PINE/STRAWBERRY FUEL REDUCTION, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 29, 2012

CALL TO ORDER:

President Walt Smith called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M. The meeting was held at the Pine Senior Center Dining Room Jack led the Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: Walt Smith, Mel Palmer, Jack Malloy, Janet Brandt,

Members Absent: Katie Calderon, Ron Calderon

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

Janet moved to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2012 meeting as presented. Jack seconded. **Motion Passed.**

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mel presented the Treasurer's Report.

Checking account has \$57,784.42; Of that a check just made out to RCO Reforestring for \$30,000 from the Camp Lo Mia Grant; Fire On The Rim checking has \$9,499.60 of which FRC owes it \$15,000 when short for checks; Other account has \$9,211.44; For a total of \$76,495.46

CORRESPONDENCE/BILLS:

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

<u>Fire On The Rim Mt. Bike Race:</u> Janet reported that last nights volunteer meeting was well attended with lots of sign-ups in the volunteer book. Spaghetti dinner tickets have been printed and will be sold at the raffles. Flyers promoting the race have also been printed. The checklist of things to be done is on track. Mel suggested having roaming flaggers to relieve those stationed around Cool Pines.

OLD BUSINESS:

<u>Camp Lo Mia Grant Update:</u> Mike Brandt said he did the final walkthrough with the State yesterday. Where the camp and fuel break meet there was no difference and the State said this was textbook. Both the State and the camp seemed happy with the results that complete the Camp Lo Mia project.

Mike reported that the Forest Service is planning for their winter burn season in the fuel break.

<u>Trails In The Fuel Break Update:</u> Janet reported that the Forest Service approved the NEPA study on August 1, 2012 and now this is the F.S. project. Janet has worked with the F.S. writing grants for the trail building. The trail will be a hard line for fire and allow access for F.S. maintenance of the fuel break. It will also be a hiking trail. The trail has two access points; one across the 87 opposite the Pine Strawberry Trailhead just south of Strawberry; the other is off of trail 26, the Pine Canyon Trail, six miles north of the Pine Canyon Trailhead located just south of Pine on the east side of the 87. The F.S. name for the trail is the Pine Creek Trail.

Janet also reported the F.S. approved a reconstruction of the Pine Canyon Trail which she has written a grant for the trail building and is waiting for the grant approval.

The F.S. requires the trail building crew leaders to have three approved trainings. Arizona Trails has a training scheduled the end of October and the International Mountain Biking Association will come to pine on October 6th for another training.

Janet reported that there has been some concern from residents of Portals III concerning the new trail. But at this time they will have to deal with the Forest Service who has approved and is in charge of the project.

<u>P/SFR Website Update:</u> Jack reported that the website psfuelreduction.org is up and running. With lots of help from Janet they were able to find another website host, Pine Media Pros run by Rick Weiss who does PineStrawberry AZ News. The host charge is \$4.95/month with an additional charge of \$60 for Rick's time in rescuing the site for it's previous host and setting it up. Rick will also be a consultant when needed.

A discussion followed regarding adding a Contact Box to the website. It was agreed this would be worthwhile. Jack will look into this.

<u>New Fundraising Letter:</u> After some discussion is was agreed to table this to a later time when there was a need that would be obvious to those we would be solicited for donations.

<u>PayPal Donations</u>: Jack said that Gail Reese had recommended looking into using PayPal for monthly donations. He reported that PayPal offers two ways people can donate to non-profits, a one time donation and monthly donations that can be set up on the P/SFR website. The cost to non-profits is 2.5% or \$2.50/\$100 donated. Donations are deposited into the non-profits PayPal account that can then be transferred to the non-profits checking account periodically. After some discussion Janet moved that P/SFR set up a PayPal account so donations can be made through the website. Mel seconded. **Motion Passed.**Jack will look into getting this done.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION, POSSIBLE ACTION:

None.

SET DATE, TIME, PLACE OF NEXT PSFR, INC. MEETING:

Next meeting will be Wednesday October 24, 2012 at 6:00 PM in the Pine Senior Center.

ADJOURNMENT:

Jack moved to adjourn. Mel seconded. **Motion Passed.** Meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Jack Malloy, PSFR Secretary