

Boulder County Wildland Fire Cooperators
Business Meeting Minutes – July 8, 2011

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 begins at 1010 hours.

Approval of June 2011 Meeting Minutes

€ Motion to approve as submitted. 1st J Benson, 2nd S Noakes. Motion passed – none opposed.

1. Treasurers Report – E Philips

- a. \$7,830.25 Balance
- b. Please respond with ideas to increase revenue to apply to training/materials.

2. Training Update

- a. S290 is still in the works – possibly this fall
 - i. Discussion held regarding need, time/date, coordination, instructor compensation...etc.
 - ii. Group suggested scheduling the class (32 hours) during nights/weekend times to meet the needs of volunteer agencies.
 - iii. Group agreed 2 weeknights/1 weekend day
 - iv. Plan is to shoot for end of Oct/beginning of Nov 2011.
- b. NWCG memo passed around – “Subject: Unauthorized Use of NWCG Logo”
Discussion held
- c. S215 ran recently with 16 students
- d. Discussion regarding other additional needs for courses.
- e. Discussion regarding offering S130/190 earlier in the year in order to ensure having a quality field day to meet all requirements.
- f. Lefthand FPD having helicopter training (Airlife Denver) on 7/9/11 at Buckingham Park – all are welcome.

3. Other

- a. Overview of Maxwell and Coffintop Fires
 - i. Radio traffic was heavy – kudos to Kent Sperry for radio leadership!

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ii. Suggestion to revisit the new communication plan. The sooner this plan can be implemented the better.

1. By August agencies should have had their radios cloned to the new communication plan. (L McConnell will resend)
2. Initial arriving units need to be sure to establish jurisdiction soon after arrival. Discussion held.
 - a. Suggestion to get a good location and utilize dispatch to help determine.
3. A box alarm system needs to be revisited – discussion held.
 - a. Chf. Benson is willing to take this on again – will bring up at the upcoming Chief's meetings.
 - b. When dealing with Urban Interface incidents we need to pay attention to structure protection in addition to ground crews.
 - c. What mutual agreements does the county have with Larimer, JeffCo...etc.
 - d. Suggestion to look at specific typing (Type I, II, III etc) taskforces.
 - e. Concern with having too many Type I engines brought in for the mountain district Wildland fire incidents – these resources have difficult or no ability to maneuver in many areas.
 - f. Suggestion to consider looking at setting this up based on Zones within the county.
 - g. This is a program that needs to be built at the field level and tie in with the EOC because of their abilities to help.

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4. Announcements

- a. Silent Auction flyer passed around for Fourmile Fire replacement engine.
- b. Boulder County CWPP is being finalized in September – will go live sometime this fall. Jim Webster is the main contact for this product.
 - i. The county is building an aggressive education campaign to assist with this program.
- c. New webpage for BCWFC – www.BoCoFire.org
 - i. This is more countywide focused - has a calendar with all of the meetings, trainings ...etc.
 - ii. Feedback please send to F Koch
- d. Fourmile T-Shirts still available – there is a link on the webpage listed above (4c) – the money from these go to benefit the firefighters that lost their home.
 - i. Approximately \$134,000 has been raised to date.
 - ii. These funds will be spent to help with a variety of issues these people are facing: rebuilding, insurance, mental health...etc.
 - iii. Suggestion to check with D Eamon to see if BES will take the lead on this.
 - iv. Supply Cache also has these shirts available on their website.
 - v. Suggestion to sell these at local festivals, fairs, and farmer markets.
- e. Mountain View Fire 50th Celebration/Open House – Saturday – 7/9/11.
 - i. Open houses being held Dacono, Erie, Niwot and Mead (flyer attached)

5. Next Meeting

- a. Friday, August 5, 2011 beginning 1000 hours at the Boulder FTC.

Meeting adjourned at 1105 hours.