



The Mission of the Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council is to preserve Grizzly Flats' natural and manmade resources by informing, educating and mobilizing all residents and landowners to make their homes, properties, neighborhoods and the community fire safe, and to provide area-wide cooperation, innovation and action in an effort to buffer the Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council's Sphere of Recognition from catastrophic wildfire

March 7, 2020 Minutes

- 1) **Call to Order:** Chairman Mark Almer called the meeting to order at 9:37 am.
- 2) **Flag Salute:** The flag salute was led by Robin Kelley
- 3) **Roll Call:** The meeting's roll was by sign-in sheet. Visitors introduced themselves.
- 4) **Meeting Room Cleanup Volunteers:** Room clean-up Volunteers were Roy.Rodgers, Robin Kelley and David Manske.
- 5) **Approval of the March 7, 2020 Agenda:** Kelly Krohn moved to accept the Agenda with a second from Kathy Melvin. **Motion** carried.
- 6) **Approval of the February 1, 2020 Minutes:** Robin Kelley moved to accept the Minutes; the Motion was seconded by Liz Lawless. **Motion** carried.
- 7) **Treasurer's Report-** Steve Hupner:
 - The Treasurer reported the bank balance as \$36,441.77.
- 8) **Public Comment** (Comments shall be limited to items not on the Agenda and to a maximum of 3 minutes): There were no Public comments.
- 9) **Council Member's Comments:** (Comments shall be limited to items not on the Agenda)
 - Colton Meyer reported that the Lomo Lotus is up and running. Oak Hill has a repeater and will soon be holding radio workshops there. Omo Hill, Fairplay, and Logtown are on the horizon. For more information go to the El Dorado County Radio Club Website EDSARC.net
 - Mary lou Brown expressed her appreciation for the improved meeting table arrangement. Robin Kelley took the credit and acknowledged Jesse and Jacob who set up the tables.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – Home Survival- Findings from the Angora Fire and the Paradise Fire – RPF John Pickett Reported-

- Senator Diane Feinstein has been instrumental in bringing money into the Federal Government and the State to fund programs.
- Things that are attainable, easily done can have the biggest impact
- Requirements for combustion are either met or not

- Preventing home ignition and Wildland fire disasters is about treating the home and its immediate surroundings.
- It is not where the home is located but what is located around the home.
- Take care of the forest around the community so defensible space has a chance to work.
- Five feet of gravel around the home and fire-resistant vegetation within 30 feet of home.
- Equip home with dual pane windows and remove all combustible materials from underneath the deck.
- Slides of homes that were burned and homes that did not burn were presented

Steve Hupner: Reported- GFFSC is looking forward to working with John Pickett on future projects as their Project Manager

10) Agency Reports:

A. BOS District 2 Supervisor - Shiva Frentzen: Not present

B. Pioneer Fire Protection District (PFPD) – Battalion Chief Mike Stutts:

- Battalion Chief Mike Stutts looking forward to moving to Grizzly Flats
- County Vegetation Ordinance- Currently Grizzly Flats is not designated as being a high-risk area on the Map. Chief Stutts will be working to change this. The county will manage this through a County run website complaint page.
- Chief Stutts is currently training 12 EMR and Wildland Firefighters at Leoni Meadows
- The PFPD has responded to multiple escaped burn piles in the area.

C. Department of Transportation (DOT) – Brian Mullens: - Not Present

D. Grizzly Flats Community Service District (GFCSD) – Kim Gustafson-

- The District's Board of Directors still has a vacancy. They are looking for a 5th member
- The GFCSD sent out a community survey to residents, if you received the survey, please fill out and return it.

E. Sheriff – John D'Agostini / Steve Wunschel-

- Steve Wunschel has been promoted to Sergeant and is no longer the resident Deputy of Grizzly Flats.
- There will be a new resident Deputy soon, that deputy will attend the GFFSC meetings.

F. El Dorado County Fire Safe Council (EDCFSC)- Ernie Lory:

- Final reading of County Vegetation Management Ordinance (CVMO) went to Board of Supervisors on February 25th.
- Home Hardening Requirements still being addressed by County Fire Prevention Officers

- Property access for CVMO inspections will be what is normally available to “home delivery” personnel.
- USFS Teresa Riesenhuber is drafting an Agreement between the USFS and the EDCFSC covering the GF-18 (\$180k) Grant
- The EDCFSC will determine if they will hire a Registered Professional Forester or have Resource Conservation Districts be the project manager for GF 18.
- Green Waste Dumpster Program- 2020 matching funds per dumpster will be- El Dorado Disposal \$100, EDCFSC \$150, and Local FSC \$150 per dumpster for 4 dumpsters. This is if GFFSC wants to have a separate dumpster project from the annual clean up in September.
- EDCFSC is working with County Air Quality Management District in submitting a grant for Chipping.

G. California Highway Patrol - Community Resource Officer – Andrew Brown:

- The National Forest (NF) has jurisdiction over off highway vehicles (OHV) when on NF land.
- California State Parks (CSP) has jurisdiction over off highway vehicles when on CSP land.
- Off highway vehicles should not be operated on the roadway. Neighbors may not call to complain regarding these vehicles if exhaust is not too loud or if you are not driving too fast. If off highway vehicles are found on the roadways they can be impounded. If used in the forest spark arrestors are required on the OHV.
- The CHP are raising money for Officer Gordon who was hit by a drunk driver while working at a DUI collision

H. United States Forest Service (USFS) - Captain Luke Birch:

- Not present

I. Neighboring Fire Safe Councils:

1. Pleasant Valley FSC- No report
2. Aukum/Fairplay FSC- Ed Matwich-Vice Chair
 - Aukum/Fairplay FSC is only 1 year old
 - Has become a Firewise Community
 - They are working on several grant applications now
3. Omo Ranch FSC- Paul Graham-Chair
 - Should have the Bylaws set within the next 30 days
 - They have a 3-member Education Outreach and Hospitality Committee but no committee chair. The first meeting will be 3-8-20.
 - Barry Callenberger will be doing a presentation to the ORFSC in March at Pioneer Park for the Aukum/Fairplay and Omo Ranch FSC's.

