

Boulder County Wildland Fire Cooperator
Business Meeting Minutes – October 2, 2009

MISSION:

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Meeting called to order 1000 hours

Introductions

Motion to approve September 2009 meeting minutes as submitted. 1st R O'Donnell, 2nd A Owen Motion approved – None opposed.

Financial update: \$716.20

- Additional monies came in from 130/190 - \$2,200 to go into the BCWFC account

Old Business

- IQS Updates – V Jones
 - These updates affect any agency that has resources in the ROSS system.
 - V Jones gave a quick presentation about the changes and how this will affect agencies.
 - Agencies need to upgrade to Version 6 and send information to V Jones.
 - Agencies that don't do this by December will be deleted from the system and will have to reenter information in the spring when the system becomes available.
 - FYI – this will mean that agencies will not have resources in the system for a number of months IF they don't update and get deleted!
 - IQS Version 6 is available now.
 - A Owen will send the handout to L McConnell (electronic copy) and L McConnell will send out with the minutes.

New Business

- BCWFC Financial Responsibilities for new co-chairs (Booton)
 - D Booton has collected all of the financial records since the account was opened.
 - Discussion regarding what to do with the position of “Treasurer”.
 - E Philips offered to fill the role as Treasurer.
 - Group agreed table this decision to the Nov. meeting until after the new co-chairs are in place.
 - Discussion regarding the stipend to L McConnell regarding taking minutes.
 - Motion for the BCWFC will pay a stipend of the AD C rate to Laura McConnell to take minutes and additional duties as assigned for the BCWFC. 1st R O'Donnell, 2nd G Toll. None opposed – Motion passes.

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- FTC Zone Training meeting – R O'Donnell
 - Coming up in October.
 - If you have any nominations for folks in the higher level courses they need to get their nominations in to R O'Donnell ASAP!
 - Working on the 2010 training calendar - will work with Joint Fire to get a calendar sent and included.
 - Discussion regarding FTC Zone Training Committee representation.
 - Request to have training information as a monthly agenda item.
 - Discussion regarding offering an S215 in the county
 - Concerns are time (weekends vs. week days) and pre-requisites as far as who can take the class.
- Communications Update – B Powers
 - Fire/Tact channel group met yesterday
 - Working on a banking system for incidents
 - Narrow-banding is one issue that the group is working on.
 - Agencies will need to have wide and narrow band radios in order for this bank to work.
 - Communications group is planning on completing by 2011 – the group wants to allow enough time to address all concerns and ensure that needs are met.
 - They will meet again in November.
 - Communications group also discussed assigning tactical channels for incidents shortly after tones go out. Discussion held.
 - This will have law enforcement will move to Red 1 prior to tones going out so that they receive any/all updates regarding the incident.
 - This will be done for a core group of calls – calls that will require multiple agency response.
 - Hoping to have this established by Nov. 1 2009.
 - The tactical channel will be monitored (Red 3 and 6) by a Dispatcher after it has been assigned.
- Discussion regarding burn permits and contacting the local FD.
 - Notifying dispatch is the same (technically) as notifying the FD.
 - Burn permits need to be updated so that the Burn Permits state more clearly that the FD needs to be notified the day of the burn.
- Please do not give the Fire Line phone number out to residents to call dispatch - that number for agencies only – give them 303.441.4444
- Open Space finally got a burn completed – thanks to all agencies that helped!
- Four Mile/Sunshine FD met with S Gallup with State Health Dept. – she relayed a concern regarding smoke concerns over the winter.

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- Four Mile would work with CSFS to put on a meeting to coordinate the concerns and get all agencies on the same page.

Other Business

- Election of Co-Chairs
 - Overview regarding position.
 - Nominations received –
 - Fritz Koch – Lefthand Fire
 - Bret Haberstick – Sunshine Fire
 - Motion to approve Fritz Koch and Bret Haberstick as the new co-chairs for the BCWFC. 1st T Stoffel 2nd E Philips

Meeting adjourned @ 1100 hours. Motion made by 1st T Stoffel, 2nd A Moschetti

(Year End) BCWFC's next meeting is Friday, November 6, 2009

Minutes respectfully submitted by Laura McConnell 10/5/09

