



MOUNT VEEDER FIRE SAFE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 15, 2011

Location: Dry Creek-Lokoya Fire Station 5900 Dry Creek Rd. Napa, CA 94558

Time: 9:20 am

Members Present: Bill Robertson (Secretary), Gary Green (Treasurer)

Previous Meeting Minutes: Approved, any minor corrections can be forwarded to the Secretary for amendments. Otherwise they are ready to be posted on the website.

Agenda Amendments or Corrections: None.

Chair Person Report: No report, Greg Holquist absent.

Treasurer's Report:

1. Gary Green submitted the check register as well as the Umpqua Bank Statement dated 09/30/2011 and the PL Budget Comparison. The Bank Statement shows a balance of \$16,398.60 and the Register shows a balance of \$21,398.60 to reflect the deposit of the check for the \$5,000 grant received from State Farm that was deposited on 09/22/2011. The deposit will show on the next bank statement next month.
2. The Mount Veeder Fire Safe Council received from Umpqua Bank a Privacy Choices For Consumers form to fill out. Bill Robertson and Gary Green decided to select the "No, do not share information boxes". Gary will return the form. It was decided that we did not want to share any personal or organizational financial information with other financial institutions primarily because we do not want additional junk mail.
3. The Mount Veeder Fire Safe Council has received its own debit card through Umpqua Bank. Gary Green being the current Treasurer will keep it until the end of his term or if he resigns. The Debit Card is tied to the

MVFSC Checking Account and it currently has Gary Green's name on it, which will need to be changed when a new Treasurer takes the position.

Committee Reports:

CWPP: No report. Original hard copy of the Community Fire Protection Plan is currently in the Secretary's possession.

Grants: Bill Robertson has been forwarding emails from the Grants Clearing House to active members of the Mount Veeder Fire Safe Council. No word as of yet of our 2012 grant submittal being accepted or declined. There has been some delays at the state level with the process.

Projects:

1. Old Ridge Road Pilot Project: no report on progress at this time. Tabled until November meeting.
2. The Cove Fuel Reduction Project: no report on progress at this time. Tabled until November meeting.
3. Fire Prevention Signs: Bill Robertson volunteered to pick up the insert signs on October 21 from Sign Dimensions that Gary Green had ordered. Gary Green had sent Greg Holquist and Gary Margadant the Napa County Public Works information if the Mount Veeder Fire Safe Council wants to pursue the installation of a sign on upper Dry Creek Rd. cross of Wall Rd. and on Partrick Rd. Permission would need to be granted from Public Works and locations approved prior to sign installation.
4. New winter messages for the signs will have to be designed and purchased.

Events:

1. National Fire Prevention Week is this week.
2. The MVFSC folks are invited to attend a Holiday Party on December 17 at Gary Green's home. This is a potluck event and a flier will be sent out in the near future.

Old Business:

1. Bylaws discussion has been postponed to the next meeting so those members will have time to review the draft and to have a discussion at November meeting.
2. MOU between the Mount Veeder Fire Safe Council and the Dry Creek-Lokoya Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors - tabled until November meeting.

3. Website Update: Gary Green noticed that the Minutes Download was working but the View Minutes button was not. There also appears to be two different Mount Veeder Fire Safe Council websites running at the same time which can be confusing to somebody seeking information about our organization, i.e. Mt.-Veeder-Fire-Safe@google.com.
4. Fall Newsletter: Gary Green needs more articles for the newsletter. Articles for the success of the golf tournament and the \$5,000 grant received from State Farm would be good as well as an article for the Old Ridge Road pilot project. Gary needs them ASAP.

New Business:

1. Wildfire Prevention Regional Conference for Fire Safe Councils: Bill Robertson gave a report on the Conference he and Gary Margadant attended in Sacramento on October 6th. It was a good conference with good information for Fire Safe Councils. Bill and Gary M. were able to talk to members of other local Fire Safe Councils from around Northern California. Both have brought back information, ideas and materials to share. One such idea is to have a one day work party for somebody to win that would provide a crew of Fire Safe Council members to go to the winners house and help them with their defensible space by clearing brush and weed eating around the property. Bill encouraged other members of the Mount Veeder Fire Safe Council to attend such conferences in the future.
2. Update on Dry Creek-Lokoya Volunteer Fire Chief Election: Bill Robertson shared his intent to run for Interim Volunteer Fire Chief in the upcoming election that is being held to replace Gary Green when he retires December 31 of this year after 34 years of service to the community.
3. Mount Veeder Appellation Wine Tasting Event on Saturday September 24, 2011 from 1-4pm at Hess Collection was a success. The MVFSC pop-up display was there with some public education information that was available for people to take. Greg Holquist, Bill Robertson, Gary Margadant and Gary Green staffed it.

Other business: None to report.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:28 am

Next Meeting: Saturday November 19, 2011 9:00am
Dry Creek-Lokoya Volunteer Fire Station
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