

## MOSQUITO FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes, October 24, 2023

6367 Log Cabin Lane, Placerville CA 95667

Zoom was available

1. Meeting called to Order: 6:04
2. Roll Call/Verification of Quorum: Board Members Present: Karen Pullin, Paul Beacham, Wayne Gregson, Ken Joseph. Board Members on Zoom: Jerry Pullin, Mary Joseph. Absent: Jane Gregson
3. Approval of Agenda as presented: Motion: Karen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wayne: Passed unanimously
4. Approval of Minutes 9/21/23: Motion: Wayne, 2<sup>nd</sup> Paul. Passed unanimously
5. Approval of Financials: Motion Ken, 2<sup>nd</sup> Karen, approved unanimously
6. Guest speaker/presenter on Insurance, Aurora Mullett was scheduled to speak. She was in Tennessee and the 3 hour time difference caused her reminder to not activate until 9:00. She was extremely apologetic. We will see about rescheduling in the future.

### Old Business:

- a. **Review of Block party “Fiesta Friday”** with guest speakers SCLAR, Air/Med/Care and CERA. The block party was another successful event catered with Mexican food and on site Churros being made. Thank you to David and Amy Strict for hosting at their home and to Jane, Wayne, Jerry, Lauren and Johnny Valenzuela for all the set up and clean up assistance. We always learn a little something from each one of our events which allows us to make the next one even better. This one was fun, informative and delicious and very much appreciated by our community members attending.
- b. **Update on the Volunteer Property Fire Safe Assessment/Evaluations:** Jerry, Wayne and David Strict along with Dawn M. were busy completing assessments and evaluations. We expect a slow down over the holidays and winter months. We will focus on continuing to promote the importance and benefits of these voluntary evaluations. Thank you to Jerry, Wayne and David for attending the 2 day classes and getting certified to perform the evaluations/verification.
- c. **Wayne Gregson gave an update on the Mosquito Neighborhood Radio Watch program:**
  1. MNRC associate agreement signed
  2. Creating Bylaws for their board
  3. Board Members: Wayne Gregson, Reese Willer, Guy Barritt
  4. 14 radios and 1 base station deployed to community members
  5. 5 new radios to be deployed.

- d. **Review of the MFSC booth at MVFA Harvest Fest Event:** Very successful and fun event again hosted by MVFA. We were able to distribute lots of valuable information to the community. We shared space with CERA and learned more valuable information from them. Thank you to all who worked out booth and thank you to MVFA for this community event. This was the 3<sup>rd</sup> year we participated and look forward to future participation.
- e. **MFSC will not conduct open board meetings in November and December so everyone can enjoy their holidays.** We will resume in January and continue with zoom access over the winter as long as weather does not interfere with the internet service. This allows all community members to have access to information and programs in real time and participate with questions, concerns and suggestions.
- f. **FireWise update:** We submitted our Renewal application in September. We were advised at the EDCFSC meeting by CalFire that applications are being reviewed and to expect all renewals to be approved by 12/31/23.
- g. **Update on the Mosquito Fire Safe Council \$200K fuel reduction grant:** MFSC will be meeting with RCD to review our CWPP maps and do a treatment plan walk thru with committee members. Committee Members are: Jerry Pullin – Grant Coordinator, Ken Joseph Treatment and ROE Coordinator, Wayne Gregson, Wayne Holley and Johnny Valenzuela. RCD is our Grant Manager and we will be joined by Alex Stephens from RCD. Our committee members with RCD will set up a date that works for our committee. MFPD was included in the correspondence in order to provide representation if desired.
- h. **Update on Complaints filed by MFPD Jack Rosevear and MFPD Board members to El Dorado County Fire Safe Council with regard to MFSC.** They are additionally filing complaints with ELDC BOS and CA FSC as well.

The complaints focused on their displeasure with an individual that assists MFSC and their feelings of not receiving invitations to our events. MFSC does not allow personal feelings to dictate who we have volunteer and assist us. We utilize and value all volunteers and their talents. Every individual is allowed their personal opinions and views. We do not police them and dictate to them. As long as they are not posting or writing as “representing MFSC or in some way indicating it is the opinion of MFSC” or EDCFSC, we have no control or say, just as MFPD has no control or say over those posting on local blogs or harassing MFSC online.

The chief has never complained to or met with MFSC, he has sent his board President instead and has refused our requests to meet with him directly. EDCFSC feels that it is always good for FSCs and FDs to work together and encouraged both to work out their differences. In the end, it is up to the FSC and FD to establish that relationship.

Mosquito Fire Safe Council is a very busy and active FSC and we are going to continue to move forward. We have work to do for our community and will focus on that. We are open and available to meet with the Chief and the MFPD board together, but not individually. We appreciate all the support shown by EDCFSC and the Associate FSCs,

partners and agencies who have reached out to us. We have made it clear that all our events are posted on social media and our webpage. Any and all organizations are welcome to participate in our events upon reaching out to us and letting us know their interest and how they would like to participate. Most recently we offered to coordinate a National Night Out event with the other community organizations at the fire station and MFPD Board President denied that request as “too soon for the organizations to come together” and “National Night Out really didn’t have to do with Fire Departments”.

- i. **El Dorado County Fire Safe Council Veterans Day Breakfast:** MFSC has volunteered to lead this event to coordinate, market and create an event/breakfast that honors our El Dorado County Veterans and shines a light on the incredible relationship between EDCFSC and our Veterans. We have reached out to other Associate FSCs and will be having a coordination meeting and assigning roles and positions. Huge thank you to Diamond Springs Firefighter Memorial Hall for the use of their facility, to EDCFSC for recognizing the importance of this event and covering our coordination meeting at Round Table, to Hugh Council of EDCFSC and all the Associate Councils for their participation, and JV for his marketing, gathering of donations and coordination . We are anticipating a good event.
- j. **Meeting Adjourned: Next meeting TBD**