



**Santa Barbara County Firesafe Council
Board of Directors' Meeting
March 5, 2020**

Our mission is to promote wildfire safety in Santa Barbara County through education and action.

Directors present: John Ahlman, Ted Adams, Phil Seymour, Rob Hazard, Ray Smith, Paul Van Leer, Rolf Larsen, Max Moritz and Nic Elmquist

Also present: Keith Hamm (Bucket Brigade), Greg Hart (2nd District), Jefferson Litten (Supervisor Hartmann COS)

Call to Order

09:00 AM- J. Ahlman calls the meeting to order.

Minutes

Previous minutes had not been prepared due to short turn around between meetings. The minutes will be sent out for review via email.

Treasurers Report

There was not a treasurer report provided.

New Business

1. Membership policies and procedures:
 - a. I had a conflicting meeting and missed this portion. Please send any notes you would like added to this section.
2. Website upgrade status:
 - a. Several recent developments have occurred causing a delay in the project timeline. However, the contractor feels they will allow us to include additional improvements not included in the original Scope of Work without expanding the budget.
 - b. The cause of the recent server hack was due to legacy usage of PHP 7 at the server level, which needs to be updated for security reasons. There is no indication that the site was deliberately targeted. It gives all appearances to be "bot-driven".
 - c. The plan is to create a new "theme" for the webpage which will be accompanied by a updated training and admin manual.
 - d. The goal is to have all the improvements in place by the April 29th FSC Annual Meeting.
3. Option for videoing future meetings:
 - a. Ethan Turpin, from The Burn Cycle Project, videoed the last presentation so he could better understand the needs of the group.
 - b. He offered to video future meetings at a cost of \$200 per meeting. This would include the time and equipment to record and edit the material.
 - c. We will use the material to place on the newly created Santa Barbara FSC YouTube account and provide a link on our webpage to provide educational exposure and spark interest throughout the County.
4. Board input regarding April Public Meeting planning
 - a. These notes are further detailed in the separate minutes attached as "FSC Planning Committee_Meeting_March 5 2020"

Non-Agenda Items:

1. A discussion occurred on how the new schedule is working out for the Board. There was questioning whether a Board meeting on the months there is a General Membership Meeting in necessary. The group agreed to continue with the current schedule for 2020 and reassess at the end of the year for 2021.
2. J. Ahlman won't send specific invitations to the general members for the Board Business Meetings. Information about the meetings, including the minutes, will be posted on the webpage for those who are interested. A suggestion was made to include an agenda item at the Board Business Meetings at the end for "Public Comment".

Action Items:

1. J. Ahlman will research who makes the FSC donor envelopes.

Motions:

1. N. Elmquist moves to approve \$1200 for Ethan Turpin to video tape 6 FSC meetings. R. Smith-Seconds. All approved.
2. P. Seymour moves to approve to spend no more than \$1000 at a local copy vendor (i.e. Fed Ex) to produce material for the April meeting. N. Elmquist-Seconds. All Approved.
3. P. Seymour moves to approve no more than \$500 for refreshments and \$2000 for advertisements to be used for the April meeting. R. Hazard-Seconds. All Approved.
4. P. Seymour moves to approve no more than \$500 as a "contingency fund" for unforeseen/ miscellaneous expenditures to host the April meeting. T. Adams-Seconds. All approved.

Future Meeting Schedule and Guest Speakers:

1. April 29th – annual Membership meeting
2. May 7th – Board Meeting
3. June 25th - Board Meeting/Membership Meeting
 - Guest Speaker- Stephane Ma (UCSB Post Doc studying local wildfire recovery)
4. July 2nd - Board Meeting
5. August 27th - Board Meeting/Membership Meeting
 - Guest Speaker- Rondi Guther (So Cal Edison Public Information Officer)
6. September 3rd – Board Meeting
7. October 22nd - Board Meeting/Membership Meeting
 - Guest Speaker- Ethan Turpin (The Burn Cycle Project)
8. November 5th – Board Meeting
9. December – No Meeting

Board Adjourned at 10:20 AM.

Guest Speaker:

None

Minutes respectfully submitted: Nic Elmquist