

FBM Board Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2020 (4:30 pm – 6:00 pm)
Topics-Planning for 2020
Host: Susan Luhman - 13080 Woodstock Drive

Attendees: Chuck Staetz, Diana Abrell, Susan Sanders, Susan Luhman, Jeff Peach, Ann Westling and Ed Sylvester

Apologies: Andrew Wilkinson

Chuck called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

Minutes:

Jeff made the motion to approve the November 5, 2019 Board meeting minutes. Seconded by Susan Sanders and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Chuck reported FBM has a total of \$9,496.50 in the bank. Jeff has an additional \$200 in checks to be deposited.

Recurring annual expenses

Jeff and Chuck estimated FBM has \$2500 to \$3500 in recurring operating expenses.

Now that John Bilheimer has been paid in full, Chuck suggested FBM repay Susan Sanders and Ted Beedy their \$5,000.00 loan. Susan Sanders suggested FBM repay half of the loan-\$2,500.00. Even though there are no large outlays looming on the horizon, she wanted to ensure FBM could maintain a comfortable financial cushion. Susan S. will work on finalizing the loan promissory note.

Chip Wilder (former treasurer) offered to keep FBM's financial records. Jeff recommended taking Chip up on his offer. All agreed. Diana recommended offering Chip the option of being either a board member or a treasury committee member.

Chuck offered to contact Chip to see which he would prefer—being a board member or a committee of one.

Chuck continues to work on the 2015-19 financial reports.

For \$1,684, Insurance Alliance of California will insure the FBM board. Chuck will get more policy details regarding what activities are covered.

Cascade Canal Issues:

Diana brought pictures of the NID *No Trespassing* sign currently displayed on the Cascade Canal Trail. She also brought pictures that prove the sign has not been there since the 1980's as the NID Encroachment Officer said. Diana suggested writing a letter to NID requesting the sign be reworded or removed as the sign is in violation of the stipulated judgment. Jeff recommended contacting Ricki Heck, President of the NID Board of Directors. Susan Luhman will contact Ms. Heck to enlist her assistance.

Cascade Canal Trail Easement

In November 2019, Susan Sanders contacted the Bear Yuba Land Trust (BYLT) to inquire about a signature on the Cascade Canal Trail easement document. At that time, the document had not been signed. Susan S. will contact Erin Tarr (BYLT's *Co-Ed Conservation & Stewardship* coordinator) to see if any progress has been made.

Projects:

The Center for Nonprofit Leadership

Ann explained more about The Center for Nonprofit Leadership (CNL). CNL offers leadership training. The leadership forums share ideas about how other nonprofits raise money for various projects. CNL provides training that promotes networking and provides information about how to organize volunteers. The Board was very impressed with the organization but decided to table joining CNL for now.

Annual Meeting

According to its charter, FBM must have one annual membership meeting. Chuck and Jeff did not think FBM should link its annual meeting with a Firewise meeting as was done last year. Chuck will contact Seaman's Lodge about availability. The Board will discuss the annual meeting more fully at the next meeting.

FBM Website:

Jeff asked that each board member review the FBM website and offer suggestions about how to improve it. The goal is to streamline it and to offer more Firewise information. He would like to receive feedback by February 4th.

Firewise Coalition:

Individual landowners have asked if they could get a Firewise (FW) certificate. To receive an FBM Firewise certificate, Jeff proposed that person must be an FBM member. He asked the Board if they agreed. All agreed.

Jeff distributed 2 handouts.

The first handout provides information about the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) drill scheduled for May 31, 2020.

- “Where houses meet or intermingle with undeveloped wildland vegetation”
- Simulations and drills for firefighters and Sheriff’s office have been going on for a while, and for the past few years the public has been involved.
- Exercise will affect everyone in the Banner Mountain and Cascade Shores area. A Code Red Alert will go out to everyone. “This is a drill, but please evacuate – will be doing fire exercise.”

This is an opportunity to practice their evacuation plan. Hope for lots of participation to see what happens in a real evacuation.

- Areas for drills and leaders:
 - New Forest Knolls - Bob Hanna
 - Old Forest Knowles - Ann Westling
 - Mayflower – Ruth Berliner
 - Upper Deer Creek Park – Carv Hase
 - Upper Banner Lava Cap/Wings of Morning - John and Ann Shulse
 - Cascade Shores—Joan Hardy

The Firewise committee hopes at least 15 houses in each neighborhood will participate.

The second handout is a Communications Plan. Ann is working with Calfire communications officer to develop a communication plan. To help ensure a successful drill, it is imperative that communication starts early and be complete to avoid confusion and minimize errors.

Jeff reported the FBM Firewise committee has a scheduled meeting on January 29th at the Madelyn Helling community room starting at 6:00 pm.

Alan Doerr will add the Green Horn area to the Banner Mountain Firewise Community map.

Jeff would like to purchase Firewise community signs this summer.

Chuck adjourned the meeting at 4:05 p.m.