

PINE/STRAWBERRY FUELS REDUCTION COMMITTEE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES
August 31, 2011

CALL TO ORDER:

President Walt Smith called the meeting to order at 6:10 P.M.
The meeting was held at the Pine Senior Center Dining Room
Walt Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: Walt Smith, Katie Calderon, Ron Calderon, Jack Malloy, Mel Palmer, Gail Reese

Member Absent: Janet Brandt

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

Ron moved to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2011 meeting. Gail seconded.
Motion Passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Gail presented the Treasurer's Report.

Fundraiser donations: 311 people have responded totaling \$26,239 donated.

Fire on the Rim: Katie reported – Started with \$16,100. After all expenses and income, a balance of \$14,491.74 will be used for next year's race on Sept. 15, 2012

Gail reported \$42,944 in the savings account and \$25,748 in the checking account.

Ron moved to accept Treasurer's Report. Katie seconded.
Motion Passed.

CORRESPONDENCE/BILLS:

Gail reported that the insurance bill for volunteers at Fire on the Rim asked to have information on the number of exposure days and the number of people exposed. She asked for help to determining this number.

It was suggested there were 95 volunteers and to contact Crabtree for assistance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fundraiser Update: See Treasurer' Report

Fire on the Rim: See Treasurer's Report

OLD BUSINESS:

Arrowhead Estates Update: Mel reported that both bids were for \$2,000. He stated he is walking the last parcel tomorrow and will be going with Armstrong.

NEW BUSINESS:

Walt led a discussion with the Board and citizens in attendance of the Fire Department's August 24, 2011 decision to discontinue the brush pick-up as of August 31, 2011.
Included in this discussion was ~~the~~ proposal PSFRC presented to the Fire Board on August 24 regarding how to use the two new grants to continue the brush pick-up service.

Jay Wailes questioned if there was a new FD/FRC plan being submitted to the State different from that approved at the Fire Boards last meeting held with the FRC.

Walt explained there had been no change in the plan approved by the Fire Board.

Also discussed were various ideas about how to continue brush pick-up after grants are no longer available and ideas on what to do with the current brush piles until the State approves the PSFD/PSFRC proposal.

Mike Taylor reminded to check his website psaznews.com and to get the word out about filling out the brush pick-up survey. He also noted some preliminary results from the survey.

A citizen remarked she liked the brush pick-up but would like to see better scheduling and no missed streets. Another citizen asked what was planned for the current brush on the sides of the roads. It was answered that the brush would remain until a new funding source was found for its pick-up. It was also reminded that during the summer weeks, more brush piles are established so the schedule would be slower than in the spring or fall and that missed streets should be reported.

Jay asked if the FRC grant for brush pick-up was awarded why was the program shut down? Several Board members replied that the grant had not yet been funded. Ron replied that since there are now two grants, one FRC and one FD, the State is not funding either until both groups work together to develop a plan for both grants.

Chief Staub will be making an assessment of fire risk around the communities, which will include the brush piles. He and Mike Blaes will look into organizing a volunteer day around September 17, 2011 to pick-up brush.

Walt suggested citizens contact PSFRC and PSFD with ideas for continuing the brush pick-up after grant funds are no longer available.

It was also suggested a sign be made for the Post Office regarding the "interruption" of the brush pick-up. No decision on who will make the sign and what exactly it will say.

Finally, Mike Taylor was asked to put a link on the PSFRC and PSFD websites that will take citizens to the brush pick-up survey.

ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION, POSSIBLE ACTION:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ron moved to adjourn. Mel seconded.

Motion Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Jack Malloy, PSFRC Secretary