



New Mexico Prescribed Fire Council Meeting Minutes



February 14, 2017

State Forestry - Socorro District Conference Room

Present in Socorro: Don Kearney, Doug Boykin, Doug Cram, Eytan Krasilovsky, Tim Kirkpatrick, Lanya Quinn-Davidson – Northern California Rx Fire Council, Mark Meyers, Remington Gillum, Ryan Abby ; Present on Phone: Rick Merrick, Mark Cadwallader, Kent Reid, Mary Stuever, Andy Lopez, Angel Montoya, Julianne Overton.

- A. Welcome & Introductions – *Chairman Kearny called the meeting to order; approved minutes from the 1/17/17*
- B. Rx Fire Council Business –
 - a. Treasurer's Report – *Council Funds: \$1,994; Rx Trailer Account: \$3,338.70; CFRP Support and Outreach Funds: \$443.68; approved check to Tim for \$31.98 for cookies for Legislature Day; Total balance = \$4,834.83.*
 - b. Liability Insurance for Board Members – *no discussion*
 - c. Logo and Rx Council Merchandise – *Tim Kirkpatrick and Doug Cram made minor changes to logo with help from Kenny Rogers (see above: old logo on right; new logo on left); Tim waiting on merchandise order...*
- C. General Announcements
 - a. 2017 Air Quality & Smoke meeting in Santa Fe on 2/14 and in Socorro on 2/16
 - b. Corona Ranch Rx Fire Training : 2/22–24 (weather permitting)
 - d. 2017 WUI Summit, ABQ Sheraton, 3/30 – 4/1
 - e. Luera TRES, May 15 –30, 2017
- D. Old Business
 - a. Website Update – *Cram continues to keep website up to date: <http://aces.nmsu.edu/nmrxfire>*
 - b. CFRP Grant Status – *See budget reports*
 - c. Rx Trailer Status – *Work day 2/17 to install shelves; first schedule use is Corona Ranch in spring 2017*
 - d. Next Workshop Planning – *NMSU & NM Rx Fire Council Training Burn at Corona Ranch in full planning and logistical operation; 10 participants have signed up as interested; ~5 Rx Council members have volunteered to serve as instructors; burn is weather dependent...*
 - e. Partnership for Firefighter Qualification Program – *no update*
 - f. NMSU Rx Training Workshop – *see item d above.*
 - g. Planning for 2017 Legislative Session – *February 7 was good; had a booth set up at the rotunda, was able to contact office representatives for both representatives and senators; also members on natural resource committees; attended AgFest activities that evening, should look at participating in this next year.*
 - h. Luera TRES Event – *Event flyer on website; 20 ± participants to date, May 15–30, planning in full mode*
 - i. Rx Council Exchange – *Met with Northern California Rx Council representative (Lanya Quinn-Davidson); talked about similarities, organization, activities and ways we can mirror their success; ideas that came up included: managed fire white paper/statement, recruit more representatives to Council (e.g., IE, Forest Service, F&W, private landowners, environmental organizations, etc.), develop and publish strategic plan that outlines our organization missions and objectives, include more fire science at workshops, continue legislation work in collaboration with insurance industry to solve liability issues, research how burn bans are applied throughout state and determine how burn permits are acquired county by county.*

Action Item Capture

1. 2/15/17 is the work day for putting the shelving in the RX Trailer; all are welcome to assist
2. Cram coordinating with Corona, participants, and trainers; will keep everyone updated on weather window
3. Rick and Angel Montoya will look at setting up a workshop in Eastern NM
4. Tim will look at process for getting a proclamation prepared for the next Legislative session
5. Don will look at getting a booth for AgFest in 2018 in conjunction with our 2018 Round House booth; same day Natural Resources Day.
6. Will meet with Eytan on 2/27 to discuss his draft document related to implementing Rx fire on private lands in NM. Meeting is at the NMSF F&WSH office on Edith St. in ABQ. 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

3:00 p.m. Dismissal

Next meeting March 15th, 2017, 1:30 p.m., Socorro County Annex