

YAVAPAI FIREWISE MEMBER MEETING MINUTES

03/02/2023 8:00 AM

840 Rodeo Drive

Freeman Building

Prescott, AZ



March 2, 2023

Recording link

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- Meeting called to order by Tom Davis at 8:00
- Agenda reviewed (approved by acclamation)
- Minutes of February 2 (approved by acclamation)
- Financial Report provided by Shirley
- Grant Status update provided (little work completed in February)
- Tom Davis introduced Michael Coomer of Farmers Insurance, he is offering his support and engagement

AGENCY REPORTS

- Chief Holger Durre of Prescott: Changing structure, but no change in service; clarifying mission to vegetation management to reduce wildfire risk; moving toward Fire Adaptive Community and hiring a Wildfire Risk Manager. The Forestry Crew has been moved to the recreation services department to improve supervision and increase program capacity.
- Shawn Bomar PVFD: also moving toward moving toward Fire Adaptive Community and hiring a Wildfire Risk Manager. Chief Bomar: Expanding Firewise Site with 3 new neighborhoods; grant work continuing successfully, complete Fire Adaptive Community application
- Ben Roe PNF: mechanic thinning continues (200 of 500 done); planning for future work
- Levi Guffey PNF contract work on hold because of weather; prescribe burning soon (Chino Valley)
- Elliot Shulman The Ranch: incentive program resulting in 27 acres / 20 lots work being done over next 2 months
- Ashley Alquist OEM: alertYAVAPAI link: <https://member.everbridge.net/337829242601768/new>
SLASH program at County Transfer Stations April 1-June 1; working on concept of evacuation zone in Sedona and state effort beginning
- Matt Rust DFFM: AZ Fire Assessor Class (done Feb 27); Meeting in Verde Valley for Firewise Program;
 - Arizona Wildland Incident Management Academy (AWIMA) ... see info below
- Andrew Dropik DFFM: Jake Pine Project (89 Hwy, South Maintain Club, west of Senator Hwy) 500 acres of mastication
- Carlos Payan BLM: planning burn in Copper Basin soon
- Bob Betts Hidden Valley: Recognition for 15 years as Firewise Site
 - Plus, Timber Ridge & Highland Pines
- Ron Jakola Jeep Posse: Mtg with YCSO and joining as partner for evacuation; NEED community for practice session on March 28
- Elliot Schulman Ranch: frustrated by restrictions regarding identifying a mitigation partner, hamstrings process, and eliminates flexibility to get home owners engaged
- Richard Jackson Oak Knoll: starting new Firewise Site

Arizona Wildland Incident Management Academy (AWIMA), current leader is Libby Reiman. The Academy holds a week-long program at Embry Riddle during Embry's spring break. Courses are offered to fire fighters - especially wildland firefighters - for certification in various areas. Wildland Firefighters come in from all over the nation and world to attend the courses. They charge attendees fees for the classes, some are a day, some are all 7 days. Firefighters are often camped around the University grounds rather than incurring costs at local hotels.

Announcements:

- Guest Presentation - John C. Richardson RESCHEDULED TO APRIL 6TH MEETING
- Requested volunteers for positions of Vice Chairperson & Treasurer
- Request task force volunteers for Marketing, Strategic Planning, Education, & Communication
- Request volunteers for Marketing Task Force – send chat or email to Julius or Lois to volunteer
- March 28 at 1:00pm National Weather Service Agencies Fire Season Presentation – Prescott Public Library

Announcements for Events ... NEED VOLUNTEERS

- April 22 Wildfire Expo – Volunteers Needed to man the booth during the day of the event
- May 19-21. Home & Garden Show – Volunteers needed to man the booth during the 3 days of the event.
- October TBA. NFPA-Firewise Festival - Founding Fathers
- December 2 Holiday Parade

Meeting adjourned at 9:20

Next Meeting:

April 6th, 2023, in the Freeman Building at the Rodeo Grounds at 8 a.m. Hybrid meeting.

54-IN ATTENDANCE-Zoom Meeting due to weather

Tom Davis	PAWUIC/Chairman	Marty Zytkowski	Prescott Skyline
Lois Hoskinson	PAWUIC-Admin	Mary Ann Clark	PAWUIC
Shirley Howell	PAWUIC/Grants	Ashley Alquist	YCOEM
Julius Koenigsknecht	PAWUIC/Secretary- StoneRidge	Elaine Chambers	The Mountain Club
Dave Soto	PAWUIC/Vice-Chair	Jon Jones	YCOEM
Bob Betts	Hidden Valley	Jerry Borgelt	Highland Pines
Ben Roe	PNF	Chris Espinoza	YCOEM
Mary Kelly	Quail Hollow	John Sterling	Yavapai Prescott Indian Tribe
Janet Wallace	Groom Creek/Mt Tritle	Ron Jakola	Jeep Posse
Rachel Bell	Yavapai Prescott Indian Tribe	Louis Cywinski	Yavapai Hills
Jim Zimmerman	Pinon Oaks	Robert Keegan	
Greg Kidd	Southview	Bill Wolff	Haisley
Fred Heggestad	YCOEM	Carlos Payan	BLM
Matt Rust	AZ DFFM	Richard Jackson	Oak Knoll
Eliot Schulman	The Ranch	Russel Lafayette	Prescott Lakes
Mike & Ronnie Donovan	Dewey Humboldt	Greg Wanket	Southview
Chief Shawn Bomar	Peeples Valley FD	Dan Russell	Prescott Lakes
Alanna English	APS	Just Jack	
Donna Fagan	PAWUIC/Grants Development	Larry Badger	PNF
Michael Martin	AZ DFFM	Sarah Clawson	PNF

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Chief Durre	Prescott FD	Steve Lombardo-	PAWUIC Community Liaison
Bob Fiola		Craig C	
Andrew Dropik	AZ DFFM	Marlyn VanKeuren	YC BOS
SCORE		Catherine Knox	The Cottages at Coffee Pot -Sedona
John Kava	PNF	Desi Zurcher	YC BOS
Ken Karkula	Highland Pines	Derrick Piper	AZ DFFM