

Boulder County Wildland Fire Cooperator
Business Meeting Minutes – April 1, 2011

MISSION:

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Meeting began at 1012 hours.

Approval of March 2011 Meeting Minutes: 1st J Benson, 2nd S Noakes – Approved -- All in favor – none opposed.

1. Treasurers Report – E Philips
 - a. Current Balance = \$4,035.26
2. Training Update
 - a. Joint Fire – A Moschetti
 - i. Train the Trainer Refresher after BCWFC meeting.
 - ii. About 40 people signed up for the S130/190
 - iii. Refreshers filling up as well. Still have room in all refreshers.
 - iv. Still needing instructors to help with the Refreshers.
 - b. S130/190 Update (approx. 40 students currently)
 - i. Still looking for a location to dig line.
 - ii. Burn location determined.
 - iii. Classroom will be done at Boulder FTC
 - iv. Class materials obtained.
 - c. FTC Zone – R O'Donnell
 - i. A lot of new information regarding training being sent out.
 - d. Steering committee
 - i. Met and discussed several concerns.
 - ii. Firing class being offered at the Arsenal, S230/231 being offered in Larimer County.
 - iii. Suggested course to put on: S131, S133, S211, S260, S290
 - iv. Discussion held regarding the online versions of S130/190, S290 etc.
3. Other
 - a. Check www.BCWFC.org website for additional training/refreshers that are available.
 - b. Presentation – Dave Laskey rescheduled to May 2011 meeting.
 - c. BCWFC Fireline Handbook (FLH) Input regarding the revision.
 - i. Discussion held.
 1. Group agreed that the FLH is most used by new/beginning firefighters.
 2. F Koch will create a response from the BCWFC group and submit on behalf of all agencies based on discussion. **Motion** for F Koch to submit a response on behalf of the BCWFC. 1st R Bozeman, R O'Donnell. Motion passed – None opposed.
 - d. Recent Fires Discussion (Lefthand/Lyons)
 - i. Red Flag Warnings this weekend!
 - ii. Button Rock Fire/Spillway Fire (City of Longmont) – Discussion held
 1. Overview given of the incident (Noakes)
 2. Please check your equipment in case you have items from other agencies.
 3. As of 1030 hours the following morning is when paid time starts. Contact D Eamon with questions – and to send invoices.
 4. Discussion held regarding jurisdiction, additional resources...etc.

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5. CSFS engine needs to be requested directly; do not assume that they will automatically be dispatched for non-CSFS fires. Order this resource via dispatch.
- iii. Lefthand Fire (USFS) – Discussion held
 1. Overview given of incident (Buchanan)
 2. Thank you to all responding agencies; big thanks to BES for their help in Staging!
 3. Pridemark is a mutual aid resource for agencies on fires.
 4. Ops overview given by E LeBlanc
 5. Thanks to Lefthand for night ops.
 6. Discussion held regarding communication concerns.
 - a. Current radio channel names are causing confusion on incidents for non-local resources.
 7. USFS will be setting up an official AAR for this incident – Stay tuned.
 8. Aviation resources came from New Mexico and Montana.
 9. Currently a heavy, two seats, a lead, a platform and a crane are sitting at JeffCo.
 10. (3) Shot crews and IA crews are available locally (staged)
- iv. V-Tac Channels Overview (Zader)
 1. Common operating frequencies
 2. Intended for multi-agency incidents
 3. The new BCIMT3 has adopted the new comm plan that Zader developed.
- e. Tollgate Fire (39th/Nelson) – O'Donnell
 - i. Winds/topo were a factor.
 - ii. One injury – Pridemark was on scene and assisted.
- f. Table Mountain Fire – O'Donnell
 - i. Started by model rocket
 - ii. Thanks to all who assisted on Tollgate/Table Mountain Fires
4. Announcements
 - a. Please send L McConnell any updates to you contact information on the BCWFC list.
 - b. BCIMT3 2001 Applications/Renew Applications are due Friday Apr. 1, 2011 – send to L McConnell.
5. Next Meeting
 - a. Friday, May 6, 2011 beginning 1000 hours at the Boulder FTC.

Meeting adjourned at 1140 hours.

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Minutes respectfully submitted by Laura McConnell – Friday, April 1, 2011

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