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Monterey County Fire Training Officers Association

Meeting Minutes – April 9, 2009

Host: Seaside Fire Department

Meeting called to order at 1025 by President Dan Gearhart

I. Roll Call:

Attendees:

Humberto Arista	North County FPD
Dan Gearhart	Seaside Fire
Rick Williams	Salinas City Fire
David Sargenti	Salinas Rural Fire
Pat O'Connell	Salinas City Fire
Brett Loomis	Salinas City Fire
Martha Karstens	Big Sur Fire
Stewart Roth	Monterey Fire
Tammera Badano	AMR
Colette O'Connor	CALFIRE
Miles Schuler	Carmel Valley Fire
Doug McCoun	North County FPD
Mike Meddles	Soledad Fire
Jeff Minetto	Fort Hunter Liggett
John Trenner	Monterey Airport Fire
Mike Hewston	Fort Hunter Liggett

II. Approval of Minutes:

Review of the minutes from the meeting of March 12, 2009 hosted by Carmel Valley FPD and recorded by Rick Williams. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Stewart Roth, and seconded by Doug McCoun. Motion carried.



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III. Treasurer's Report:

Checking Account Balance as of 02-28-09: **62,816.44**

Expenses:

03-04-09	2185 Red shift Internet – Monthly Fee	20.95
03-10-09	2186 Salinas Rural FPD, S-212 / WFS Expenses	59.12
03-26-09	2187 Gearhart, refund WFS Tee Shirt	10.00

Total Expenses: 90.07

Income:

No Income

Total Income: 0.00

Checking Account Balance as of 03-31-09: **62,323.15**

Certificate of Deposit as of 02-11-09: **7,002.27**

Total Assets as of 03-31-09: 69,325.49

Kathryn Pernet
Bookkeeper

Motion by Stewart Roth, and seconded by John Trenner to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented; motion passed.

IV. Correspondence:

CALSTAR class: Pre Hospital Burn Treatment: April 21,2009

National College for EMT training has several up coming classes

Hunter Liggett 4x4 Driver class April 28 &29, 2009



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V. Committee Reports:

President Gearhart requests that committee chairs e-mail their reports if they will not be present at the meeting

A. ICS: John Trenner

No report

Trenner would like to give up Chair. ICS Committee was set-up for I.C.S. training and movement drills. Should we eliminate this committee and go in new direction or rename? Committee was formed following the Pebble Beach fire for teaching ICS to county fire departments. Recommendation to disband this committee by Trenner. Motion by John Trenner, seconded by Sargenti to disband the ISC Committee. Motion carried.

B. Wildland Committee: Dave Sargenti

Final boundaries have been set for new site. Have two or three more site visits before the school. Registrations are slowly coming in. Budget is set but it will be tight.

C. Fire Library: Deano Lindsey

No report

Fire Library was relocated to far back corner at the Monterey County Office of Education.

D. Programs: Dave Sargenti

S-230 and S-231 finishing, class is full with 23 students.

Salinas to host S-215 May 11 to 14, and S230 and S231 May 18 to 21. Check with Captain O'Connell at Salinas Fire station 3 (758-7023) if you have someone who needs to take either of these classes.

"Fireline Factors" class on May 20, 2009 in Seaside.



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E. Website: Doug McCoun / Dan Gearhart

“Google Check Out” up and running; we met with Red shift to finalize website. We need members that would like to work on website to keep it up to date and fresh; we can’t let it get out of date. For posting of class flyers, need to have them in PDF format, this makes it easier to post to website.

Redshift does not have a monthly service contract. We will continue with an hourly rate. Send letter to Nor Cal Training Officers Steve Prziborowski so he can send it out all over the state that we are rolling out our website with the Wildland School.

F. State Fire Academy/MPC: Natalie Rodda

Report by Gearhart

Planning meetings for Public Safety Training site moving forward. When meetings are announced, we need Fire Chiefs to attend or their representative to support the needs of the fire service in the final plans. Construction of classrooms is moving forward. Looks like they may be finished in the next month or two. No new contracts at this time. Contracts that are in place at this time are being honored.

VI. Old Business:

A. Logo Design – Doug McCoun

Had good meeting with the committee on April 8th. We are moving forward with design. Looking at a blend of new and old design.

B. Out-of-County Qualifications - Gearhart

Went to County Chiefs meeting for direction on what they want for Out-of-County Qualifications. They think it is a good idea and would look into it. At this time, we should be following CICCS and 310-1.



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For training we are moving in the right direction in by providing S-390, S-290, S-231 and S-215 type classes. These are the core classes for engine companies.

Qualification cards are being checked at some fires. You should have a card or a letter from your Fire Chief for proof of qualifications. You can find a qualification card on the O.E.S. website. Sargenti, Salinas Rural Fire to email document he has been working on for Out-of-County Qualifications standard for his department.

VII. New Business:

Meddles - Looking for information on Columbia Southern University Fire Science 2 and 4 year web based degree program. Gearhart said to make sure that whatever program you use that it is accredited.

VIII. Good of the Order:

Rick Williams - Salinas has new Fire Chief; Chief Raddatz will start on May 4, 2009

Collette O'Connor - Cal Fire to start staffing 5 engines on May 5, 2009

IX. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Trenner, seconded by Sargenti. Meeting adjourned at 1100 hours.

Next Meeting: May 14, 2009

CAL FIRE-BEU Headquarters-Expanded Dispatch
2221 Garden Road
Monterey, CA 93940

Wildland Committee: 0900
General Membership 1000 hrs.

Minutes prepared by: RICK WILLIAMS
April 30, 2009