

**PINE/STRAWBERRY FUEL REDUCTION, INC.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

President Melvin Palmer called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.  
The meeting was held at the Pine Senior Center Dining Room  
Mel led the Pledge of Allegiance

**Introduction of New Board Member:**

Mel introduced Darwin Huber who has volunteered to become a new Board member.

**Members Present:** Melvin Palmer (President), Jack Malloy (Secretary), Janet Brandt (Treasurer), Katie Calderon, Ron Calderon, Darwin Huber, Roy Miller

**Members Absent:** None

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:**

With Nancy Hubbs name added to the Fire On The Rim Bike Race Recap 6<sup>th</sup> line, Ron moved to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2014 meeting. Katie seconded.

**Motion Passed.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Janet presented the Treasurer's Report.

General Funds: \$31,319.19; FOTR: \$87,961.31 of which \$48,000 is encumbered; Savings: \$20,874.86

Total: \$140,155.36 with \$48,000 encumbered.

Ron asked if the encumbered amount was for the bridge and Janet answered yes.

Mel mentioned that the bridge was for the Pine Creek crossing at the junction of the Bearfoot Trail and the Pine Canyon Trail behind Camp Lo Mia.

Ron moved to accept Treasurer's Report as presented. Katie seconded.

**Motion Passed.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Trails Update: Mike Brandt – Arizona Trails Association has put in new gates at the Pine Trailhead. Next month they will be here to add two new gates as the Arizona Trail crosses the highway. The new section of the Highline Trail at the Pine Trailhead is now complete. The Pine View Trail, veers left off the Highline Trail, and connects with the Pine Canyon Trail, which can either go up Pine Canyon or return back to the Pine Trailhead.

Mike discussed the Trails Master Plan that has been a work in progress for the last 3-4 months. He anticipates that in the next few months a finalized master plan will be ready to be brought forward and will explain why P/S Fuel Reduction is involved in trails.

Mike also reported that the Pine Creek Bridge is in the engineering department of the Forest Service waiting for their OK to proceed with the installation of the abutments, which he has the people ready to go.

Janet commented that the trails grant is the last open grant. Signage and the youth group will be paid before our next meeting.

A question regarding future grants, Janet said there are no other trail grants written. Either the FD or Fuel Reduction is still considering submitting applications for property thinning grants.

2015 Brush Pick Up: Mel – He contacted Supervisor Tommie Martin's office and found that Steve Sanders Deputy Director Gila County Public Works needs to contact the County Manager to request that the landfill fees be waived like last year, which would have cost close to \$35,000. Mel has heard from Martin's office that the County Manager has asked all departments to cut their budgets by a third. This Tuesday there will be a County Managers meeting. Mel said he will be there along with P/S Fire Chief Morris and he invited all in attendance to be there to show support, as he will be making a pitch for waiving the landfill fee for the brush pick up. More discussion continued regarding the brush pick up process and the future of private contractors taking on the brush pick up.

Ron said he has had residents ask about the slash piles around Camp Lo Mia and when they would be burned. Mike Brant answered that those are in the responsibility of the Fire Department, that have already burned some this winter but they need the right kind of weather conditions to continue. Darwin asked about the slash piles around Portals III and Portals I & II. Mike said those were the responsibility of the Forest Service.

**ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION, POSSIBLE ACTION:**

None.

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

Saturday, April 4, 2015; 2:00 PM; Pine Cultural Hall

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Ron moved to adjourn. Roy seconded.

**Motion Passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Jack Malloy, P/SFR Secretary