



**Santa Barbara County Firesafe Council
Board of Directors' Meeting
February 27, 2020**

Our mission is to promote wildfire safety in Santa Barbara County through education and action.

Directors present: John Ahlman, Ted Adams, Phil Seymour, Rob Hazard, Ray Smith, Paul Van Leer, Rolf Larsen, Abe Powell, Joan Hartmann, and Nic Elmquist

Also present: Jason Sweet (SBC), Kendra O'Connor, Victoria Cooper, Paula Lopez Ochoa

Call to Order

08:15 AM- J. Ahlman calls the meeting to order.

Minutes

Previous minutes were approved via email.

Treasurers Report

There was not a treasurer report provided.

New Business

1. April Public Meeting Planning (meeting outline provided by P. Seymour)
 - a. There was a discussion on the attached outline and potential presenters to cover the identified topics of interest.
 - i. Rob- Fire History, Risk Factors,
 - ii. Nic- Existing Mitigation Measures, Fire Suppression Measures
 - iii. Annual Forecast- Mark Jackson from NWS?
 - iv. Max- Scientific perspective
 - v. Open for Structure Vulnerability and structure hardening measures (Jack Armstrong?)
 - vi. Evacuation Preparedness- Sheriff Brian Holmsted and/or EOC Director- Kelly Hubbard
 - vii. Family Preparedness- Liliano Santa Barbara City, John will reach out and Abe will handle if Liliano is not available
 - viii. Animal Services- Phil will reach out with Equine evac people, etc.
 - ix. Set up Booths
2. A planning committee was formed of Phil Seymour, John Ahlman, Nic Elmquist, Abe Powell, Paul Van Leer, Kendra O'Connor, Victoria Cooper, and Paula Lopez Ochoa. The committee will have subsequent meetings to refine the April 29th event. Minutes will be provided to keep the Board briefed on the details.
3. The membership application process was discussed and the attached draft application was reviewed. There was a recommendation to add the FSC Mission Statement to the top of the application form. Once finalized, the form will be added to the webpage and extra copies will be brought to future FSC meetings for those who are interested in becoming members.
4. J. Hartmann updated the group on an effort SB County is working on to better understand and reduce duplicate efforts from organizations throughout the County working on emergency preparedness. The contractor, The LegacyWorks Group (<http://legacyworksgroup.com/>) will create a "stakeholder wheel" to identify the different organizations and to increase awareness and efficiency.

5. N. Elmquist gave an update on the FSC website upgrade. The Ojai FSC is embarking on a similar project with to upgrade their webpage. This will allow Wacky Puppy to separate the two webpages and create a new design. The final product will include updates to both design and content as well as making the webpage more user friendly for mobile devices. The goal will be to have the new webpage ready by the April 29th FSC meeting. N. Elmquist will continue to coordinate with the contractor and provide periodic updates on the status of the project.

Action Items:

1. N. Elmquist will provide Wacky Puppy with the new membership form to be included in the webpage update.
2. The April 29th Planning Committee will schedule separate meetings to plan the event and will provide minutes to the entire Board.
3. J. Ahlman will reach out to Liliano from Santa Barbara City FD to see if she is willing and able to assist at the April 29th meeting.
4. P. Seymour will update the Membership Form to include the FSC Mission Statement.

Motions:

None

Future Meeting Schedule and Guest Speakers:

1. April 29th – annual Membership meeting
2. May 7th – Board Meeting
3. June 25th - Board Meeting/Membership Meeting
 - Guest Speaker- Stephane Ma (UCSB Post Doc studying local wildfire recovery)
4. July 2nd - Board Meeting
5. August 27th - Board Meeting/Membership Meeting
 - Guest Speaker- Rondi Guther (So Cal Edison Public Information Officer)
6. September 3rd – Board Meeting
7. October 22nd - Board Meeting/Membership Meeting
 - Guest Speaker- Ethan Turpin (The Burn Cycle Project)
8. November 5th – Board Meeting
9. December – No Meeting

Board Adjourned at 09:10 AM.

Guest Speaker:

Kevin Cooper- Retired USFS Wildlife Biologist

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Minutes respectfully submitted: Nic Elmquist