



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

**DATE:** Sunday January 15, 2012 9:00 am

**LOCATION:** Kelly Wallace's home, 5269 Dry Creek Road, Napa

**ATTENDANCE:** Greg Holquist (Chair), Bill Robertson (Secretary / Treasurer), Kelly Wallace, Carole Meredith, Gary Margadant, Steve Levine, Denise Levine.

**REVIEW OF THE MINUTES:** December 17, 2011 minutes were approved with corrections to be made that were brought to the group's attention by Carole Meredith.

**ADDITIONS OR REVISIONS TO AGENDA:** The sequence of the agenda was changed in order to cover the upcoming January 19<sup>th</sup> meeting with the Napa Communities Firewise Foundation Board.

**CHAIRPERSON REPORT:** Greg Holquist deferred his Chair Report for the sake of time constraints.

**TREASURER REPORT:** Bill Robertson has been elected Treasurer of the Dry Creek-Lokoya Board and by default becomes this organization's Treasurer. He replaces Gary Green who is retired from Dry Creek-Lokoya VFD as of January 1 of this year. Bill explained to the group that it will take a little while for things to settle from the transition. The current balance from the 12/30/2011 Bank Statement from Umpqua Bank is \$21,175.02 in the Mount Veeder Fire Safe Council's Business Checking Account. Bill also stated that according to Gary Green, there was a problem with the Debit Card (7485) and that it would need to be resolved. **ACTION ITEM:** Greg Holquist and Bill Robertson will get together prior to the next meeting to resolve this issue and to update the checking account signature cards.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. Grants - Meeting with Napa Community Firewise Foundation for project presentation on January 19<sup>th</sup> to their Board. Bill Robertson presented the PowerPoint he had worked on to be presented to the Napa Community's

Firewise Foundation Board. The group gave feedback on how the presentation could be improved. Bill said he will make the changes and Greg will pick up the PowerPoint file tomorrow when the changes have been made. Everyone is encouraged to show up to support the MVFSC in hopes to obtain additional funding for the Pilot Project on the Old Ridge Road Shaded Fuel Break.

2. Events - 2012 Golf Tournament : Greg stated he will need help with the Golf Tournament again. Bill mentioned that we need to do a better job advertising and to send out postcards to the locals as well as have signs made up to slide into the Fire Prevention signs. Carole mentioned that a press release needs to go out in a more timely manner and she would like to see a calendar that will lay out deadlines for which tasks will need to be completed. Greg agreed. The Golf Tournament will take place during Wildfire Awareness Week.
3. Projects
  - a. Old Ridge Road Shaded Fuel Break Property Owner Permission Forms have not been signed yet. Carole said she had brought hers and would have Kossen's before the 1/19 meeting. Gary Margadant has Dan Galvin's and will attempt to get Chester Brandlin's. The landowner's written permission must be obtained prior to work commencing on the Pilot Project and preferably prior to the meeting on January 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. Fire Prevention Signs status: No report
  - c. The Cove fuel reduction project: No report.
4. CWPP- Annual review and discussion: Postponed to next meeting in February.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Website: Carole state she was behind a few months getting the Minutes posted.
2. By-Laws: Delayed to next meeting some corrections need to be made. Awaiting Dry Creek-Lokoya VFD Board of Directors approval. **ACTION ITEM: Bill Robertson will place this subject on the agenda for the next DCL Board Meeting.**
3. MOU Between Dry Creek-Lokoya Board of Directors and Mount Veeder Fire Safe Council: The MVFSC has accepted the MOU/SOP's that were drafted by Ken Van Oeveren. Kelly Wallace stated that he and Ken had not met yet to determine if any other changes have been warranted. **ACTION ITEM: Bill Robertson will place this subject on the agenda for the next DCL Board Meeting.**

4. Liability Insurance and Insurance for Board of Directors Greg Holquist has not obtained any Liability or Board of Directors Insurance. **ACTION ITEM:** Greg Holquist will get some quotes and hopefully insurance by the next MVFSC Meeting in February.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Election / Appointment of MVFSC Board of Directors: With the exception of the Treasurer position, the rest will be deferred until the next meeting. Kelly Wallace brought up the point that we need to send notice to the membership and nominations will need to be made. Since our Bylaws have not been finalized, this process will be delayed.
2. Dry Creek - Lokoya VFD Election Results: The Board of Directors for the Dry Creek - Lokoya Volunteer Fire Dept. is as follows ; Ken Van Oeveren (Chair), Erik Madison (Vice Chair), Brandon Dolan (Secretary), Bill Robertson (Treasurer), Larry Russell (Chief), Russell Hamby

**OTHER BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:** Steve and Denise Levine discussed with the group the value of biomass and its utilization. There is a market for biomass and to use it for energy and other commodities. Vegetation management and wildland fuel reduction can be a win/win situation for property owners.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 11:10 am

**Next Meeting:** Sunday February 19, 2012 at 9:00 am  
Dry Creek - Lokoya Fire Station  
5900 Dry Creek Rd. Napa, CA 94558