

**Final FBM Meeting Minutes**  
**October 4, 2018 (3:00 – 5:00 pm)**  
**Topics – Firewise Community; Fund Raising**  
**Host: Susan Luhman – 13080 Woodstock Drive**

**Attendees:** Chuck Staetz, Chip Wilder, Susan Sanders, Jeff Peach, Ed Sylvester, and Susan Luhman

**Apologies:** Diana Abrell and Andrew Wilkinson

Chuck Staetz called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

**Minutes:**

Susan Luhman is waiting for the board to respond to the draft minutes from the July 19<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> meetings before finalizing them.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Legal expenses to date: \$39,961

Ending balance: \$12,079

Cascade Canal donations: \$24,369

Motion was made to accept the treasurer's report. Motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

**FireWise Report:**

Jeff Peach distributed a handout describing what a FireWise Community (FWC) and how a community maintains its FWC status. See attachment 1.

Jeff would like to expand the Banner Mountain FWC to include more homeowners (i.e. Tumbling Creek, Quaker Hill, etc.). The question remains how to achieve this goal. One approach would be to go door to door, but the number of landowners could be much larger than a door-to-door campaign could handle. Another way would be to send information to those homeowners. FBM tries to educate those who attend the annual meeting but Jeff feels we are not reaching nearly the number of landowners living on Banner Mountain. This would be a huge project. Chuck suggested Jeff start out small. Find a group of landowners (Tumbling Creek) and meet with them. If this approach is successful, try another small group.

Ed and Susan suggested putting an opinion piece in The Union's editorials section. Chip suggested contacting Heidi Hall to see if she would be interested in helping to expand the Banner Mountain FWC. Chuck agreed with Jeff this could be a huge commitment for FBM; Chuck recommended FBM work on a five-year plan. Then move on to a 10-year plan.

Jeff mentioned Yuba Net, KVMR, and KNCO would be good sources to spread the word.

### **Lower Cascade Canal Litigation**

On September 20, 2018 John Bilheimer sent an outline of trial procedures and estimate for trial expenses. Susan Sanders reported John Bilheimer has requested a formal written agreement that FBM still wants to move forward with a trial to remove the gates on the Lower Cascade Canal and obtain a public easement (from the Davis family). Chuck made the motion to forward with the litigation and accept Bilheimer estimated expenses. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Chuck will authorize Bilheimer to move forward with scheduling a trial. The statement will also accept the trial expenses estimate John Bilheimer sent.

Discussion followed about why John Bilheimer wants to spend more FBM money by bringing in another lawyer, Jim Simon. Susan Sanders will contact John Bilheimer about scheduling a meeting so the Board can meet Mr. Simon. A list of questions will be compiled for this meeting.

Susan Sanders will ask John Bilheimer what action the FBM Board can do to help keep litigation fees down. Bilheimer suggested FBM could save some fees by researching the Muses and Davis property titles. Chuck offered research the property titles.

Bilheimer wants FBM to continue to identify pre-1972 trail users. Ed offered to contact Tom Lott. Jeff will contact Tom Baggett. Susan Sanders had a few others she will contact. Ed suggested put an op-ed in the Union. This could flush out other trail users.

Once again Chip asked if the lawsuit should include the Nevada Irrigation District (NID). The other board members were still of the opinion that it would not enhance chances of winning the court case by including NID.

### **Membership Renewal**

Chip would like to publish a list of FBM members. He thought if people knew their neighbors were members, they might also join. He also felt this might be a way to network and raise more litigation donations. The other board members are reluctant to publish a list of members. Chuck suggested emailing members to gauge their feelings about publishing this information. No motion was made.

Susan Sander offered to write an update on the Lower Cascade Canal litigation activities. It could be sent along with the membership renewal letter. Jeff would like to add FireWise information. Susan Luhman asked if we should do a separate membership renewal letter from the addition Lower Cascade Canal fund raising letter. Discussion followed about the costs of return envelopes and stamps involved in multiple mailings. The Board decided to write one letter for membership renewal and one for the Lower Cascade Canal fund raising. Including would be one form indicating membership renewal and Lower Cascade Canal donations.

**Action Items:**

Chuck will authorize Bilheimer to move forward with scheduling a trial. The statement will also accept the trial expenses estimate John Bilheimer sent.

Susan Sanders will update the Lower Cascade Canal activities letter. Susan Luhman will update the membership letter and create the renewal/donation form. These documents will be ready by October 12, 2018 for the Board to review.

Jeff will contact Heidi Hall, The Union, KVMR, KNCO, and YubaNet to determine if they would be willing to help spread the word about fire safety and FWC.

Jeff will contact Alan Doer for guidance. Alan makes the GIS maps.

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Chuck adjourned the meeting at 5:00 pm.