

CENTRAL OREGON FIRE PREVENTION COOP
MINUTES FOR March 20th, 2007
Crooked River Ranch

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Katie Lighthall	Deschutes County Project Wildfire
David Wheeler	Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire Department
Jessica Meyer	Redmond Fire & Rescue
Cathy O'Brien	COFMS-Newberry Division: Bend Ft.Rock RD
Deanne Dement	Cloverdale Rural Fire Protection District
Sandy Johnston	LaPine Rural Fire Protection District
Deb Petersen	COFMS-Prairie Division-FS/BLM
Don Rowe	Retired Fire Chief, Sisters-Camp Sherman
Judy Okulitch	Office of State Fire Marshal
Alysha Gilpatrick	Crooked River Ranch Rural Fire Department
Gary Marshall	Bend Fire & Rescue
Christy Donham	Oregon Department of Forestry
Susie Lovisco	Bend Fire & Rescue
Libby Rodgers	Crook County OSU Extension Service
Casey Kump	Crook County Fire & Rescue
George Fox	Sunriver Fire & Rescue
Teri Cairns	Sisters – Camp Sherman Fire Department
Suzi Macy	Warm Springs Fire Management-BIA

Meeting called to order at 09:35, motion made to accept February Meeting Notes, seconded and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: \$2,375.00 Discussion to change banks due to service charges. Dave Wheeler recommended Bank of Cascades.....motioned by Christy, seconded by Libby.....approved.

CORRESPONDENCE: Gated Wye article on novelty lighters, fire safe cigarettes.

STANDING COMMITTEES/PROJECT REPORTS:

Firebusters - **Committee:** Lead-Dave Fields, Susie Lovisco, Cathy O'Brien, Bob Sjolund, Casey Kump, Christy Donham, Jim Gustafson, Dan Derlacki, Suzi Macy. Committee looking to meet in April.

Coop Prevention Trailer - **Committee:** Lead-Dan Derlacki, Dave Fields, Deb Petersen, and Christy Donham, George Fox, Casey Kump. Susie advised Dan will not be applying for funds for a temporary shelter for trailer.

County Fairs - **Committee:** Lead-Lisa Clark, Deb Petersen, Brad Rumbarger, Cathy O'Brien, Renee Lamoreaux, Jessica Meyer, Deanna Dement, Sandy Johnston and Christy Donham. No Report

Team Teaching - **Committee:** Lead-Christy Donham, Dave Wheeler, Libby Rogers, Lisa Clark, Cathy O'Brien. Crook Co dates: April 16-20th, Sister dates: April 26th, Grant Co dates: May 1-4th, Bend dates: May 7-11th, Newberry May 7th or 14th, LaPine TBA, Madras TBA, Warm Springs TBA, Redmond possibly week of 14th, 3 days.

Oregon Life Safety Team – Committee: Lead-Dave Wheeler, Sandy Johnston Judy Okulitch- fire safe cigs passed House and go to Senate, Wildfire awareness week is May 6-12, OSFM is offering a campaign tool kit. OSFM also working with Rangeland associations for wildfire awareness week.

Web Page – Committee: Lead-Bob Sjolund, Jessica Meyer. Check it out, <http://centraloregonfireservices.org/>

Marketing – Committee: Lead-George Fox, Deanna Dement, Lisa Clark, Cathy O'Brien, Katie Lighthall, Bob Sjolund, Susie Lovisco no report

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

By-laws/Rules of Order Amendments - no changes.

Grants – Judy- OSFM received grant money for interactive displays, purchased five Model tech WUI hazard houses.....Steve Fitzgerald submitting plans for backdrops – movable landscaping to create hazards, fire, etc...

Fire Free – Bend dates April 21-29, Katie mentioned the co-op is sponsoring a 16 page insert on partnerships for fire free. Sisters dates May 5-6th (mentioned Feb. minutes), Jefferson County –TBA, Black Butte Ranch April 21-30. Crooked River Ranch -TBA. Susie- Bend meeting on the 29th to report on targeted neighborhoods and fire free sign boards. She will send out a request for assistance at the land fill.

Prevention Activities last month – Christy - Hunter's Education, Christy and Dave took Smokey Bear to grade schools. Libby/Lisa/Crook County applied for National Fire Plan Grant, Libby may have a local source for converting fuels to Bio-mass. Libby worked with Gordon Foster on brochures for rangeland fire protection associations. Gary Marshall mentioned Bend is looking at a stop on all burning.....this may include a bi-weekly service to pick up debris, possibly in 2007. Casey with Carriage House assisted living spoke at a luncheon at the Crook County Senior Center, gave out smoke alarms, address signs, brochures, etc....

NEW BUSINESS:

Upcoming Prevention Activities – Judy Okulitch- Passed around flameless candles and novelty lighter posters. Judy spoke of the public awareness campaign with novelty lighters and proposed bans by the US Fire Administration, other States, and European Countries. Also spoke of the *play safe be safe* training kits for all teachers. Judy mentioned a Juvenile with Fire conference will be September 17-18 at the Portland Sheridan Hotel....a few players including the San Diego Burn Center will be involved.

Fire Awareness Middle School Program – Judy presented the middle school curriculum to the co-op members, handed out curriculum CD. The teacher/fire personnel training seminar will be April 12 @ Redmond 08:00 to 16:00. Members are encouraged to contact their local middle school health teachers for partnership. Funding can accommodate approx. 22 people. Please let Judy know if attending (503-373-1540 x230) or judyokulitch@state.or.us Judy will get flyers to Dave Wheeler for distribution to private schools.

Judy mentioned they are currently working on fire awareness curriculum for elementary schools.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Katie - Deschutes County Project Wildfire is going to *Spain* to Present at the International Wildfire Conference. This will be May 14-18. The Co-op is proud to have Project Wildfire on the international agenda!

Cathy O'Brien will retire on May 2nd. Her retirement party will be May 5th at McMenamins Restaurant in Bend starting at 6.00 pm, Dinner at 7:00 pm. Cathy will be well-rested and ready to shut the place down. (Please utilize your designated drivers!)

Meeting adjourned @ 10:41 Next meeting: **April 17th, Walker Range FPA – for the address & directions, go to <http://www.centraloregonfireservices.org/>.**

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Casey Kump, Secretary.

Coop Officer Positions: Chair-Dave Wheeler, Vice Chair-Lisa Clark, Secretary-Casey Kump, Treasurer-Vacant, and Public Information Officer-Christy Donham. Two Year Terms begin January 1st, 2006 and terminate December 31st, 2008.

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