



MOUNT VEEDER FIRE SAFE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: Saturday August 20, 2011

Location: Lagier Meredith Vineyard, 4967 Dry Creek Road

Time: 9:00am

Members Present: Greg Holquist (Chair), Gary Green (Treasurer), Bill Robertson (Secretary), Carole Meredith, Steve Lagier, Ken Van Oeveren, Gary Margadant, Dan Galvin, Russell Van Dewark, Joanne Sutro, Wayne Cain, Kelly Wallace (Guests: Annie and Bruce Pieper of Western Land Renovators)

Previous Meeting Minutes: Postponed until next meeting.

Chair Person Report: The purpose of today's meeting was to discuss the Old Ridge Road pilot project and to have Western Land Renovators come and speak to the group about what their business is and what service they can provide regarding shaded fuel breaks.

Greg Holquist spoke about the \$5,000 the MVFSC received from State Farm. Introductions were made.

Treasurer's Report: Gary Green passed out copies of the Umpqua Bank Register to show where the expenses were and how much funding the Mount Veeder Fire Safe Council had available. The ending balance was \$ 20,070.96.

Committee Reports:

CWPP: No report.

Grant Committee: Bill Robertson gave a report on the 2012 Grant Application. The application has been completed and turned in. Now waiting for selection for funding by the Sacramento Grant Review Panel. Bill Thanked Greg Holquist, Gary Margadant, Russell VanDewark and Gary Green for assistance with this process.

Events: No report.

Old Business:

MOU between the Mount Veeder Fire Safe Council and the Dry Creek-Lokoya VFD Board of Directors. Gary Green distributed copies of a draft document to solicit feedback from the group. People were to take the document home to read and bring comments to the next meeting.

Bylaws Kelly Wallace had draft copies of Bylaws he left for members to review and comment on for next meeting.

New Business:

Western Land Renovators Bruce and Annie Pieper gave a talk about their company and integrated vegetation management and how this works with the long term goals of shaded fuel breaks. He emphasized the importance of sustainability and its key to long term goals for vegetation management. Western Land Renovators approach integrated vegetation management by utilizing manual, mechanical, cultural, biological and chemical treatments. Bruce stated that they would like to do a demonstration plot with a definitive line of demarcation so people can see first hand the difference a shaded fuel break can make. Bruce also described his companies commitment to land stewardship and safety as well as environmental compliance with Federal, State and local laws, codes and ordinances.

The group then went for walk along sections of the Old Ridge Road to see where a pilot project could be done for demonstration if agreed by the property owners.

Other business: No report.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:30pm

Next Meeting: Saturday September 17, 2011
9:00 am
Dry Creek - Lokoya Fire Station
5900 Dry Creek Road Napa, CA 94558