



Promoting Wildfire Safety Through Education and Action

**Santa Barbara County Fire Safe Council
Executive Committee Meeting
September 6th, 2023**

Executive Committee Directors Present: Paul Van Leer, K. Varga, Nic Elmquist, Rob Hazard

Executive Committee Directors Absent: Victoria Cooper

Others Present: Kian Brouwer, Phil Seymour, K. Furlong

1. Plan for radio show

- Radio show transitioning to podcast style.
- K. Brouwer has been looking into prices for equipment and it should come out to under \$1000.
- We will reduce the amount of recordings. T. Adams and M. Williams have waived how often they want to record. N. Elmquist recommends starting with once a month along with special occasions.
- We want the equipment to be mobile so we can take it with us to event: conferences, fires, etc.
- We will present this at our September meeting to the board

2. How should staff purchase event supplies?

- Staff is unsure how to purchase items for upcoming events due to spending issues
- Staff will use the new credit card and make expenses as necessary. They will send expense approvals to K. Varga and P. Van Leer
- Staff will present the draft budget at next weeks EC meeting

3. Finance update

- We received a reimbursement from Marborg
- We are waiting for reimbursement checks from Cal Fire. Should be a few weeks away, its in th eprocess of sending. K. Varga has been in contact with Cal Fire explaining the situation were in. They said they would try and expedite. We also have an advance request up for approval. R. Hazard says it looks like it should get approved and back to us fast.
- We have multiple checks that should be arriving soon.

- Dave Farley from CA Fire Safe Council was finally able to get in contact with someone from NFWF who will hopefully be able to reimburse us soon
- K. Varga will give another update next week

4. UCSB/Jensen Hughes Joint Fire Science Program NOFO

- We received a request for a letter of support for a research project. If it was accepted we would have a seat in the process. M. Moritz is apart of the project
- N. Elmquist thinks it would be a good idea for us to send a letter of support. Great for our organization to sit in on these various projects.
- Jensen Hughes has done CWPPs and other related projects in the past.
- *R. Hazard: Motion to draft a letter of support. N. Elmquist seconds. All in favor*

Motions:

- *Motion to draft a letter of support. R. Hazard - N. Elmquist seconds. All in favor*

General Notes:

- **Next Meeting:** Draft budget for Oct. 7th event, J. Tobin presenting chipping review/updates
- **Two Weeks:** Discuss BOD development tasks
- P. Seymour: Cuyama Lambs has requested a clause in their contract regarding potential lawsuits and our involvement. N. Elmquist says MFD has previously made contractors and landowners agree that the funder/project coordinator are not liable. P. Van Leer says we should agree if it makes our relationship friendly. **If it comes to it, EC agrees we will add the requested clause to Cuyama Lamb's contract**

Minutes submitted respectfully: Kian Brouwer