- The Omo Ranch fundraiser will be June 13th at Pioneer Park 11-3pm
- Safety Day Planning Committee needs funds for advertising

11) Old Business:

A. 2020 Committee and BBQ sign ups- Mark Almer- Discussion/Action Item

- Jon Jochem has agreed to chair the Trestle Trail Clean up this year

B. BBQ Fundraiser-David Manske/Mark Almer – Discussion Action Item

- Still need two more people to help with procuring wine donations. Laurie Manske and Liz Lawless volunteered.
- Kelly Krohn and Molly Irish to work on table decorations

C. Four Corners Reader Board - Chief Matthews - Discussion/Action:

- GFFSC meeting announcement was on reader board a week ahead of schedule due to forgetting about the extra day in leap year.
- The PFPD will be coming out with a policy for the usage of the Reader Board

D. Emergency Exit Route Signage Program - Chief Matthews/Don Spear/Steve Hupner - Discussion/Action/Expense Item:

- Battalion Chief Mike Stutts -still pending approval from USFS for the signs through the ENF
- Steve Hupner passed around a map showing projected locations of the exit Route's signs.

E. Updates & Changes for the PPM & Bylaws – Mark Almer / Steve Hupner- Discussion Item

- Currently no updates

F. GFFSC Vacancies – Mark Almer – Discussion/Action Item

- Mark Almer- Three current vacancies on the council, soon to be four
- Need members who will be active participants of the Council.
- Have created a list of questions for applicants to answer and submit
- 3 applicants requested questionnaires

G. Status Update on Possible Formation of Somerset Fire Safe Council- Ad Hoc Committee- Discuss/Action Item

- Robin Kelley attended a Firewise application training with Ken Pimlot on how to fill out the application, no Community meetings have been scheduled.

12) New Business

- A. Updates & Changes Since Last Meeting – Mark Almer – Discussion Item:
 - Colton Meyer will be resigning from the Council at the end of March meeting as he is unable to attend future meetings or help with the annual BBQ
 - Tracey Schaal has resigned from the Council due to not being able to participate in the BBQ or other events.
- B. Annual Fundraiser BBQ Expenditure Request - Mark Almer/David Manske-Discussion/Action item
 - Sign-Up sheet for annual BBQ committees passed around
 - BBQ Committee meeting- All Council members to attend- scheduled on Saturday, 3/21 at 11am Grizzly Flats Community Church Lodge.
 - A **Motion** made by Liz Lawless with a second from Kathy Melvin for an expenditure of \$1000 to purchase items for the BBQ Fundraiser event(s). **Motion** passes
- C. Conflict of Interest Forms-Deb Gregory Discussion/Action Item
 - Conflict of Interest forms were passed out and signed
- D. Volunteer Waivers-Deb Gregory Discussion/Action Item
 - Volunteer Waivers were turned in

13) Committee Reports

- A. Public Outreach Coordinator – Deb Gregory
No Updates
- B. Defensible Space - Steve Frazier/Robin Kelley-
 - Robin Kelley went to one property evaluation on Casa Contenta this went well
- C. Grants – Randy Rossi/Tracey Schaal/Kelly Krohn
 - Committee member Kelly Krohn met with Steve Hupner received information and materials about fuel reduction and preparing grant applications.
 - Kelly Krohn participated in the Cal Fire Wildfire Resilience in Forestry Assistance Grant Workshop webinar.
 - Steve Hupner stated there are grant opportunities available and he is available to the Grants committee to assist in accessing them.
- D. Public Education-Deb Gregory/Molly Irish/Kelly Krohn
 - Molly Irish looking for Go Bags, will be contacting Ernie to get more.
 - Molly has several flyers for the Safety Day Event available for Council members to post
- E. Standing Committee on Middle Fork - Randy Rossi/Robin Kelley
Nothing new
- F. EI Dorado County Vacant Parcel/Weed Abatement Ordinance - Ad Hoc
 - No action.

14) Public Announcements

- Meeting on 3/28 at 10am to educate the public on how Burger Night has operated in the past and to find someone to take over the operation of this fundraiser.

15) For the Good of the Order

- Chief Mike Stutts- Corona Virus Update- Currently there are no cases in El Dorado County. Everyone should wash their hands and protect themselves. Self-quarantine at home if you have symptoms. Call Public Health for signs, symptoms, and what to do. People who are dying from this are people who have compromised immune systems already.

16) Adjourn

- With a **Motion** from Kathie Hawkins and a second from Steve Frazier, **Motion** passed and the meeting was adjourned at 11:57am
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Regular Local Fire Safe Councils and District Meetings:

- Grizzly Flats FSC - 1st Saturdays 9:30 AM, Grizzly Flats Community Church
- Pioneer Fire Protection District - 2nd Tuesdays 6 PM- Station 38
- Pleasant Valley FSC - 2nd Thursdays 7 PM - Pleasant Valley Community Hall
- Aukum/Fairplay FSC- 3rd Wednesdays 7 PM - Pioneer Park Hall
- Omo Ranch FSC - 4th Saturdays 9 AM – Indian Diggings School