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**FIRE ADAPTED BAILEY**  
**Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors**  
**April 18, 2019**

**Present:** John Van Doren; Rex Alford; Kathy Lower; Robin Davis; and Jack Roberts. Absent: Doug Compton. Also present: Paul Ellis.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

**Quorum:** Established.

**Old Business:**

1. **Approval of minutes.** Prior board meeting (January 17, 2019); MOTION to approve, SECONDED, PASSED unanimously.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Kathy presented the Q1 2019 treasurer's report, including P&L and Balance Sheet. Checking account balance as of 3/31/19 was \$3,602.44, including \$2,000 donation from IREA. MOTION made, SECONDED and PASSED unanimously to accept the report.

After discussion the board agreed to allocate \$1,000 of IREA's donation to FAB operations and \$1,000 to the second crowdfunding campaign (IOBY) (see New Business 2e below). Kathy will prepare amended Q1 financial statements to reflect that allocation for presentation at the next board meeting.

3. **Crowdfunding update.** Approximately \$51,000 raised to date. We closed our first campaign and have initiated distribution of these funds. We will open a second campaign in the near future. Discussion of how to handle receipt of the funds. MOTION made, SECONDED and PASSED unanimously to open two FAB accounts at First Bank in Conifer, one solely to receive and distribute crowdfunding funds and one to be FAB's business account, transferring funds from FAB's current business account at Community Banks of Colorado in Conifer and closing the CBC account. Kathy authorized to take these steps. There will be no commingling of crowdfunding funds and FAB operational funds.
4. **Website.** Kathy to work with Burland's website manager to transition the webmaster duties.
5. **Ponds.**

John reported. Denver Water is starting to crack down on illegal ponds in the Bailey Area. We have a lot of ponds that are illegal. Tim Buckley, Water Commissioner for the Bailey Area (District 80), doesn't want to drain all of the illegal ponds; he would rather see our District work toward a plan to deal with water loss through evaporation. PCFPD should survey all of the ponds in the FPD to determine which ponds are important for fire protection (and if all are, that's ok). Then we have to get augmentation to take care of evaporation. Could be \$50-100k per pond. Even where water rights exist, may be too junior.

Burland ponds – not legal

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Roland Gulch – upstream of 285 legal, downstream illegal  
Pond at the end of Hangman – legal  
Romer Pond – illegal  
KZ Ranch – one pond illegal, two legal  
Elk Creek Highlands – illegal

Need to check on ponds in Woodside.

If no ponds, our ISO rating would increase and insurance would double. Best place to go for this money is Denver Water, according to John.

**New Business:**

1. Appointment of new board member. MOTION made, SECONDED and PASSED unanimously to appoint Paul Ellis of Elk Creek Highlands and Meadows to the board. Resolution signed by all board members present.
2. Grants.
  - a. Denver Water. Kathy reported. FAB has not been able to obtain general liability insurance coverage so in order to keep things moving, CUSP will remain as the general contractor on the project. The CUSP License to Enter has been signed by four homeowners. Trees on two properties have been marked, with two more properties scheduled in the coming week and the fifth to be done in early May. Each homeowner will contribute in cash 20% of FAB's required match; the rest of the match will come from volunteers. Kathy has developed a contact with the Denver Regional Office of Team Rubicon (through Jacob Ware of Elk Creek FPD and former PCFPD Chief Mark Wesseldine, who lives in Woodside). TR will fulfill the volunteer hours for our match, with some possible help from community volunteers. TR wants to work in the Bailey Area on a multi-year basis. With or without Denver Water money we will continue to ask homeowners to contribute 10% of the minimum per acre contractor cost as estimated by CUSP for each acre mitigated by TR.
  - b. Fire Adapted Colorado (FACO). Jack reported, with input from Kathy. Woodside Park will not be able to take advantage of FACO's \$1,000 opportunity grant to conduct rapid risk assessments and social surveys. So that the grant opportunity will not be wasted, Burland Ranchettes agreed (with FACO's and WiRe's approval) to take over for Woodside on the grant. However, WiRe will not be able to provide training on the RRA app before the grant deadline of June 10. Jack will investigate the possibility of attending a training program already scheduled in Grand County on May 9. He will also investigate whether the grant money can be used to purchase iPads to use in conducting RRAs. Jack will coordinate with Joe Burgett of PCFPD to request assessor's data from Park County GIS for WiRe.
  - c. AIM Coalitions and Collaborations grant opportunity. Our application was not chosen.
  - d. GOCO Stewardship Impact Grant. As John reported at the last meeting, the project will implement low intensity prescribed fires in Pike National Forest adjacent to Bailey area

private lands over a three-year time frame to reduce wildfire risk. John is working with Park County on the project. Park County will be the applicant and the Coalition for the Upper South Platte will oversee operations. CUSP will receive a \$6,000 administrative fee and FAB will receive a similar fee for overseeing volunteers (no chain saws). USFS will require volunteers to sign a volunteer agreement. As of the date of this meeting, the project is still alive.

