



CASCADEL FIRE WISE / BRIGADE

FIREWISE COMMITTEE/BRIGADE MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 19, 2019

Meeting Called to order at 10:10 AM at the home of Stan and Carol Eggink.

Members present: Simon Elman, Susie Odry, Brian Curtis, Stan & Carol Eggink. Ken Trapp, Director/ Water Board present as well.

1. Carol reported the Firewise accounts shows \$841.35 as of Jan 10, 2019. This is after the purchase of the reflective street signs and hardware.

2. Simon reported on the work he and Ed Rose performed in regard to the street sign posts refurbishment and replacements. Ed Rose purchased and donated some of the 4x4 posts and several bags of concrete. Ed and Simon also coated the posts with a stain to protect the posts against the weather. Tree limbs were removed to allow the street signs to be visible.

Stan reported the completion of other sign replacements and noted the sign at Waterfall Way and Cascadel North needs some additional hardware in order to replace the sign on this post. Carol Eggink will purchase the necessary hardware.

The new signage at the entrance was brought up to see if any members had noticed the addition. People had not noticed the signs. It was decided the Firewise committee will go and review the current placement for ways to make the signs more noticeable after this meeting.

3. The New #5 Fire Box is in place on Cascadel South and being supplied with hoses and additional hardware. Simon reported four 1 ½ inch hoses have been added to Box #5 as well as a reducer and one nozzle. Carol reported the Hydrant Wrench was added along with a box of plastic gloves.

It was determined we need to add a couple of nozzles, washers, McLeod and Polaski and a First Aid Kit. Ken Trapp was tasked with the purchase of two nozzles and 5 washers for the wye valve, nozzles and reducers. Ken will also price the McLeod and Polaski tools. He will contact Brian with the price and if the price is acceptable, purchase these items for Fire Box #5.

Brian suggested the handles on these items be something other than wood. They will last longer and not shrink up. Ken will be reimbursed with the funds from the Firewise accounts.

Simon will look into finding a First Aid Kit.

Brian and Carol went to the Rancieria Station to ask for donations of hoses. They will look into it. Brian is also checking with USFS (when they get back off furlough) and with Fresno City Fire Department.

4. We need at least 500 feet of hose and a wye valve in each firebox. The wye valve allows for two hoses to be charged off one port without the need for another reducer.

Simon mentioned the hoses he located in the clubhouse bath house. The Brigade will check these out after this meeting.



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Brian noted we have three different lengths of hose in our boxes, 100, 50 and 25 feet lengths. Since none of us actually use these items on a regular basis, we decided to color code the hoses with painting of the female connection of each hose for quick reference.

The hoses will be color coded as follows: 100 ft – RED 50 ft – GREEN 25 ft – BLACK. We will need to place this code on the inside of each box in a manner so it will not be removed.

5. Simon has noticed some items being removed from the fireboxes and not being returned. We have learned that some items were used by the water company employee in order to fulfill his duties. Since these items are necessary for him to do the job of maintaining our water system and like duties, Ken Trapp said he would see that the Water Company purchase the necessary items and the items removed from the fireboxes would be returned.

Stan will check with Ken Wood to gather the borrowed items he has in his truck. The Water Company will be informed of the necessary tools required to do the job so they can purchase these items for the employee.

Susie and Simon will be doing another inventory of all boxes in the next few weeks.

6. We have set the date for our Annual Firewise BBQ for May 4th. This will be contingent on CAL Fire being back to full working crews at the Rancieria Station. Carol Eggink will get this information and report to everyone a final date. If this date is not good we will make it for May 18th.

Agencies to be invited will be CAL FIRE, USFS, COPS, SHERIFF, PG&E and RED CROSS/ANIMAL SHELTER. We will ask Jamie Williams of CAL FIRE to come with her fire extinguisher exhibit. Simon will check to see if Katrina of the Red Cross can come regarding Smoke Detectors.

There will be a Raffle for 20 Man Hours of work on a private property. Brian has the tickets.

7. Brian and Simon cleared some trees from the easements near Cascadel South and other areas due to the Mono Winds from December 31, 2018. They had four hours of volunteer labor for the NFPA tally.

8. The Road Committee will inform the Firewise Brigade which culverts need cleaning; the Fire Brigade will then add this work to their workday assignments.

The Firewise Brigade will schedule another chipping day as the work presents itself and is reported to the Firewise Committee.

9. Ken Trapp has split wood on his property and is offering this wood to anyone who might need it. They just need to come and get it.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM and convened at the entrance of the subdivision to be followed up at the clubhouse bath houses and Firebox #1.

LOCATION ONE: Archway to discuss sign placement.

It was decided to relocate the speed limit sign on the post with “Not a County Maintained Road”.



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The “Cascadel Road” reflective sign will be placed on its own post at the entrance to Cascadel Road.

The Cascadel Drive reflective sign will be on its own post at the entrance.

This decision has eliminated the need to purchase the hardware for the Waterfall Way post. We will use the existing hardware from the post not being used any longer at the entrance.

Stan will paint the circles where the preferred locations of the signs are to be placed. Carol will call 811 to come and check for lines in the ground.

LOCATION TWO: Clubhouse

Inspection of the hoses in the bath house, it was decided that Brian and Simon will retrieve the 1½ inch hoses from the bath house; check them by charging the hoses and placing them in Box #5 if they are found to be serviceable. The remaining items which are not needed or usable will be disposed of.

The Firewise Brigade took a short tour of the small streams feeding Whisky Creek which flows under the small bridge near the clubhouse parking lot. Solutions were suggested to try and eliminate the overflow of water onto the road and Carol will present them to the CWPOA Board of Directors. Three CWPOA Directors were present on this tour so it will be easy to present. It will be up to the Board to seek assistance from Madera County as the overseer’s of the CSA-21.

LOCATION THREE: Firebox #1

A nozzle was removed and given to Ken Trapp as well as the washers/gaskets from the wye valve, reducer and nozzle to ensure correct purchases of additional nozzles and washer/gaskets.

The diffuser is missing from the firebox. Carol will check with Ken Wood to see if it might still be in his truck. If not, Carol will look into replacing the item.

The tour and final part of this Firewise meeting adjourned at 12:44PM.

Underlined items are action items to be completed A.S.A.P.

The following items have been addressed;

- Ken Wood has no equipment in his truck belonging to the Fire Boxes. The diffuser is huge and is in the storage shed belonging to the Water Co. as always.
- Cal Fire should have a full crew by May 4th, so we will schedule the Annual BBQ for that day.
- PG&E and Ponderosa have both signed off on the locations for the street signs at the entrance. Waiting now on hardware.
- Email sent to the CWPOA Board requesting them to send a letter to Ahmad Alkhayyat to look into repairing the drainage behind the clubhouse so the stream will not overflow onto the parking lot and Cascadel Road.