

FBM Board Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2021 (4:00 – 5:00 pm)
Zoom Meeting

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

Ed Sylvester called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Approval of the Minutes

Ed called for approval of the January 20, 2021 minutes. Chip made the motion to approve the minutes; Chuck seconded it. The board unanimously agreed.

Treasurer's Report

Chip reported FBM has \$797.99 in its checking account. The savings account current balance is \$7,992.38. Firewise signs have been the only expense since the last meeting. Diana made the motion to accept the report. Ann seconded it. The motion was unanimously approved.

Old Business

FBM Flyer

Diana and Ann have been working on the flyer to be sent to all known addresses on Banner Mountain. FBM will use 49er direct mailing service to send the flyer. Andrea Tarp will stuff the envelopes and mail them. Jeff will provide addresses.

Ann solicited topics for an upcoming newsletter. Seeking neighborhood leaders will be one topic.

Update from BM Firewise Committee Meeting and Coalition Update

Ann and Jeff showed slides of the Camp Fire time lapse map (information came from the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)). The slides portrayed a chilling picture of just how fast a wild fire can spread. The report illustrated the need for more evacuation research (among other issues). The slides will be on the FBM website along with David Kapler's *A Wildfire Survival Guide for You and Your Home*.

Jeff added the Wild Fire Season Guide 2020-21 to the FBM website. This document contains an excellent guide to preparing for wild fires and much more.

Discussion followed about where to place the new Fire Wise signs. The county has restrictions about where one may place signs. Five areas were discussed as potential sites:

Banner Lava Cap Road
Gracie Road
CalTrans Maintenance Station
Idaho Maryland Road
Red Dog Road

Jeff will seek guidance as to where these signs can legally be placed.

Friends of Banner Mountain Firewise Committee Meeting

Jeff scheduled a Zoom Firewise committee meeting on March 10th. Ten members participated in the meeting. The participants discussed issues such as insurance cancellations and how to encourage neighbors to fire safe their property. Jeff plans to schedule another Zoom meeting in April.

Evacuation Concerns

Chip has been evaluating the Lee Lane gate that could impede evacuation exit. Ed sent a letter the Home Owner's Association but has not yet received a response. He will follow up.

The Nevada County Economic Resources Council is investigating the lack of broadband in the county. One of the biggest concerns is lack of phone and Internet service when PGE shuts down power. The board will continue to monitor this issue.

Ed adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

The next board meeting via ZOOM will be on April 21st at 4:00 pm.