



New Mexico Prescribed Fire Council Minutes

May 3rd, 2016

New Mexico State Forestry – Socorro Office



Present: Don Kearny, Doug Boykin, Fred Hollis, Dominic Otero; on phone: Angel Montoya, Joe Carrillo, Carmen Austin, Rick Merrick, Doug Cram, Tim Kirkpatrick, Julie Anne Overton, Eytan Krasilovsky

Minutes

1:30 p.m. Welcome and Introductions

1. Council Business

- a. *Approved agenda for current meeting and minutes from previous meeting.*
- b. *Treasurer's Report – no change from previous month's treasurer's report.*
- c. *Liability Insurance for Board Members – will continue to discuss; no movement until we identify funding*
- d. *Logo and web site for Rx Council merchandise – Kenny Rodgers (not present) Council will review site and approve; Doug Cram linked with our website. Let Kenny Rodgers know if there are items that you are interested in so he can start ordering and supplying as needed.*

2. Old Business

- a. *Website update, Doug Cram – Added article about liability issues for Rx burners; next meeting will provide Google Analytics report for last 6 months.*
- b. *CFRP Grant Update*
 - i. *Rx Trailer is ready for pickup in ABQ, will then move down to TorC so Wx Fire Graph can add the Rx Council logo as well as other sponsors.*
 - ii. *Draft rental agreement, check out form, etc.; Need to finalize the “release of liability” form and “Trailer and Equipment Landowner Checklist” form.*

3. New Business

- a. *Chama Workshop Planning – Lots of changes to the current draft agenda; Date has been set for July 14th, 0900 to 1700, at the Chama Community Center; Chama Peak Land Alliance is the sponsor and will pay for ½ the lunch. Field trip will be on the Rancho Lobo, north of Chama. Lots of discussion about appropriate pile burning techniques as well as acequia burning, these will be additional topics.*
- b. *Partnership for Firefighter Qualification Program – Krys Nystrom contacted Don to discuss partnership with TNC and the National Wildfire Suppression Association to support a way to train, track and qualify non-agency personnel, Will ask either Krys or Jeremy Bailey to be ready to talk about this at the next meeting.*
- c. *NMSU Rx Training Workshop – Doug Cram mentioned that he has been thinking about an idea where we (Rx Council) and NMSU would partner to hold a hands-on Rx Training Workshop on the university's Corona Range and Livestock Research Center; All thought it was a good idea; Would be a logical next step in our program of work, would support the function of the Rx Trailer, Doug will research what Oklahoma State University does as well as Texas A&M, and be ready to report back at the next meeting. Motion and second was secured to follow this up as a new action item.*

1. Action Items

- a. *Boykin will contact sponsors, provide an invoice, cost will be \$200 for placing the logo on the trailer*
- b. *Council Executive Committee Members will contact individuals who have expertise in pile burning*
- c. *Contact Colorado Rep to discuss the credited burner program in Colorado (Joe or Mary Stuever)*
- d. *Cram will continue to research the idea of an NMSU Rx Fire Academy/ Workshop*
- e. *Don will contact Krys on TNC partnership idea*

3:00 pm Dismissal

Next Meeting – Tuesday, June 7, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m., NM State Forestry Socorro Office

We discussed and tentatively agreed to try and meet the first Tuesday of every month from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.