

# **Fire Safe Sonoma**

## **Minutes**

Cal Fire West Division Headquarters  
2210 W. College Ave, Santa Rosa, CA 95401

### **Attendees:**

Tamara Boulton, Caerleon Safford, Marjorie Conley, Vern Losh, Jack Rosevear, Suzie Blankenship, Nathan Garrett, Tony Walls

### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Jack Rosevear to approve the September 5<sup>th</sup> minutes. The movement to accept the minutes was unanimous.

### **Review of Treasurer's Report**

Tamara Boulton gave a brief overview of the current financial status of Fire Safe Sonoma (FSS). The balance as of October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007 is \$33,815.22. Tamara requested reimbursement of personal expenditures. Request was unanimously approved. Tamara also recommended a "petty cash" fund be established for small expenditures such as stamps. Etc.

### **Clarification of Board Positions and Terms**

Jack Rosevear moved to role the topic over to the November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting in order to establish terms and duties for board members before 2008.

### **SOD Grant (CFSC)**

This topic is a continuation of previous discussions pertaining to protocol and the selection process. Caerleon Safford led a discussion on the selection process. The board members agreed the criteria for selection needs to be fair and clearly defined. Certain data will need to be received from potential candidates, such as environmental compliance issues, etc. This additional data may make the application more complicated. Board members will assess the application and give feedback to Caerleon on or before November 7<sup>th</sup>. The application may need to be simplified for elderly applicants. Selections will be made by committee comprised of FSS Board members and possibly Cal Fire representatives. The first round of candidates must be selected by the end of January, 2008.

### **New Business**

Fire Safe Garden

FSS is moving forward with plans to create a Fire Safe Garden. There is a tentative arrangement to plant the garden at the CalFire station in Healdsburg. Fire Prevention Officer's (FPO's) will grant \$500 to the effort. There was debate as to how much FSS will contribute to the effort. The amount will be determined at the next meeting. One advantage to the garden would be to have Master Gardeners on board to support the effort. The garden would be divided into three sections. One section would be the "Urban Garden" where the plants would

be irrigated. The second section would be the “Country Garden” where there would not be water available. The third section would be the “Pathogen Garden” where SOD host vegetation and plants species susceptible to the pathogen are planted. Time and labor spent on the garden would be voluntary. Reserve funding through donations will be needed to cover additional costs associated with the garden. This will be put on the agenda to be discussed at the November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### Grant Chipper

Money is available to move forward with the plan to purchase a FSS chipper. The chipper could be stored at a Cal Fire facility. Tony Walls is to talk to Davey Tree Surgery Representative to negotiate a possible maintenance agreement. This topic will be discussed further at the November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.