

Boulder County Cooperators
Business Meeting Minutes – February 1, 2013

Meeting began at 1005 hours.

Approval of December 2012 Meeting Minutes: 1st J Faber, 2nd R O'Donnell - All in favor, motion passed.

1. Treasurers Report – E Philips

- a. Current balance as of 1/31/13 = \$13,207.85
- b. Outstanding bills to be paid:
 - i. \$119.83 for course costs/materials to F Koch – course materials, class snacks.
- c. 2012 year end items:
 - i. VOTE: spend \$4,000 for BCC mark 3 pump kit (agreed in Dec but no vote)
 1. **Motion** to spend the \$4,000 to buy a mark 3 pump kit for the BCC equipment cache. 1st D Zader, 2nd R O'Donnell. None opposed – motion passed.
 - ii. \$2,450 for M-410 (due now) will leave \$167 more than \$6,470 balance projected in grant
 1. A couple have dropped; filled a slot with another Boulder County (Bader) and one from Nature Conservancy. **Motion** to approve \$2450 amount paid towards M410 tuition for Boulder County students. 1st R Leadingham 2nd J Faber None opposed – motion passed.
- d. \$75/student fee (approx. \$15/day) approved Dec 2012 for expendables/food/coffee/copies/etc. in spring 2013 classes
 - i. Charged for M-410, S-130/190, S-211, S-212 and S-215 (and presumably L-380?)
 - ii. Discussion regarding amount charged – this has not been an issue with agencies.
- e. VOTE: add PayPal as a credit card payment option?
 - i. Discussion regarding offering a credit card payment option.
 1. This would be through Pay Pal. There are some small fees associated (less than \$2 per \$75 transaction).
 - ii. **Motion** to offer a credit card option for agencies to pay for courses through BCC. 1st M Smith, 2nd S Noakes. Motion passed – none opposed. This will also be discussed with the BCFFA. F Koch will pursue.

2. \$10K BoCo grant for 2013

- a. \$2,500 was requested for Wildland Refreshers (10 classes@\$50 + 400 students@\$5)
 - i. Overview given of RT130s that are currently scheduled or are still being discussed

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1. Discussion held regarding 10 refreshers that the BCC provides and certifies. This provides more control over the quality/consistency of the course taught.
 2. 425 seats available – based on 2012 this should accommodate all students.
 3. Please have students sign up on www.BOCOFIRE.org
- ii. Poll about refresher content: www.BOCOFIRE.org (also included after refresher signup)
1. Group discussed topics to put into the curriculum for 2013.
 2. Local modules include comms, W/UI and front range fuels/weather. Want to have the modules set by mid March. D Zader and Boulder Comm will build communications module; P Ostroy will develop W/UI; R O'Donnell will build fuels/weather; contact F Koch for help/input
- b. \$7,500 was requested for All-Hazard Leadership Training
- i. Other grant reportedly received for TWO L-380s w/West Metro
 1. Preferred dates (generally four-five days)? Spring or Fall? Or one of each?
 - a. Applications for this will go through CoTrain
 - b. This will be the All Hazard version – 4 days with a night activity.
 - c. Discussion held in regards timing of this offering.
 - i. Suggestion to have West Metro offer their class in the spring and BoCo offer theirs in the fall.
 - ii. Suggestion to offer the class over (2) weekends.
 2. Should BCC pursue other leadership classes? (L-380 & L-381 are \$1K/student)
 - a. Discussion held in regards to other offerings.
 - b. Suggestion to offer an Engine Academy.
 - c. Suggestion to send out a list of class options to the agencies to get feedback from their members.
 - ii. Transfer \$2,300 (or less) to Structure Academy for HazMat Ops?
 1. 2012 grant included \$2300 for the HazMat Ops; this program has always been successful and supports itself – may not need to transfer this amount. This money could be set aside to help cover any shortfalls that the structure academy may experience due to possible lack of State grant funding in Spring 2013.
 2. Request to consider covering just the shortfall amount. This will be addressed again at the March 1, 2013 meeting.

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- c. Question – Is there enough money to fund getting vests for pack tests and materials to make sand tables etc.? Discussion held.
 - i. Suggestion to earmark some student tuition towards getting these types of materials.
 - ii. Suggestion to charge \$75 flat rate for all classes.
 - iii. **Motion** to approve funding up to \$1500 towards materials for four small plastic pool sand tables and five weighted vests for pack tests. 1st R Leadingham, 2nd R ODonnell. Motion passed none opposed.
 - 1. Discussion regards to use of vests – how to make this equitable for users.
 - 2. Discussion regarding where all of the new equipment will be stored. These are a logistical task to store these types of vests.
 - 3. Discussion held in regards to sand tables and different types that agencies are using. Storing large traditional tables was a concern.
 - 4. R ODonnell to pursue purchase of 5 weight vests; M Smith to pursue sand tables

3. Training Update

- a. Spring/Fall classes confirmed: www.BOCOFIRE.org
- b. Approved by State to issue NWCG certs for spring classes
- c. Discussions in regards to verbiage when signing up for classes that says you need to be affiliated with an agency and covered with insurance/workers comp etc. Overview given.
 - i. This is an ongoing discussion with BCFFA.
 - ii. Overall group agreed to continue to pursue options of allowing affiliated students outside of Boulder County to attend classes. Group felt that by only offering classes to in county firefighters would/could affect funding for higher level classes and being seen as a team player with other areas in the future.
 - iii. Group agreed that a student must be affiliated with an emergency services agency or is a cooperator with Boulder County agencies. Unaffiliated students have the option to take classes via the CWFIMA. All others can be considered on a case by case basis.
 - iv. Suggestion to have all students sign up through their perspective training officer.
 - v. This discussion is tabled until March meeting – F Koch will continue to look into options for workers comp for unaffiliated, furloughed etc.

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- vi. **Motion** that students must be affiliated with an emergency services agency. All others can be considered on a case by case basis. 1st J Stalnacker, 2nd R O'Donnell. All in favor – none opposed.
- d. Boulder Rural EMS trainings
 - i. Adding a monthly, countywide EMS training. This will be on the first Weds. of every month at 1900 hours.
 - ii. They are a training center to include training for EMT and EMT-P.
 - iii. Attendees will receive a certificate for CE's towards recertification.
 - iv. Suggestion to wrap EMS into the BCC meetings to include their training.
- e. Will be adding AMR EMS trainings to the BoCo calendar. F Koch is working with B Fleming at AMR to get this completed.
- f. BCH is working on updating their protocols - this will also be linked on the BoCo Fire webpage.
- g. AMR is seeking a wildland awareness course; if they choose to go the route of S130/190 – they may choose to go with the online vs. classroom delivery – a field day may be requested.
 - i. Discussion held in regards to adding AMR people to the S130/190 field day in the spring. This is not an option due to the numbers of people involved.
- 4. Other Business
 - a. VOTE: change BCC meeting time to 0830 from 1000 (first Friday of the month)
 - i. Discussion in regards to when/if the task force meeting will take place.
 - ii. **Motion** to move the BCC meeting to 0830 hours on the first Friday of each month with the exception of Jan. 1st R O'Donnell 2nd D Zader. Motion passed.
 - b. Boulder SO Wildland Fire building ready sometime late spring.
 - c. City of Boulder Wildland – if you need satellite training for your agencies please contact D Zader.
- 5. Motion to adjourn meeting 1st R O'Donnell, 2nd R Leadingham meeting adjourned at 1136 hours.

Please note time change! The next BCC meeting is Friday, March 1 at 0830 hours