

Boulder County Wildland Fire Cooperator
Business Meeting Minutes – November 6, 2009

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Meeting called to order 1008 hours

Introductions

- Contact information for Co-Chairs:
 - Fritz Koch – Lefthand FD
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 - Brett Haberstick – Sunshine FD
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Motion to approve October 2009 meeting minutes as submitted. 1st B Gibson, 2nd A Moschetti Motion approved – None opposed.

Financial update:

- Need to get paperwork from D Booton.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Joint Fire Training Committee Update – A Moschetti
 - Information regarding upcoming classes
 - Registration online now.
 - Looking at what courses will be offered in 2010
 - Working on schedule for the Refreshers – get with A Moschetti if you are interested in teaching/hosting the Refreshers.
 - Training Steering Committee: Discussion held
 - Need folks to help with this.
 - Members of the group consists of BCWFC, FMO County, USFS, CSFS, Joint Fire, and up to 3 at large members.
 - This group meets 2-3 times per year to discuss training, Refreshers...etc.
 - B Gibson, R Bozeman, L McConnell offered to serve.
 - This group will meet again in January. A Moschetti will coordinate this.
- 2010 BCWFC Wildland Fire Academy Update (formerly called Cal-Wood)
 - S130/190 Discussion.
 - Discussion held regarding using the Calwood location vs. County Fire Management options.
 - Flexibility of location and cost were concerns.

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- Discussion held regarding the benefit of burning for this academy.
 - Concerns were resource management, the effectiveness of the burn, what real educational value this brings to this group of firefighters...etc.
 - Suggestion to remove live fire from the S130/190 academy and work together to help facilitate new firefighters getting opportunities to work on live fire situations.
- Discussion regarding whether or not to have the academy held at Calwood or another location: costs to include meals, instructors, logistics, and possible field day. (Hand out provided regarding this costs.)
 - Costs came to approximately \$65 per student for in county students.
 - Concerns discussed regarding how to mitigate costs even further. Suggestion was for folks to be on their own for lunches.
 - Group agreed that a lot of this will be based on student turnout.
 - Suggestions for the training committee: no fire, consider Calwood as a location, consider Calwood as an overnight opportunity for instructors so long as the student numbers are there (i.e. 40 students), this group needs to have representation from several agencies.
- 2010 BCWFC Wildland Fire Academy Committee Nominations
 - Group decided that the BCWFC Wildland Fire Academy training group will be (pending agreement) G Toll, B Oliver, J Stalnacker, A Moschetti, R O'Donnell, D Laskey, F Koch
 - If you are interested in participating on this committee please contact Fritz Koch.
 - Discussion held regarding agencies getting VFA monies to help offset costs of training and equipment. For more information on this Training Officers/Chiefs can contact A Owen.
 - This is a limited fund and needs is designed to serve multiple agencies in a fair manner.
- 2010 Refresher Committee Nominations
 - The group agreed that the Training Steering Committee will also handle the Refreshers
- 2010 Structure Fire Academy – R O'Donnell
 - FF1 Academy Spring 2010
 - Current concern is the cost of the academy.
 - This used to go through AIMS Community College
 - Working on ways to offer this course locally without going through a Community College – this would mean that students would not be able to receive college credit.

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- FYI – HazMat Awareness is no longer used – firefighters must have HazMat Ops in order to maintain their FF1 certification.
- This academy is scheduled to start mid January after a HazMat Ops course offering.
- S130/190 online course offering (P Davidovich – Lyons Fire)
 - Discussion held regarding offering this course in the county.
 - Individual agencies are welcome to do the online version of the course – however most agencies do not accept this as actual training and prefer/require students go through the actual in class course.
 - Suggestion to create a process that streamlines the online course to ensure that students are completing the course per NWCG guidelines/standards.
 - Group agreed that this course would not be aligned at the same time as Calwood.
 - Agencies have tried the online version of the S130/190 and found that the testing website has been difficult to navigate through – however a CD is available to help with this.
 - Group agreed that this decision should be left to each individual agency.

Other Business

- Election of Treasurer –
 - Interested Candidates:
 - Eric Philipps
 - Motion made to have E Philipps serve as Treasurer. 1st B Gibson, 2nd A Moschetti. All in favor – none opposed.
 - E Philipps will need to coordinate with Chief Cuervost (BCFFA) regarding funds.
- Communications Update – B Powers
 - The updates may be done in 2011 due to additional concerns regarding narrow banding.
 - Not going to a banking system until narrow banding takes place due to costs.
 - CU has already narrow banded their radios.
- Chief Cuervost is working on an AAR for the Crescent Meadow Fire – more information coming soon.

Meeting adjourned @ 1100 hours. Motion made by 1st R O'Donnell, 2nd B Gibson

BCWFC's next meeting is Friday, February 5, 2010
****Committees will be meeting in December and January.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Laura McConnell 11/23/09