- e. IREA: \$2,000 grant received in late March. As noted above, the board approved \$1,000 for FAB operations and \$1,000 as seed money for our second crowdfunding campaign.

3. 2019 Key Initiatives.

- a. CWPP. The Forest Stewards Guild held a meeting on March 21 with local Firewise leaders to begin the process of obtaining community input. FSG has started on data in the Bailey Area, including mapping of roadway survivability, burn probability, estimated fire sizes using 90<sup>th</sup> percentile conditions, and also has begun ember cast analysis and vehicle evacuation modeling. Other protocols in the works include evacuation protocols and shelter in place/safety zones.
- b. Firewise leader support. John reported on lessons learned from the Wildfire Adapted Partners workshop indicating that we need to provide better support to our community Firewise leaders. We need to do more mentoring, hold regular workshops and invite the public and Firewise leaders, have an information packet for new FW communities. Look at providing sawyer training/certification plus policies and procedures.
- c. Insurance. John reported on his conversation in Reno with Jon Bruno of CUSP. John said CUSP started without insurance and worked up to formal training and policies and procedures with GL insurance. John suggested that FAB head in the same direction with policies and procedures, which will support our ability to get GL insurance. CUSP has promised to share its policies and procedures with us but has not yet done so.

Kathy reported in Doug's absence. Doug obtained a quote for volunteer insurance for 30 volunteers at \$300 per year. Board members had questions about the "30 volunteers" – covered for a one-time event with 30 volunteers? Covered for 30 volunteers at multiple events? Which 30 volunteers -only the first 30 who sign up, or any 30 at any event? Kathy will follow up with Doug.

Jack indicated that Burland had obtained general liability insurance for Burland volunteers on Saws & Slaws events, including sawyers, from the American Family Insurance in Evergreen for \$1500 per year. Jack will share a copy of Burland's policy with us.

- d. MyWildfireRisk. FAB supports this NFPA 1144 software app to conduct in-depth parcel-level risk assessments; it coordinates with the rapid risk assessment app used by WiRe. FAB believes that purchase of a license for the program will cost at least \$15,000. John has asked Kelly Johnston of Wildland Professional Solutions to prepare presentation materials on the app, including cost. FACO is interested in purchasing a license that it could then sublicense throughout the state. John will talk to the Emergency Services

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Council about it as well. Doug had reported to John earlier about his contacts with Safeco: "The senior management is very impressed with the program and the take away is I think we will be able to get some form of donation from them. They want me to start with the donation program and work my way up from there."

- e. Road right of way mitigation execution.
  - i. 12 segments mapped; work starts in June.
  - ii. Notice letters going out on Monday, April 22 to residents along the first stretch of right of way to be mitigated.
  - iii. Public meeting on May 13 at 6:30 p.m. with all affected landowners. We will be doing it in groups to gauge community response. We will invite Commissioner Dick Elsner, Park County Right of Way Manager Greg Kasperek and Sheriff Tom McGraw.
- f. HOA presentation. John gave a PowerPoint presentation to the Woodside Park Units 5 and 6 HOA on April 16, including the information developed to date by the Forest Stewards Guild (see 3.a above).

#### 4. Upcoming Events.

- a. Wildfire Community Preparedness Day - May 4, 2-4 p.m. at PCFPD station. Burland is spearheading with help from other HOAs. Schedule includes: opening remarks by Shelby and John; video of ember storm; preparing the home (Burland); second video – juniper igniting; Ready, Set, Go (DCVR); Kids, Elderly and Physically Challenged (Burland); small and large animal evacuation (Woodside); insurance (Doug); evacuation routes; closing remarks.
- b. Team Rubicon mitigation project, Boulder County April 26-27 – John will observe.
- c. CSFS Wildfire Mitigation Conference, Routt County May 11
- d. Conifer Mountain HOA meeting, to be scheduled
- e. Bailey Day, June 22. We will share a booth with PCFPD.
- f. Board of County Commissioners working session at PCFPD, June 26, 9 a.m.
- g. Warm Springs HOA (Fairplay), July 6.

**Next Meeting Date:** Next quarterly meeting to be scheduled in July on a day TBD.

**Adjournment:** MOTION to adjourn; the motion was SECONDED and PASSED unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

*/s/ Kathy Lower*  
Secretary