

Boulder County Wildland Fire Cooperator
Business Meeting Minutes – November 5, 2010

MISSION:

The mission for the BCWFC is to support safe and effective wildland fire training and provide a forum for open discussion of wildland fire activities.

Meeting called to order 1003 hours

Approval of October 2010 Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve.
1st A Moschetti, 2nd R O'Donnell. All in favor – none opposed.

Old Business

- Election of Co-Chairs
 - 2 Nominations received: F Koch, B Haberstick
 - 1 Inquiry
 - Discussion held regarding Co-Chair position duties.
 - Motion for F Koch and B Haberstick to remain as Co-Chairs for the BCWFC for 2011. 1st P Davidovich, 2nd R O'Donnell. All in favor – none opposed.
 - Please forward ideas of what you would like to see for 2011 to either Chair as we continue to move forward.

Financial update – E Philips

- No Change

New Business

- Dome Fire discussion
 - Communications was a major concern. This needs to be corrected!
 - The main issue is that not all agencies may not have the plan, or have it programmed or have the correct radios to use.
 - Discussion held regard the type of communication plan needed based on an initial attack incident.
 - **ACTION ITEM:** D Zader/M Hise will develop an initial attack communication plan and send it to L McConnell to distribute via the BCWFC email list.
 - Suggestion to include Communications Etiquette to the Annual Refresher;
 - Discussion held regarding education needed at the mid-level operations level.
 - What went well:
 - Potential of what the fire was capable of was recognized early and acted upon.
 - Planning went well.
 - Flexibility of resources.
 - Resources seemed to come prepared for the first operational period.
 - There was confusion as to where the Staging Area was set up.
 - This changed several times because of location congestion of initial suggested sites.

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- **ACTION ITEM:** Pre-Identify 3-4 staging areas that are consistent for initial attack. R O'Donnell will tie in with L Huff with the BCIMT who are also working on this.
 - Level 1 staging – resources are on the road, in gear and ready to roll.
 - Level 2 staging – may be at a farther away location where resources are being kept.
- Discussion held regarding a county wide strike team that can be deployed to help with structure protection group.
 - This group needs to be equipped for Wildland fire and have a Structure Protection Specialists embedded in the group.
 - Caution – too many groups getting put together can actually further tax departments. Having enough people to fill multiple specialty groups on an incident may not happen.
 - **ACTION ITEM:** D Eamon/S Noakes will look into a Structure Protection Group and what the current capacity is of what is already in place.
- Fourmile Fire Documentary
 - If an agency has firefighters (that were on the Fourmile Fire) that would like to participate, and represent your agency, please have them contact L McConnell.
- Mountain Address Maps – what has been done in the past by G Fager can be updated but agencies will need to update their information and get to G Fager. Send your information to F Koch or B Haberstick and they will get to G Fager.
 - **ACTION ITEM:** B Haberstick will coordinate this effort with agencies such as Anchor Point, Red Zone and Communications.
 - The current set of maps is on the Sheriff's website. This is what the group is working to update.
 - Assessor's office may also have some information understanding that the information still needs to be 'ground truthed'.

Training

- S270 Basic Air Operations – November 20/21, 2010 \$80 pp.
 - CWFIMA is taking nominations
 - Location: Boulder County Fire Training Center
 - Instructor: Mark Michelsen
- S133/S131 – Dec. 3-4, 2010
 - JointFire for nominations
 - Location: Sugarloaf
 - Instructor: Julie Stennes

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- Annual Refreshers
 - Developing list of topics
 - Contact A Moschetti if interested in helping
- S130/190 – Coming to a site near you in 2011!
 - It was suggested a joint field day with the Boulder and Weld County classes.
 - Suggested to do this as an incident incorporating the Boulder and Eastern Co IMT3's.
 - Concerns:
 - Site location – will it give a good burn opportunity for new firefighters.
 - Keeping it small; and based on Boulder County fuels and operations may be better.
 - (R O'Donnell) Another location may make a better location – that has 8 acres needing to burn that are also surrounded by natural barriers.
 - **ACTION ITEM:** D Zader/M Hise/R O'Donnell/J Stennes will head up a group to coordinate with this course.
- Other
 - AHIMT – <http://ahimt.net/>
 - Dec. 7-9
 - Location: Hyatt Regency Denver
 - Cost: \$150.00
 - AMR – Basic EKG Class
 - Dates: December 7,14,21 8-5p
 - Location – Boulder Ops
 - Cost: \$80
 - Flyer will be sent for more information
- BCFFA/BCFCA fund raiser shirts for the Fourmile Canyon Fire are done.
 - \$20 per shirt – all sizes **ALL monies go to help those affected by the Fourmile Canyon Fire.
 - Red, Black and Gray shirts
 - Contact B Haberstick for more information.
- FTC Training Zone:
 - 2011 classes: Crew Boss/Engine Boss classes being offered in Larimer
 - L280 and S260 also options
 - I300 also
 - Contact Zone Rep R O'Donnell for more information or visit www.nationalfiretraining.net

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- JointFire Offerings for 2011
 - L280 and S290
 - Possible additional classes

Meeting Adjourned: 1145 hours

**Next BCWFC meeting will be Friday, Feb. 4, 2010 at
Boulder County Fire Training Center.**

****2010 Dec and 2011 Jan meetings not scheduled due to holiday conflicts.**

**** 2011 meetings will be held at Fire Training Center**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Laura McConnell on Friday 11.5.10

