

PINE/STRAWBERRY FUEL REDUCTION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2014

CALL TO ORDER:

In the absence of President Mel Palmer, Secretary Jack Malloy called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.
The meeting was held at the Pine Senior Center Dining Room
Katie led the Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: Janet Brandt, Jack Malloy, Katie Calderon, Ron Calderon

Members Absent: Mel Palmer

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

Ron moved to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2014 meeting as presented. Janet seconded.
Motion Passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Janet presented the Treasurer's Report.
Savings has \$10,857.51
Checking has \$21,809.42
FireOnTheRim has \$41,621.42
Total of \$74,288.35
No questions so the Treasurer's report was included in the minutes.

BILLS/CORRESPONDENCE:

Jack mentioned there were extra brush pick-up fundraiser flyers in the back for anyone present that wanted one.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

2014 Brush Pick-Up Update

Jack summarized where the Brush Pick-Up Program stands today. The PSFD will lease to P/SFR, for the minimum amount, their equipment; PSFD will pay, up to a maximum of \$7,500, for fuel, repairs and any attorney fees in drawing up the lease.

Janet added that the PSFD lawyer recommended P/SFR use the lawyer that donated time to sponsor the bike race to draw up the lease that will save us that cost. Janet and Mel have an appointment with the attorney tomorrow to work out the lease details.

Jack continued with the responsibilities of P/SFR: run and organize the operation of the pick-ups, pay the employees by contracting with an employment company Mel has contacted to do everything related to the employees for a fee of 25% of the cost of the employees salaries.

Janet added that P/SFR would also be responsible for the insurance that will cost about \$1,000/year. Since the program will only run for about 10 weeks, there will be a rebate to P/SFR for the time not used. More costs than anticipated.

Mike Brandt noted that in the future the Brush Pick-Up Program might be able to be privatized with a subscription service. He also recommended there be volunteers who will pick-up the bags of leaves ahead of the brush truck because the bags are what really slows down the pick-up operation. He also recommended putting up signs to inform owners of the zones along with purchasing magnetic signs for the equipment that says Pine/Strawberry Fuel Reduction so people know who is running the pick-up program.

Discussion continued on the purpose and history of the pick-up program, and possible options for its future.

Katie moved that P/SFR purchase magnetic signs for the pick-up equipment. Ron seconded.

Ron suggested we include our email address and phone number on the signs. It was also recommended we add our P.O. Box and website address.

Motion Passed.

Brush Pick-up Details

Jack went over a draft of the mailer letter and pick-up guidelines that will be sent to all Pine & Strawberry property owners. . During that time adjustments were made to those documents. More discussion followed regarding promoting the pick-up program, informing owners when their zone is completed, promoting a private business to do brush pick-ups in the future and ways to inform owners on how to firewise their property.

Trails Update

Mike Brandt said the Bearfoot Trail is basically completed. They will be going over some of the sections that were first completed to make some corrections that they now have a better understand of. He encouraged people to get out and walk it. He said there are many ways the community will be able to take advantage of the trail. There will be a March trails class Mike and other trail builders will be attending. They will be checking to see if the IDA (Industrial Development Authority) has grant money for the bridge. Janet noted the signs on the trail would be in the next grant as soon as the paperwork is completed for the Pine Canyon Trail. The signage for the Barefoot trail will be in the Pine Canyon Trail grant. Mike added he and a few others had already cut some logs off the trail today just to get things started. Mike will be having planning sessions to lay out more trails.

NEW BUSINESS:

P/SFR at Friends of the Library Meeting

Ron commented that members were presented with the goals of P/SFR. He said Mike Brandt outlined the Brush Pick-Up program. Ron stated that the "Friends" appreciated and accepted the information that was presented. Katie noted that "Friends" contacted her on the P/SFR hotline to set up this meeting.

ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION, POSSIBLE ACTION:

Mike Brandt said that since the P/SFR Board was short Board Members he recommended Roy Miller as a possible Member after earlier having talked with Roy who expressed a great interest in P/SFR. Mike stated that Roy was part of the group that helped Flagstaff receive a \$20 million dollar bond. When asked if he was willing Roy said "absolutely".

Roy teaches at NAU two days a week. He said that he is working on a project that is measuring the outcomes from governance of forest restoration treatments that include efficiency, effectiveness, accountability and public outreach. He is developing ways to measure those things as they result from projects and how projects are managed. Roy Miller was immediately accepted as a member of the P/SFR Board by acclamation!

Mike Brandt brought up the situation regarding the RPAP brush pits that are closed due to lack of funding. He asked if P/SFR would be interested in getting with other communities in Northern Gila County to start something like a Northern Gila County Fuel Reduction group. Mike suggested that a larger group might have a greater impact in obtaining funding for situations like the RPAP brush pits. Mike will look into asking other Rim communities their interest in forming such a group.

SET DATE, TIME, PLACE OF NEXT P/SFR, INC. MEETING:

Saturday, April 5; 2:00 PM; Pine Cultural Hall

ADJOURNMENT:

Janet moved to adjourn. Katie seconded.

Motion Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Jack Malloy, P/SFR Secretary