

PINE/STRAWBERRY FUEL REDUCTION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES
OCTOBER 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 Malloy led the Pledge of Allegiance

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

Members Absent: None

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

Mel moved to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2012 meeting as presented. Ron seconded.
Motion Passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Gail presented the Treasurer's Report.
P/SFR checking account has \$76,540.00, saving has \$9,212.18 and Fire On The Rim has \$9,708.14.
Katie moved to file the Treasurer's Report for audit. Ron seconded.
Motion Passed.

BILLS/CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from Portals-3 HOA: Regarding the impact of the new Pine Creek Trail. Walt stated this is now in the hands of the Forest Service.

Email from Allstate: Janet reported she applied for a grant from Allstate's Helping Hands grant through Jeanie Weatherly, an agent at Allstate. Because of Jeanie's volunteer work with P/SFR's on the Arrowhead Estates thinning project and fuel break, Allstate recognized her great work and awarded P/SFR a \$1,000 grant.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire On The Rim Bike Race Wrap-Up-Janet: There were 215 riders this year compared to 88 last year. Of those almost 100 registered the day before or day of the race. Allowing for a few more bills to come in, profit will be around \$11-\$12K. Riders are expected to double next year with a cap of 500 as long as the Forest Service approves. There was discussion on the impact to community businesses. Exact figures were not known at this time although it was suggested that it was much greater than last year.

It's expected there will be an additional positive impact on businesses in the community as more riders discover the trails and will make Pine/Strawberry a recreational destination throughout the year. Anyone wishing to volunteer for next years FOTR bike race can sign up on the website fireontherim.com.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trails in the Fuel Break-Mike Brandt: A \$40,000 grant from R.A.C.(Resource Advisory Committee) has been awarded to renovate and re-route the Pine Canyon Trail from the trailhead to Camp Lo Mia. There were a total of 34 people who participated in the International Mountain Biking Association's community session and the Arizona Trails trail building session held here in October and 28 who were working the trail with about 1000 feet of trail completed. Other work weekends are being planned. P/SFR has been using the tools brought in with the Arizona Trails trailer. Mike recommended P/SFR purchase their own set of tools and that they be the same in make-up and manufacturer as those used by Arizona Trails.

After some discussion Katie moved to use the Allstate \$1000 grant money for the initial purchase of tools for trail building. Gail seconded.

Motion Passed.

Mike continued with a conversation he had with ADOT regarding the culvert under Hwy-87, at the Pine Canyon Trailhead, for use as an underpass to connect with trails on either side of the highway. Drawings would have to be made as to the how the trails would enter and exit the culvert before ADOT would consider the request. Mike also asked about adding an underpass in the Strawberry area for the same consideration. Plans will have to be

submitted to ADOT for consideration and it's possible ADOT may be able take it on as a project. Mike will have an update on these two underpasses at the next meeting.

Status of Fuels Grants-Janet: Camp Lo Mia is completed. The State has reimbursed P/SFR \$214,366 for the thinning of Camp Lo Mia. Camp Lo Mia spent close to an additional \$100,000 for the work. Before the state reimbursed P/SFR, the contractors were being paid around \$30,000/month for 6-8 months. This resulted in not enough cash on hand to allow P/SFR to be able to do any additional 90/10-grant projects during this time. To date the 90/10 grant has cleared 248 acres in Pine/Strawberry and Arrowhead Estates. There are 102 acres that can be cleared using the 90/10 grand funds. While the grant ends in December of 2013, it can be extended if there is any acreage left to be thinned.

The new Allstate \$1,000 grant was discussed along with the new R.A.C \$40,000 grant for upgrading and re-routing the Pine Canyon Trail from the trailhead to the back of Camp Lo Mia. The R.A.C. money will be released in the spring of 2013.

Walt thanked Janet for all the work she has done dealing with the grants.

Website Contact Box & PayPal Donate Button-Jack: The P/SFR website, psfuelreduction.org, now has a Contact Us box for questions etc. The website also has two PayPal Donation buttons, one for monthly donations of 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 40 & 50 dollars. The other is for single donations of any amount.

Farm Dinner Wrap-Up-Janet: Fossil Creek Creamery sent P/SFR a donation check for \$3,200. A discussion followed of those with contacts to the Roundup to see about a farm dinner article.

Status of Brush Pick-Up-Mike: It's a \$60,000/year expense. When grant runs out will Fire Board want to accept that responsibility to continue the service? Mike indicated the service is one of the best tools Pine/Strawberry has to continue fuel thinning. Without, it will be a major step backwards as the service picks up 6 tons of brush a day, 4 days/week. The service is set to run with the grant till June of 2013. In March/April 2013 the Fire Board will be working on their budget for the fiscal year 2013/2014. After much discussion it was decided that ideas on ways that will work to keep the service going need to be put forward. Mel suggested establishing a focus group in January to deal with this issue. If not before than at the January meeting, the Board will work out the details of the focus group.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rim Country Non-Profit Business of the Year Award-Janet: P/SFR is one of three finalists. Awards will be presented at a luncheon of Rim Country Chamber of Commerce November 13. Cost \$25/person. Ron moved that P/SFR pay those attending. Janet seconded.

Motion Passed

ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION, POSSIBLE ACTION:

None.

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

January 30, 2013 at 6 P.M. in the Pine Senior Center Dining Room.

ADJOURNMENT:

Janet moved to adjourn. Katie seconded.

Motion Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Jack Malloy, P/SFR Secretary