

Monterey Fire Safe Council

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting 3/31/11 – Telephone Conference call

Call to Order: 9:00 am

Board Members Attending: Kelly, Dick R., Mike Caplin, Pam Peck, Lynne S., Hal Latta.

Dick confirmed that Jeannie had resigned from the board and he will update the MFSC Board roster accordingly.

The board has a quorum.....

Review of Minutes: Minutes of February 24, 2011 were reviewed: Corrections:

- Page 4: In the Status update change “Steve Daus reports a major field effort and great results with 160 acres cleared” to “160 acres flagged in preparation to do fuel reduction work”
- Change spelling of Gavilan to Gabilan
- Change “Steve to contact North Stars Chris Orman” to “Steve to contact North County Fire Protection District’s Chris Orman”
- Page 5 – change #7, “Peter Harris reports that Sherry Tune requests that the MFSC become a host...” to “the MFSC host a...”
- Page 3 #8 – remove the sentence “a major focus of the bill concerns changing boundries during fires”.
- Remove the sentence “Section 1 of this billBoard of Supervisors”
Replace with “ the current draft of the Bill does not support recommendations in the Monterey County Community Wildfire Protection Plan.”
- In the sentence starting with “Pam Silkwood..... delete “of applying for government permission”

- In Non-members present, note that Becky Reisdorf is Friends of the Forest, Pebble Beach (not CERT)

- In Project Summeries, 4B – the HCSS fair has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 21

Motion to approve minutes by Dick, Mike C second, Kelly called vote, Motion carries

Note: Re MFSC Website – Kelly said Birdwing has a laundry list of items they would like to address on the website. Kelly suggested that the organization of a web committee be put on the agenda for the next board meeting.

Note: Kelly reported that FireScope Monterey’s web site is up & established. See: firescapemonterey.org as a placeholder, Kelly did the website for the Forest Service – ‘someone’ has agreed to work on it and it is up to the Forest Service and interested parties to take it from here. (Becky Reisdorf has shown an interest).

Grant Committee: Lynne, Dick, Mike E, Robin (Pam, Chuck). In anticipation of working on standard policies & procedures, Pam to send the Santa Clara Accounting policies & procedures to Lynne & Mike E.

New Bylaws: Pam Silkwood has revised and will provide revisions to Executive members of board (Kelly, Dick, Penny & Pam) also Mike C as advisor – before the April board meeting.

New Business:

Dick R reviewed the quote for the proposed 50K Term Life insurance policy for Steve Daus from Pacific Diversified Insurance. The cost for the 10 year policy would be \$842 / year. The policy may be cancelled after one year. The policy will be paid for out of the Big Sur Grant. Dick will check if there is a penalty for canceling early. Pending no additional charges, Dick made the motion to purchase the policy, Mike C Seconded. Approved

Big Sur Grant – Status Report – Hal Latta

Hal reported he sent an email to Randy Richter requesting the \$264,000 due on 3/18/11 and the balance of \$111,677 under the assumption that they will have more property flagged for the work to be done. All the remaining monies have then been applied for. Regarding an extension for the grant, Hal indicated this is unknown. He originally asked for a 6 month extension – but only a three month extension may be possible. (The grant expires in October 2011). He also had asked that due to the road closure, could they get a 'hardship' extension. A following discussion pointed out that Richter doesn't advocate for us – Hal suggested someone at the Forest Service ie the Executive Director for the CAFSC, Margaret Grayson be contacted. Hal will follow up with this. Concern was stated that due to the potential 5 ton weight limit on the temporary road at the Rocky Creek slide, bids (which have not yet gone out) may have to come from contractors from the south, or the 'drive around time' may adversely affect the contract bid amounts.

Good of the Order:

Pay Pal button on the website: Kelly reported she is working to resolve this item with the Pay Pal programmers.

April Agenda items:

- Kelly reported that Becky Reisdorf has shown interest in working on the website and getting the MFSC's presence out into the world – ie with various media, etc..
- Also on April agenda – Firescape Monterey
- Sonja – did a detailed proposal for the strategic Plan at \$5,000. Frank Pinney wants to use an outside contractor for \$15,000.

Joe R (without agenda item) is at CalFire with his group, expecting to meet with FSC. Kelly will resolve.

Dick R. motioned to adjourn meeting at 10:30, Mike C. seconded, meeting adjourned.

Next meeting Thursday, April 28th – road permitting!

Due to absence of Penny Vieregge, minutes taken by Pam Peck.