

MINUTES

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Minutes for Thursday, October 5, 2023 8:00 AM

Agencies and Sites wanting to report – IF on Zoom...

- Please send a **chat** to us to indicate you want to be called on.
- Please provide a **bulleted short list (synopsis)** of your report (send email to Lois by end of the day Wednesday). IF zoom is not cooperating, your bulleted short list will be read by the Chair from the podium. This will also enable us to more accurately record your input in the minutes.

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda & Minutes – Tom called for approval, and by raise of hands, the majority approved the Agenda and Minutes.
3. Gift Card Raffle – Winner 666393 – Lew Theokas

Open Items

4. Treasurer Report – Shirley – July and August Financial Reports presented. Shirley clarified the \$99,000 Operational balance does not include the checks to be written for grant distribution. The balance is typically around \$60,000. Tom asked for approval of the Financials, and by raise of hand, the majority approved.
5. Grants Report – Nothing to report at this time. Shirley stated it will be updated for the next Meeting.
6. Agency Reports – 20 minutes
 - City of Prescott FD – Conrad Jackson- Groom Creek Project is wrapping up; cleanup is almost done. Phone contact: 928-308-7719. Conrad has done seven presentations for HOAs with more speaking engagements planned.
 - City of Prescott FD – Tom Knapp, Deputy Fire Chief – Prescott FD Administration is consolidating and will be moving on Monday, October 9th to the new City Hall building on the 2nd floor. All offices will be vacating Station 51 and relocating.
 - Jeep Posse – Ron Jakola – Very busy this year with two fires and two evacuations at Cherry and White Horse Ranch. Very successful working with all agencies to evacuate all animals. If interested in receiving Annual Flyer for funding, contact the Sheriff's Department.
 - LASER - Abby Harbicht – Activated during recent fires – Grapevine Fire – About 85 animals at the Prescott Valley shelter with volunteers on site 24/7. Successful activation. Continually looking for volunteers and funding as they provide free services. Partnering with other states to share the LASER model. Calling for volunteers – information on web site.

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- Peeples Valley Fire Department – Ray Paiz, Community Coordinator, introduced Chief Boman and Lew Theokas, Community Coordinator. The Peeples Valley Firewise Community has been rebranded as the Weaver Mountain Firewise Communities which will encompass everything from Wickenburg and Congress to Wilhoit and Skull Valley. The purpose is outreach and information and to push forward the mission and vision of Yavapai Firewise/PAWUIC. Rural communities are underserved or not served at all, and the goal is to bring education to them. Five-year strategic plan is in development.
 - Prescott National Forest – Jeff Hamond, Suppression AFMO on the West Zone (Bradshaw and Chino Districts). Prescribed fire update – 1300 acres burned around Goldwater Lake and Groom Creek. Approximately 2200 acres will be burned this week taking it from Groom Creek all the way down Lower Wolf Creek Rd, and around Ponderosa Park. 1200 acres have been completed. No burning next week. 200 acres on Mingus will be burned by the Verde crews and then will head south to Crown King to burn around 300 acres. Expect to see smoke in the air for the next two to three weeks as more areas are burned. Buck Wickham passed away.
 - Prescott National Forest – Ben Dubois- Oversees the Forestry Division. Big Buck Stewardship Contract for 3000 + acres awarded near Breezy Pines. The Lynx East Stewardship Contract near Potato Patch.
 - Yavapai County Board of Supervisors – Supervisor Craig Brown – Title III money is just under \$130,000. The preliminary list is out; please contact Ashley. Questions or issues with award amounts should be directed to Ashley.
 - Yavapai County Emergency Management – Ashley Ahlquist – Every applicant for Title III is getting some sort of award. A scale was created to rate each application to allocate the \$129,700 funds. Applicants scoring 21 or higher will receive 75% of their ask; scores of 16 -20 will receive 50%; scores of 11 – 15 will receive 20% and scores of 10 and below will receive 10%. For next year, applicants should paint a clear picture of what their project entails. See yavapaiaz.gov for details. Nearing completing of Community Fire Protection Plan; also on the final stages of the Hazard Mitigation Plan, and has received preliminary FEMA approval. Posted on the website for public comment (yavapaiaz.gov/publicworks/emergency-management). Public comment closes on October 31st. The Verde Valley is working on their Evacuation Zones. Working with Camp Verde to define polygons. Genesis Protect is the preferred software being utilized for evacuation planning.
 - Yavapai Indian Tribe – John Sterling – Rachel is no longer with the Yavapai Indian Tribe, and there is nothing to report at this time.
7. Strategic Planning – Dave Soto presented Part 2, Goal # 3 to create an educational program to promote Yavapai Firewise to all communities throughout Yavapai County. Identified initiatives:

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Initiative #1. Create and present an educational program targeting grade specific classrooms at the elementary school level.

