



## **MOUNT VEEDER FIRE SAFE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** November 19, 2011

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

**Time:** 9:00 am

**Members Present:** Greg Holquist, Gary Green, Gary Margadant, Carole Meredith, Kelly Wallace, Bill & Kathy Crowley

**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:** 3 d) Roadside Sign Inserts

**Chair Person Report:** Greg H

**Treasurer's Report:** Gary G

- The Register shows a balance of \$21,398.60, no change from last month.
- Gary Green holds the debit card and Pin for Umpqua Checking Account. (see Oct minutes #3).
- Received a \$75 check for Gary Margadant/Bill Robertson mileage to Wildfire Prevention Regional Conference for Fire Safe Councils in Sacramento.

### **Committee Reports:**

**2012 Grant Application Results:** Gary M –

- MVFSC was not listed on the Grant Website as a Grant Recipient.
- One speaker at Wildfire Prevention Regional Conference for Fire Safe Councils noted that very limited or no funds will be available from the Federal Government, USDA, due to budget constraints, and advised all FS councils to focus on different and varied fund raising activities.

### **Events:**

**Holiday Party @ Gary Green's Home –**

- Dec 17, 6pm, bring something to share and a \$10 exchange gift.

**Golf Tournament:** Greg H –

- 1<sup>st</sup> week in May, either 2<sup>nd</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>, with plans to coordinate with an interagency meeting. Planning for either Chardonnay or Eagle Vines Golf Course during the week for reasonable pricing.
- Perhaps Joanne Sutro would be willing to help upgrade the advertising.

## **Projects:**

### **Pilot Project:** Greg H –

- Still Projected @ \$10,000.00. PG&E completed some power line right of way clearing on the Ridge Road, on the edge of Dan Galvin's and Carole Meredith's property, at a cost of \$6,800.00
- Concerns about Herbicides after clearing will require effort and public education. Nelson Money, RFP, will develop a scope of work and planning should begin in February 2012. Western Land Renovators will provide a presentation to the board.
- A public meet and greet, with photos and video should be available with a History of the Road, plus a Gant Chart of the Project Timeline and tasks. The project is scheduled for an April start. Project Documentation should provide before and after photos, still and aerial, to show the purpose of the project deliverables. Proposed use of newsletters, press, GPS, iPhones, etc.

### **Signs:** Greg H & Gary M –

- NC Road Crew Permit Officer will be interviewed for new sign locations and Encroachment Permit requirements.
- New Inserts proposed – Drunk Driving, ash disposal, smoke detectors/co detectors, chimney fires/cleaning, MVFSC Meeting announcements, etc.

### **Cove:**

- The Girl Scouts do not plan to sell the property, yet they are unable to budget any further improvements.
- They are pleased to report their usage has increased with over 1,000 scouts & parents visiting the property.
- Don Gasser has before/after photos of the fuel reduction project.

### **CWPP:** Kelly W –

- The CWPP is a living document that will be reviewed each year for relevance and updates.

## **Old Business:**

**Website:** Greg H to dismantle old Google website to avoid confusion.

**Bylaws:** Kelly W – review suggested revisions.

4.6 – definition of quorum for members meeting.

4.5 – email inclusion to supplement USPS mailings.

6.7 – email inclusion for decisions without a meeting.

- Further discussions to continue into next meeting.

- Initial meeting of the members will take place after approval of the Bylaws by both DCLFD and MVFSC.

**MOU:** Gary G –

- DCLFD Board meeting on 12/5/2011, 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month, MVFSC invited to attend and discuss the MOU, Bylaws, and meet the New DCLFD Board and officers recently elected.
- Fire Board is requesting a 2012 Budget from MVFSC.

**Newsletter:** Gary G –

- Waiting on articles from Gary M, (Neighborhood Watch) and Greg H (MVFSC) for completion.
- Review draft and add corrections.
- Include Ridge Road Projects

**New Business:**

**Fund Raising:** Greg H

- Enchanted Hills Bike tour is a good example.
- Firewood Sales – PG&E / Davey Tree will make wood available for storage and disposition. They will be paid extra to remove the wood to a location for Non-Profit sales and write offs. The drop location will be discussed with the DCLFD.

**Ridge Road Project:** See previous discussion in Projects.

**Future Meeting Location:** Gary M

- December meeting date to 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat? NO.
- Working with Hess to hold meeting within the Appellation Wineries or Grapegrower Homes. Hess is a possible site for Jan meeting.

**Other business:** None to report.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 10:10 am

**Next Meeting:** Saturday December 17, 2011 9:00am  
Home of Gary Margadant, 4042 Mount Veeder Road