



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

**DATE:** Saturday, March 22, 2014

**LOCATION:** Dry Creek-Lokoya Volunteer Fire Station, 5900 Dry Creek Road

**ATTENDANCE:** Bill Robertson, Gary Green, Evangeline James, Carole Meredith

**ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO AGENDA:** none

**REVIEW OF THE MINUTES:** February 22 minutes were approved

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:** Bill Robertson chaired the meeting in Kelly Wallace's absence. Bill read an email from Kelly encouraging us to move forward on plans for the 5/3 Wildfire Preparedness Day program. Kelly's email further stated that, his having heard no news from Liron Galliano regarding our grant, we should prepare for not going forward on April 6 as we had originally planned.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Gary Green reported that our current bank balance is \$28,835.41. An amount of \$513 is currently in suspense but it is not yet certain what the money is for.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **1. Grants:**

- a. California Fire Safe Council Grants Clearinghouse:** Bill Robertson and Stephen Gort will attend the workshop in Rio Linda on April 9 that is mandatory for grant recipients.

The official start date for the grant cycle is April 1, so in-kind hours after that will count. It is not clear whether we can use all the hours we have already put in.

Gary Green asked Bill Robertson to take the following question to the workshop: Napa Communities Firewise Foundation started their grant cycle earlier in the calendar year, so they get first crack at the Delta Camp crew. Doesn't this put the Fire Safe Councils at a disadvantage?

Gary Green reported that he and Bill Robertson walked the Pieromarchi property with Peggy Pieromarchi's conservator, Carol Isaacs. Gary took some before photos. They entered through the Redwood Cemetery driveway and parked at the Tyner house.

Permission forms are still needed for the Chester Brandlin and Richard Brandlin parcels at the south end of the Old Ridge Road project. Carole Meredith agreed to follow up on this. The owner of the parcel between 260-023 and 230-024 is unknown and Evangeline James agreed to look this up at the county.

- b. **Napa Communities Firewise Foundation:** no update
- c. **Natural Resources Conservation Service:** Kelly Wallace is working on this with Kelly Gin.

## 2. Events:

- a. **Wildfire Community Preparedness Day, May 3:** Larry Russell has agreed to allow this event to be held at the firehouse, but he needs 1 week's notice for cleanup. Also, we need to tidy up the firewood situation. We need to get a work party going but who will take responsibility for this?

**Program:** Tim Hoyt will participate on the topic of enforcement, particularly clearance. Gary Green will talk about address signs. We can hand out the county defensible space regulations. We can also mention the chipping program.

We can provide a list of contractors who can do vegetation management. We can hand out our brochure with our website.

We should provide some refreshments. Coffee and juice. Perhaps pastries?

- b. **Dry Creek-Lokoya Volunteer Fire Department Open House:** This is usually held on the first Sunday in June, but that is BottleRock Weekend, so perhaps 6/8 is a better date. MVFSC will help with the event as appropriate. Bill Robertson will check with Larry Russell.
- c. **Napa Communities Firewise Foundation Annual Meeting:** This is scheduled for July 19, but that is the same day as the Home Winemakers Class, so several of us will have schedule conflicts.

## 3. Project Updates:

- a. **Old Ridge Road:** The 2014 work is scheduled to run from April 7 through May 16, but this is now uncertain because of the delay in approval for our grant. Gary Green has prepared a budget (including the rental of a pickup truck) with an estimated total of \$19,842.36. For the pickup truck, we will need collision insurance for 2 days – the trip from Benicia to the project and then back to Benicia at the end. Gary Green agreed to ask Malloy Vasconi Insurance about this. We also need to provide a credit card to rent the truck. The group unanimously approved getting an MVFSC credit card.
- b. **Green address signs:** Gary Green reported that he had received one new sign order.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Firewood sales:** Joanne Sutro and Wayne Cain bought the last split firewood that we had.
2. **Community Wildfire Protection Plan update:** Bill Robertson reported that he has a meeting scheduled for April 1 with Mike Wilson, Steven Hawks, Barry Bierman and Amy Head (all Cal Fire) to discuss our CWPP and make sure it is consistent with current Cal Fire goals.
3. **MVFSC website:** Gary Green reported that the minutes are up-to-date but that the Fall newsletter is not yet on the website.
4. **Fire prevention sign repairs:** Gary Green reported that he needs to replace the channel on 2 of the 6 signs. The group approved the purchase of 24 feet of 2-inch bar for approximately \$100. Gary also indicated that he would like to buy a special tool that will allow him to use anti-theft bolts and nuts on the signs.

We need to have a sign made to replace our stolen sign. Should we get a sign for our 5/3 event? Gary Green agreed to get a price quote.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Records custodian:** Evangeline James indicated that she needs agendas and some permission forms for the MVFSC archives. She also needs Treasurer's Reports from 2014 forward. And she needs grant applications from the past if available.
2. **Classes and workshops:** The California Wildfire Coordinating Group 2014 Interagency Training will be held 4/29 and 4/30 at the McLellan Training site.

**OTHER BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** 10:50 am

**Next Meeting:** Saturday April 26 at 9:00  
Carole Meredith's house  
4967 Dry Creek Road

**TO DO LIST:****Gary Green:**

1. Talk to someone at Malloy Vasconi insurance about obtaining collision insurance for a rented pickup for 2 days only.
2. Get a price quote on a new sign for our 5/3 event.

**Kelly Wallace:**

1. Tell Stephen Gort and Roger Archey about our May 3 event
2. Prepare the report for the Napa Valley Community Foundation
3. Send Hold Harmless document to Ken Van Oeveren, Greg Holquist, Bill Robertson, Carole Meredith, Gary Green and Steve Leveque.

**Evangeline James:**

1. Determine the ownership of the parcel between 260-023 and 230-024.

**Bill Robertson:**

1. Talk to Larry Russell about the details of MVFSC participation at the Spring DCLVFD Open House.

**Carole Meredith:**

1. Get signed permission forms from the Trustee of the Chester Brandlin estate and from Richard Brandlin for their parcels at the south end of the ORR
2. Send January and February minutes to Sue Santos for the MVFSC website.