Initiative #2. Create and present the Firewise program to residents, businesses, and agencies within our communities.

Initiative #3. Identify and participate in community events.

Initiative #4. Identify and train members within to form a Speaker Cadre.

Each initiative has a specific action plan that utilizes volunteers that can come from the agency side as well as the public side.

8. **Firewise new meeting Site Location** – Tom thanked Ashley for offering the Yavapai County Office of Emergency Management located at 1100 Commerce Dr as the new Meeting site location. Tom stated he is hoping for an increased presence within Yavapai County to allow for a meeting once a year at a remote County facility. The new location allows for more advanced technology and increased parking.

9. **Communities Highlights**

- La Barranta II – Tom congratulated this community as being the newest Firewise Community as of June 18, 2023.
- The Mountain Club – Elaine Chambers reported the Mountain Club held their Annual Brush cleanup.
- Cathedral Pines – Tom reported Cathedral Pines held their Annual Brush cleanup.

10. **Announcements / Upcoming Events**

- **Nominations for 2024 Officers – November Meeting** – Tom stated that nominations are open. Announcements will go out before the next meeting, and will be updated on the web site. The next meeting will be the election. Current Officers are – Tom Davis, Chair, Dave Soto, Vice Chair, Donna Fagan, Director of Development and Julius Koenigsnecht, Secretary. All Officers will serve again if elected. The position of Treasurer is open.
- Treasurer – Open – Tom emphasized the position does not have to be an accountant. Basic knowledge to balance a checkbook is all that is required to be part of the Officer Team.
- **Upcoming Events**
 - October 7 NFPA-Firewise Festival - Founding Fathers – Volunteers needed. Signup sheets are on the tables or see Anita.
 - November is renewals for Firewise sites
 - December 2 Holiday Parade

11. **Adjournment** - The Meeting adjourned at 9:14 am

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○ **34-IN ATTENDANCE-Freeman Building**

David Soto	PAWUIC/Vice-Chairman	Jerry Borgelt	Highland Pines
Anita Morgan-Reese	PAWUIC-Admin	Kelley Paiz	Peoples Valley Fire
Shirley Howell	PAWUIC/Grants	Elaine Chambers	The Mountain Club
Julius Koenigsknecht	PAWUIC/Secretary-StoneRidge	Ray Paiz	Peoples Valley Fire
Nathan Green	Yavapai Landscaping	Loren Bykerk	Walker
Bob Betts	Hidden Valley	Ashley Ahlquist	YCOEM
Shawn Bomar	Peoples Valley Fire	Lew Theokas	Peoples Valley Fire
Jeff Hammond	Prescott National Forest	Greg Kidd	Kingswood 1 & 2
Greg Wanket	Southview	Mary Ann Clark	PAWUIC
Tom Knapp	PFD	Jason Marsh	Saddle View HOA
Ron Jakola	YC Jeep Posse	Louis Cywinski	Yavapai Hills
Conrad Jackson	Prescott Fire	Lisa Kolba	Prescott Canyon Estates
Carolyn Smith	Prescott Canyon Estates	Ben De Blois	Prescott National Forest
Ron Weiss	Santa Fe Springs	Lisa Kolba	PCE
Mary Kelley	Quail Hollow HOA	Bill Fields	Oro Flames Fuel Break
Craig Brown	Yavapai County Supervisor	Mike Spencer	Prescott Foothills
Thomas Watkins	Prescott Summit	Tefra Woodridge	Manzanita Village
Terry Kepler	Manzanita Village	Don Devendorf	Prescott Fire

○ **13-ZOOM-Freeman Building**

Lisa Holly	La Barranta III	Trish Pill	
Dave Misencik	Rancho Vista	John Sterling	Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe
Mark Russell	Timber Ridge	Catherine Knox	Cottages at Coffee Pot
Russ Lafayette	Prescott Lakes	Dan Russell	Prescott Lakes
Jim Poore	The Mountain Club	Abby Areinoff Harbicht	LASER
Dale McDonald		Bonnie Wolff	Timber Ridge
Bill Wolff	Timber Ridge		

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