

**Boulder County Wildland Fire Cooperators
Business Meeting Minutes – May 6, 2011**

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Meeting called to order at 1010

Approval of April 2011 Minutes

1. Financial Report - Treasurer Eric Philips
 - a. Current Balance is \$3,869.45
 - b. One payment of \$166.15 for fire refresher packet copying
 - c. Interest earned \$0.15

2. Training Updates
 - a. Wildland Fire Refreshers – A. Moschetti
 - i. Last one was last night in Lafayette
 - ii. Final numbers are not done yet, about 370 total estimate; will post numbers online when finalized
 - iii. Final batch of certificates will go in today
 - iv. Training officers will get e-mail about who went through
 - v. Feedback page - R. Bozeman asked about corrections to the information (i.e. people putting 1 when they meant 5). Andrew said they took it into account when they did the numbers
 1. 92% agreed class was worth it
 2. 97% instructors were well prepared
 3. 81% course length ok, but some issues with people thinking it was too long
 4. Fairgrounds got poor reviews about low quality of facilities
 - vi. Average was 6 hours/class (per Fritz Koch)
 - b. Pack Tests – A Moschetti
 - i. There are just starting. Scheduled on Joint fire web site
 - ii. At present there are 8 more to go.
 1. Next two Mondays in the morning and evening at BES (pack test only).
 2. Next Wednesday at Boulder Rural (pack test and a run course)
 - iii. Per Allen cooperators can still do run in 12:30 at this elevation (15 second adjustment of elevation)
 - iv. BES can do light or moderate (for IMT III for example) but there few needs. BES will accommodate
 - c. Boulder County S-130/190
 - i. JointFire Registration – A Moschetti
 1. Invoices for 130/190 going out next week.
 2. There were books remaining from last year so will only need to order a few more for this year.

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3. There are about 80 students signed up for S130/190 at \$75 each for a total of \$6000
- ii. Classroom – D. Zader
 1. There are presently 77 students from 18 different in county agencies signed up. There are no out of county registrations for this year. Roster for signups is available for review
 2. Day class & night filled out for instructors.
 3. I-100 must be completed on line prior to class. Students are to bring the cert with them for 130/190.
 4. For night classes, the main gate for BC training center will be open from 1745-1800 only
- iii. Field Day – D. Zader
 1. Cooperators and City putting on class. No CSFS engines available – leaving for dispatch
 2. FFT1s are needed for Saturday field day
 3. Saturday field day is to be held at Joder Ranch up on hillside below Foothills Ranch. Reminder that this is a horse facility so update people coming in need to know how to handle (per Lefthand)
 4. Sunday burning not going to happen due to weather conditions
 5. There may be some video shot during classes and some on Saturday
- d. Other Training Update – R. O'Donnell
 - i. Larimer County 130/190 has been cancelled – Stalnacker
 - ii. Online class only (per Zader)
 - iii. Fritz - Weather forecast in refreshers
 1. Script for standard weather report 3x5 format
 2. Use as a log to write down/ given out to FFT to use with IRPG

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3. Other Updates

- a. Fire Weather Paging – J. Stalnacker
 - i. NWS Agreement with Feds through AOP for weather paging required to provide to fire managers
 - ii. 2 weather reports/day starting May 1 through Oct 31st and as conditions warrant
 - iii. May add fuels conditions (1000 hr. fuels) and additional critical weather info (rainfall, LAL, wind events) in paging
 - iv. ERC & BI will be left off simplifying pages for dispatchers and field personnel
 - v. “NO RED Flag WARNING” information will be removed. So only if there is a Red Flag will we see that on the paging
 - vi. Our dispatching for this is Zone 215 (West County) & Zone 239 (East County). These are separated.
 - vii. All hazard alert paging will now be used for flood major
- b. BCSO Wildland Task Force – J. Stalnacker
 - i. Aircraft ordering
 - ii. AOP 11 completed posted on BCSO web page
 - iii. Ordering through CSFS- no dispatching changes BC Communications through Northern Dispatch
 - iv. Bills go to sheriff hand over to agency
 - v. Fed fires do not qualify for WRF
 - vi. IMT III

4. General Announcements

- a. Fireline Handbook – F. Koch
 - i. Has gotten updates to getting comments to NWCG committee on this.
 - ii. IRPG sticker insert - 2 chains He sent around hard copy and e-mail last week
- b. CERFs - Allen Owen
 - i. Has questions for BES single resource for ROSS
 - ii. BC Zader some question on vehicle rate
 - iii. Longmont is in
 - iv. BMFA is in
 - v. Chief WEBB CERF 1st personnel needed later
 - vi. Lefthand is in
 - vii. ROSS de-status last week will be manual re-statusing next week Extended to June 30 to process CERF's
 - viii. Rates are essentially the same
- c. Tender Task Force – F. Koch
 - i. Exercise tomorrow at Lyons cement plant.

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- ii. Breakfast @ 7:30 Boulder Rural; Roll out at 8:00; Back by 1:00; Clear by 2:00
- 5. Presentation to Group by David Lasky
 - a. Made presentation on Fire History and Fire Risk in Boulder County Forests at Ecosystem Symposium sponsored by the Native Plant Society @ CU back in April. Several professors at CU also presented (Tonia from Tom Veblen's lab)
 - i. Some issues in some forests (Upper montane vs. Lower montane)
 - ii. Post settlement tree establishment and fire suppression
 - iii. Lower montane changes are most dramatic & significantly influence fire behavior
 - iv. Forest health and fire mitigation align well
 - 1. Lower Montane
 - a. Fuels buildup big factor
 - b. Some climate change effects
 - c. Ignition sources increased
 - 2. Subalpine
 - a. Historically few fires
 - b. If there is one it is catastrophic fires mostly driven by climate and weather conditions
 - 3. Upper montane
 - a. Catastrophic fires can occur changes in fuel is much less
 - b. Transitional area more difficult to work in fire regimes
 - c. Change on north vs. south facing
 - d. Fuels changes on south facing fuel loading increased
 - e. Climate changes have a large influence
 - v. WUI Boulder County
 - 1. 35% growth in homes in last decade
 - 2. 60% of this zone has been developed
 - 3. Restoration needed in lower and upper montane
 - 4. Challenges in upper montane
 - b. D. Lasky also presented information presented by Meredith Garder on the 4-mile fire severity modeling vs. what data supported (David represented this as best he could with questions and some discussion from the group)
 - i. Models underrepresented severity of burning in four mile
 - ii. Mosaic of burn patterns within perimeter is normal

Next Meeting Friday June 3rd 1000 at Boulder Fire Training Center

Adjournment at 1125

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Attendance

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Allen Owen
Fritz Koch
David Zader
Jay Stalnacker
David Lasky
Steve Lynn
Julie Stennes
Rob Bozeman
Andrew Moschetti
Paul Ostroy
Steve