



New Mexico Prescribed Fire Council Minutes

Wednesday, July 18, 2017

Socorro County Annex



- A. Welcome and Introductions – Attendance: Don Kearney, Doug Boykin, Tim Kirkpatrick, Rick Merrick, William Basye, Pam Bostwick, Mark Mercer
- B. Rx Fire Council Business
- Treasurer's Report – \$1,603.20 in Rx Council fund; \$200.82 in Rx Trailer funds; total of \$1,804.02 in the account with \$443.68 in CFRP support funds available to the council to utilize
 - Liability Insurance for Board Members – Tim still looking for reasonable rate; self-insurance would be best in cooperation with state; not that much liability to board since we are encouraging and training for Rx fire, not actually doing it; we would be covered if we stay within BMPs at all times; trailer is not an issue but should always have a qualified person with it
- C. Rx Council Items – Rick knows a company in Ruidoso that may be able to embroider logo on items; he will follow up, look for better quality shirts, etc.; Mark also has some ideas; Boykin will send both new logo
- D. General Announcements and Topics Not on Agenda – None
- E. Old Business
- Website Status – Need to add a public input section; also way to subscribe to website so when something new is posted the person gets a notification; link of the month to a training video, new pamphlet, etc.
 - CFRP Grant Status – Taos and Chama have TREX scheduled to finalize the grant; Rx trailer status is operational; will continue to hold and improve
 - Continue Workshop Planning Discussion – Lots of discussion; idea was floated to set up displays at county fairs, partner with SWCD, Rick will cover Lincoln/Otero Counties, Tim will cover Valencia, will see how we can cover Socorro; lots of discussion on direction we want to go with workshops (e.g., Workshop 2.1, Rx burn plan development, etc.); do something more specific than the 4 workshops already completed
 - Partnership for Firefighter Qualification Program – no action at this time
 - NMSU Rx Training Workshop – Council members will continue assisting Cram on the further development of a series of workshops at NMSU College Ranch at Corona
 - Annual Meeting Planning – Reviewed draft agenda for annual meeting; scheduled for Dec. 1 in ABQ; Tim has visited with Brian Fox; back up date is 12/8/17; agenda as drafted looks OK; will start to contact speakers; possibility of a caterer on site could help us with a meal, Tim will follow up; AFF grant funds may be able to support meeting as well as other funds mentioned by council members
 - TREX Events – Burn Boss report from Luera TREX is in progress; need input from Drone guys and burn boss trainee
 - Follow-up of Northern CA NM Rx Council Exchange – Table
 - Planning for 2018 Legislature – Will look into language for the anti-donation clause work that is needed; 2018 will be a short session, just plan on a simple display or booth
- F. New Business
- Burn Associations – Don is working with Angel Montoya in Roosevelt County to move this forward
 - 2017 AFF Grant Opportunity with Partners – Award of grant seems probable; wait and see...
 - 2018 CFRP Grant Discussion – Still needs a lot of work to flesh out; will continue dialogue as we move into the fall; Dave Lasky has offered to assist in the development of the proposal
- G. Action Item Capture
- Get copies of Oklahoma half day class curriculum and link to the website – Tim and Rich
 - Order repair kits for drip torches – Boykin
 - Look at anti-donation clauses from other states on how they relate to Rx – All
 - Staff County Fair booths if possible; do inventory of SWAG box – All
 - CFRP Grant Application; keep discussion open; determine exactly what would Rx Council get out of being a partner in this grant – All
 - Secure ABQ Fire Department for annual meeting – Tim
- 3:00 p.m. Dismissal

Next meeting 8/9/17 – Socorro County Annex; Also: 8/25/17 Socorro County Annex w/ Ed Christopher (USFWS)