



Trinity County Fire Chief's Association

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MEETING MINUTES December 3, 2012

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Martin Dooly at 1758 hours.

Personnel in Attendance:

Justin Kerwick	JCF	Andy Reiling	SHU
Mike Birondo	SHU	Martin Dooly	DWR
Dave Murphy	SLV	Scott Alvord	WEA
Dave Loeffler	HYF	Steve Renten	TCC
Larry Masterman	TC OES	Robert Jackson	TC ARES
Kathy Ratliff	TCLS	Dan Pulizzano	LEW/DOU
Rusty Mauk	CCV	Josh Schertzer	HBV
Stew Richter	SHF	Elena Letton	DOU
Jerry Hlavac	HYF	Joe Hernandez	SHU
Bill German	SOT	Brian Craig	ZEN
Frank Moore	HYM	George Chapman	Watershed Center

Approval of Minutes:

M/S/C to approve the November minutes as submitted.

Watershed Center: (George Chapman)

19 acres were burned on November 5th using Firestorm, Watershed Center crews, and Weaverville Fire on the Big Creek Prescribe burn project. There are over 1300 acres within the burn project. The project is a partnership between the Watershed Center, BLM, CAL FIRE, and land owners. The project is grant funded with contributions from the land owners.

Currently the Watershed Center has 11 employees trained to the basic Wildland Firefighter level. The burns are scheduled to be carried out for the next 2 years utilizing Contract crews, Watershed employees and Volunteer fire personnel and equipment. In addition some of the burns will include CAL FIRE and BLM personnel and equipment. The goal of the burns is to improve rangelands, protect land from high intensity fires, and provide live fire training. The Watershed Center carries liability insurance.

The Watershed Center has asked to include Fire Net as frequencies in the radios when they conduct prescribe burns. The question arose as to who has the authority to grant the request. While the Fire Departments do not hold the license for Fire Net, the Association believes they should have strong a voice in the discussions about Fire Net. Scott Alvord will work on a draft Memorandum of Understanding defining the use of Fire Net by the Watershed Center; thus providing the license holder with the Associations concerns.

Appreciation Cards: (Martin Dooly)

Departments need to solicit businesses within their response areas for the Appreciation Card Program. The business can provide a discount for Volunteers who provide proper identification.

Treasurer's Report: (Andy Reiling)

There is \$6637.46 in the checking account. According to the By-laws the Dues for the Association need to be set for 2013. M/S/C dues remain at \$25.00 per year.

CAL FIRE: (Joe Hernandez)

This was Joe's last Association meeting. He is retiring later this month. Joe was presented with a plaque of appreciation from the Association.

USFS: (Stew Richter)

USFS will be looking at filling the Battalion Chief position in Big Bar and the Division Chief position in Hayfork this winter.

CALEMA Op Area: (Scott Alvord)

- US Senate has extend SAFER Grant to 2017
- Attended the Insurance Service Office (ISO) workshop. Major changes are being presented to the states for adoption. The direction ISO would like to take is to get away from checking compartments, files and apply NFPA standards. 16 hour per month minimum training. Pump testing has a large point rating. In addition hose testing and Hydrant Maintenance (for those that have hydrants) have high point ratings. The goal is to implement changes in 2014.
- Todd Corbett promoted to Assistant Chief

Trinity County Office of Emergency Services: (Larry Masterman)

- No major problems with the past storms.
- Those departments with sand bags need to contact Larry with a count.
- Hazardous Materials Preparedness Grant money for training is being rerouted to CSTI

TCLS: (Kathy Ratliff)

- EVOC training this spring
- Assessing if the first aid course in the IFSTA manuals meet Title 22 requirements

Open discussion:

STAR will be starting an advanced EMT class in March. Class size will be held to 12 students and they must pass an entrance exam.

Next meeting
January 7, 2013
Adjourned
1910 hours

Andy Reiling
Secretary-Treasurer