

MINUTES

Fire Safe Sonoma Meeting

April 6, 2005

1. Introductions

- Board Members present: Tamara Boulton, Marjorie Conley, Bert Boyce, Tim Doherty, Ed Shriver, Vern Losh & Jack Rosevear

2. Treasurer's Report

- Tamara reported that the beginning balance \$8,833.28. A deposit was made of \$1,000.00 (Occidental Vol. Firefighter's Assoc.) bringing the current balance to \$9,833.28. Board President Rosevear recommended that the treasurer's report be submitted for future audit.

3. Approval of Minutes

- The minutes were reviewed and a motion was made by Bert Boyce to approve the minutes. A second was made and the motion was approved.

4. Grant Update

- Fort Ross Volunteer Fire Department was successful in their bid in obtaining grant funding. Fort Ross requested \$53,000 and received \$40,000 for vegetation management and to create a community wildfire prevention plan. West County was unsuccessful in their grant-funding attempt.
- State Farm Grant- No updates, still waiting for a response from their representative Lonny Haskins.

5. Website

- The Sonoma County Fire Prevention Officers were looking into launching a website. Board President Rosevear proposed looking into a possible joint venture between Fire Safe Sonoma and the Sonoma County Fire Prevention Officers to avoid duplication of efforts. A motion was made by Board President Rosevear to go back to the Sonoma County Fire Prevention Officers and the County of Sonoma with a concept to form a joint website and bring options back to the Fire Safe Sonoma Board of Directors for approval. A second was made and the motion was approved.

6. Old Business

- Living with Fire reprint- Pete Martin
Pete has been in contact with Firewise to obtain permission to use one of their graphics for the cover of Living with Fire. He advised that they are going to get back to him to advise if possible. A last call for photos was made with a deadline to get them to Pete by May 1st.
- A recommendation was brought up to include a section "It the Law" to advise on any changes in law that may affect the homeowner. An example was the change in minimum setback requirements.
- A recommendation was brought up to refer to the Fire Safe Sonoma Website for plant lists and links.
- CDF Mapping: The flight occurred the last week in March and CDF is awaiting a synopsis from Sacramento.

7. New Business

- The joint meeting between Fire Safe Sonoma and the Sonoma County Fire Prevention Officers has been

scheduled for October 19.

- General Plan updates for Sonoma County: Coastal zone is to include Bodega Bay to the county line for fire/safety issues.
- Pete Martin has been working with PRMD on support concepts for money issues and possible consolidation issues. The concepts are in draft form at this time.

8. Next Meeting: May 4th at noon