman's Fund independent agents and Fire Safe Sonoma. No word yet on the status of the request.

8. Next Meeting

- March 22, 2006 Santa Rosa CDF- West College Ave.