

FBM Board Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2021 (4:00 – 5:00 pm)
Zoom Meeting

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

Regrets:

Andrew Wilkinson and Susan Sanders

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

New Business:

FBM presented Chuck with a plaque thanking him for his years of service to the organization.

Approval of the Minutes

Ed called for approval of the March 24, 2021 minutes. Chuck made the motion to approve the minutes; Chip seconded it. The board unanimously agreed.

Treasurer's Report

Chip reported FBM has \$464.78 in the checking account. The savings account balance is \$7,722.40. The organization spent \$1,033.21 to print and mail the membership flyer. Diana made the motion to accept the report. Ann seconded it. The motion was unanimously approved.

Old Business

FBM Membership Flyer

Ed asked if the flyer had any impact new membership activities. Neither Chip nor Jeff could tell if the flyers had encouraged new members.

Chip said at this time he had not seen any rejected flyers at FBM's post office (P.O.) box. Diana was not certain if undeliverable flyers would be returned to the P.O. She offered to visit the P.O. to determine the protocol for undeliverable flyers.

Firewise Committee Meeting

Jeff reported there were 12 to 15 people attending the March Firewise Zoom meeting. As noted previously, since the group has had to meet virtually, there are fewer attendees.

Diana asked if there was any discussion about future evacuation drills. Jeff said not at this time; perhaps in 2022. She also asked how one finds their neighborhood fire zone. Go to <https://www.mynevadacounty.com/3223/Evacuation-Zones>

In addition to knowing your fire zone, Ann recommended each house have an evacuation tag to display. The tag informs first responders of homes that have been evacuated. These tags are usually available at the Nevada County Consolidated Fire Department.

Nevada County Coalition Update

On May 4th, the Nevada County Fire Coalition held a meeting. Various neighborhoods and small communities reported on fire safety activities and how they were communicating with neighbors. The June meeting topic will be on neighborhood communication. The July topic will discuss evacuation routes.

The Board discussed whether the Nevada County Coalition should invite the public to their next meeting. All were in favor of that suggestion.

Ann shared items that should be included in an evacuation plan as well as an example of a plan. These plans should include communication systems used by the neighborhood - how to receive information about an impending evacuation, where to get information on the fire or evacuation; how to get information when power or internet services were out; ways to communicate with your neighbors when power is out; and a buddy system. The example shared also listed, step by step, things to do before an evacuation, when an evacuation warning has been issued, and when an actual evacuation has been ordered. She asked for feedback and suggestions on what should be changed by May 29th.

Ann plans to meet with the KNCO staff to inquire about updating the public regarding fire/evacuation news.

Cascade Canal Trail

Chip mentioned the ongoing saga with the property owner and the trail. Ed said the board would revisit this issue at the next meeting.

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

The next board meeting via ZOOM will be on June 16th at 4:00 pm.