

## **RDS Fire Safe Council E-Board Meeting Minutes**

**August 22, 2023**

**RDS Maintenance Building**

**Call to Order 6:05**

### **Board Attendees**

Gary, Bruce, Erik, and Robert. Valarie was absent due to illness and Glenda attended to record meeting minutes in her place.

### **Bylaws (rules to follow)**

The Bylaws and new amendments to the Bylaws that were adopted at the last El Dorado County Fire Safe Council (EDCFSC) meeting were reviewed – the changes were:

Hold a minimum of four public meetings annually.

Adopt a separate Mission Statement or adopt the language in the EDCFSC Mission Statement using the Associate Fire Safe Council (AFSC) name.

Sign annually the AFSC application and agreement.

Maintain records, including meeting agendas and minutes in accordance with EDCFSC records retention policy.

Provide annual financial statements to the EDCFSC if the AFSC obtains a fictitious business name and establishes a sub-bank account under EDCFSC Employer Identification number (EIN).

### **Signing AFSC Agreements**

Erik asked if everyone needed to sign the annual documents for the FSC – No, just the chairperson (Gary this year) has to. He signed an application, an agreement, and a conflict-of-interest statement on our behalf in April.

Directors Insurance is provided to Associate Fire Safe Councils per Bruce

We will make the minutes public starting at our next FSC meeting and will be posted on the RDSFSC Website.

Robert requested a copy of the EDCFSC Bylaws and changes/Bruce said he would send them via email.

### **Replacement of an E-Board Member Midterm**

Gary said he was going to make a public announcement to fill vacancies and preferred someone with fire safety experience.

Erik stated he had decided to stay on the E-Board and will recuse himself if there is a conflict on decision making that included the RDS Board. He also said if there is ever a problem with being on the RDS Board and the E-Board, he will step down. Therefore, no vacancy exists at this time.

### **Meetings – Date, Time & Location**

Discussion around changing the day and/or time to attract more residents. It was decided that Tuesday would be better and 6pm would work. Also had a discussion regarding meeting setup. Bruce had suggested that we have an earlier meeting with just the E-board, followed by a “regular” meeting for the community. Gary agreed to try it but was in doubt about its effectiveness. It was agreed to go back to just one meeting @ 6pm.

Erik suggested that we do a survey of the residents to get feedback on not just meeting times, but also their awareness of the FSC and what we are doing, how they wish us to communicate with them and other questions. The board agreed and Erik said he would speak with Karin about Survey Monkey.

There was also a discussion about alternate meeting sites. We discussed the Moose Lodge, Cal Fire - Mt. Danaher, and other locations. Gary still doesn't like meeting outside the Ranch except occasionally. We agreed to learn what options we might have but continue to meet at the RDS Maintenance Building.

### **Outreach Updates**

There are new things to be posted on the website – sending it to Karin and Steve to add the meeting time and day - there will be a “click here” box labeled “About Us”.

Gary had everyone read the “About Us” for review and approve it, along with the Mission Statement. Erik asked that the first and second sentence in paragraph 4 be changed to one sentence. Everyone agreed. Bruce moved to approve the document with change, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Erik. Approved 4-0.

### **Volunteers Needed**

*Education and Outreach* – Glenda

*Property Assessments* – Gary - the assessment form is complete. We have a list of property assessments to be completed and Gary, Bruce, and Glenda already completed one last Sunday. Robert was out of town.

*Fall Chipping* – no one volunteered

*Fund Raising* – Valerie

*Planning* (Firewise® USA renewal, volunteer recruitment, CWPP planning and update) - Bruce

**E-Board Meeting adjourned at 6:59**

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**Call to Order 7:00**

## **Board Attendees**

Gary, Bruce, Robert, and Erik.

## **Other Attendees**

Glenda, Rob Robertson, and Marty Soth.

**Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes** – tabled

## **Chairperson's Report**

We updated the bulletin board in the mailroom today – people are taking pamphlets from the mailroom and assessment requests which we were surprised to see, but no one is emailing for an assessment yet.

Life at the Ranch has one wrong comment put in the newsletter that was added after the FSC approval of our article. One does not have to login to the owner's portal before being able to access the RDS Fire Safe Council's website. The website for fire information is open to the public.

## **Education and Outreach**

Working on website – when next meetings will be held, "About Us" box, and Mission Statement.

Susan Scheutz will be the new Lead for her neighborhood – we need more people to volunteer to be Leads for the back of the Ranch.

Bruce will make a report to the Homeowners Board about our activities this past couple of months. He will put out a call for volunteers for our FSC and announce upcoming events for this fall. He will also advocate for people to sign up for assessments.

## **Planning**

Three of us went to the EDCFSC meeting –Presentations were made by Cal Fire – Jeff Hoag, Megan Scheeline, and Resource Conservation District (RCD) – Mark Egbert. They discussed the mapping tool, grants, and the application process.

September and October are grant season months – EDCFSC is opening up the Grant Portal. The Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) update is active in the fall per Ken Pimlott.

### **Projects**

USFS – National Forest Land – The RCD will be clearing 80 acres on the back of RDS, in the North Weber Creek Drainage. Mark Egbert promised to get us (RDSFSC) details on the project including the schedule.

Discussion about EID clearing 60-foot-wide right-of-way above Camino Conduit from Snows Road to Sly Park Road (through some areas in RDS) prior to year-end. Any residents who own land above pipeline will be contacted directly by EID.

### **New Business**

Call for volunteers to go to other local FSC meetings outside of RDS and report back to the RDSFSC

### **Roundtable Discussion**

Marty Soth asked who owns the property down the street from him on the Puerta Del Sol Loop – Bruce answered that Randy H. owns Lot 114 and is applying for a grant for vegetation management through the RCD. Glenda said that he has already cleared a fire break at the bottom of the property.

Marty asked if PG&E is stopping vegetation management – the answer was yes to the extent they were cutting down trees before, however, if someone had a dead tree that would fall on a powerline, then they would most likely take care of that issue. Also, the EDCFSC has a Hazard Tree Removal Program for trees that are dead and within 100' of a structure. The information is on the RDSFSC Website and the EDCFSC Website.

Erik brought up that our water supply tank by the RDS Maintenance Building is gravity fed and therefore do not use your sprinklers, etc., during an evacuation or fire.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm**

**NEXT Meeting will be Tuesday 9/26 at 6:00 PM in the RDS Maintenance Building**