

Fire Adapted Bailey

First Quarter Meeting

Tuesday, January 11, 7:00pm

Meeting Minutes (updated)

Attendees

Jack Roberts	Doug Compton	Steve Wesoloski
Robin Davis	John Spuhler	Luke Bagwell
Shelby Edwards	John Van Doren	Lucy Bauer

Call to Order 7:05pm

Old Business:

- **Minutes** 2021/08/02- approved (with attendee correction)
- **Treasurer's Report** - approved
 - a. Crowd-funding Balance Sheet
 - b. Ops Account Balance Sheet
 - c. Profit and Loss - combination of both
- **2022 Budget** needed to apply for funding etc.
Action Item: Robin will compose a draft and send around to the Board for approval

New Business:

Pond Project update (John Van Doren)

- John met with the Land and Water Trust Fund Board (Park Co sales-tax-funded entity) on 10/13/21. They want to fully fund this project (money not earmarked specifically yet)
- Dick Elsner (Park Co Commissioner) wants to see first if the project can be funded through legislative action at the state level instead - as a model for other similar state and national projects. The timeframe on this is not known.
- FAB should pursue other grant options as well, meanwhile

Action Items:

- John will reach out to Elsner one more time before closing out the report and sending the \$200K billing initially to FAB.
- Robin will send a doodle poll out to Linda, John VD and June to discuss possible grants

Planned Events for 2022

Bailey Days - FAB should participate, but needs to be on Main Street, not a side street, to get more foot traffic. The first organizational meeting for this event is on 01/20/22.

Action Item: Luke is the point person

Moore Lumber “Cook Your Ace Off” (Pine Jct store) - good exposure for FAB with some revenue generation from food sold.

Action Item: John Spuhler is the point person

Educational Activities - “Mountain Living 101” -To target first time mountain homeowners. Saturdays once a month? Lead with FAB wildfire-related issues, then present topic of the month. Other organizations (Fire Dept, Senior Alliance, Realtors, Team Rubicon) may be interested in joining in. Some topics:

- **Invasive Species** - presentation by the Park County CSU Extension personnel in Bailey, to be held at the FireHouse.
Action Item: Lucy is the point person
- **Insurance** - prevalence of underinsured homeowners owing to rising costs.
Action Item: Doug is the point person
- **Evacuation Planning** - Working with Maryanne Wesoloski at the Senior Alliance of Platte Canyon.
Action Item: Robin is the point person
- **Chainsaw Safety** - for homeowners wanting to do their own defensible space work.
.FAB does not have enough insurance. PCFD or Team Rubicon?
Action Item: Shelby is the point person, and will talk to PCFD chief.
- **Other topics:** Owning a well, septic systems...

Traffic control for ROW mitigation work.

- Volunteer training classes need to be coordinated with Road & Bridge - either for all volunteers or for trainers of volunteers.
- Mock-up schedule needs drawing up to accommodate WFM and Team Rubicon activities as well as Sheriff Posse involvement.
- Pre-event work will be done by FAB re contacting property owners, training and assembling volunteers.

Action Item: Shelby, Robin and Jack will be co-point persons to coordinate with sheriff dep (Steve Spodiak), Road and Bridge (Greg Kasparak), Team Rubicon and Wildland Fire Module.

Establishing Firewise in Friendship Ranch

- Invite other Firewise people to come over and help knock on doors in community and handout RWR trifold on Home Hardening, Defensible Space etc
- Have PCFD (Shelby) meet with residents and share about thinning project happening next door at Tomahawk Ranch. Put up flyers as outreach for this event.

Action Items:

- Robin - help John get handouts printed at Staples, and go knock on doors

- Shelby - coordinate with John about Tomahawk Ranch-related event

Grants

- **Opportunity Fund Grant:** Request grant for chipping by WFM in all Firewise communities. (4 hours x 7 sites @ \$150/hour = \$4,200 total) - for fuel and chipper maintenance if site has its own chipper. FAB would sponsor and advertise, then contract with Shelby's crew.
- **CORE** - \$1000 donation to FAB - use for printing handouts etc?

Action Item: Robin will put together an OFGrant application by January 19, 2022

Board Members

Steve Wesoloski has taken over the running of KZ Ranch Firewise, following the relocations of John VD and Tommy Meeks. Welcome Steve!

Dues from each Firewise Site: \$50 send to FAB at PO box 465, Pine Colorado 80470.

Action Item: Firewise site coordinators send your dues.

Firewise Community Updates

- Elk Creek Highlands – Luke is talking to HOA on Saturday about home hardening and fire mitigation
- Friendship Ranch – John S - see above
- KZ Ranch – Steve is hoping to re-engage with BLM about thinning on their adjacent 50 acre property. Original contract was already renewed 18 months ago. Woodside – Monte - not present
- Woodside - Monte - not present to report
- Mill Iron D - Trice - not present to report
- DCVR – Robin - In early October, Team Rubicon worked on properties of older or handicapped residents over 3 days and got considerable work done in all 3 zones.
- Burland - Jack - successful year doing Saws and Slaws. Submitted Firewise report and updated Action Plan. Burland Ballfield mitigation work done (by WMF), but mowing still needed. Area of Refuge on Deer Valley Park Association land not approved by their board, so having to look elsewhere on the east side. Resident Survey/Questionnaire reworked ready for 2022. WiRe has recommended PCFD apply for an Opportunity Fund Grant to pay for mailer to be sent around Burland.
- Bailey Estates - mitigated lower stretch of main evacuation route. Are putting together Firewise application to become an official site.

Adjourned 8:52pm

Minutes composed and submitted by Lucy Bauer, Secretary