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* **Welcome (Live Hybrid Meeting) –** Shirley called the meeting to order at 8:00 am
* **50/50 Drawing-**Did not have anyone to sell tickets
* **Approval of March 2022 Minutes (Motion/Vote by acclamation)** 
  + William Hartley-moved to accept the March 2022 Minutes
  + Larry Gray – Seconded the motion
    - Approval by acclamation
* **Treasurer and Grant Reports** 
  + March beginning balance - $81,978.72
  + March ending balance - $91,467.23
  + Actual March Operating Monies - $70,886.23
* **Grant Status**
  + WFHF 19-202 – $44,26.82 balance remaining – Expiration Date 6-30-2022
  + WFHF 20-204 - $165,856.11
  + NFHF 21-205 - $169,987.00
  + Title III grants - $10,000.00
* **Agency Reports**
* **Peeples Valley Fire – Ray Paiz-Firewise Coordinator. (**[**raypaiz2@verizon.net**](mailto:raypaiz2@verizon.net)**)**
  + Road improvement and widening project which included some fuels mitigation in the Buckhorn area west of Peeples Valley
    - Widened road to 24 feet in most places,
    - Made the service an all-weather road accessible to all public service agencies
    - New two-way traffic in and out of single access road-that is a loop
    - Mitigate 2 acres of roadside fuels along Buckhorn Drive
    - Assist with HFI already in progress-get 70 to 100 feet in mitigation width which will provide fuels breaks separating the wildland from the town.
  + Fuels Crew continuing with HFI, have 7 acres completed in a 2-year project.
  + Had anticipated mitigation of a 40-acre plot with masticator but will hold back until there is more moisture in the fuels
  + Another section of the community-Ruger Ranch is considering joining the Firewise Community and establishing a firewise council in that location.
* APS-Alanna English ([alanna.english@aps.com](mailto:alanna.english@aps.com))
  + Two reminders
    - Contact crews that work on the defensible space program which is mitigation 10 feet around poles are out
      * 1 crew just started in Wickenburg
      * 2nd crew is working in the Cornville, Camp Verde area.
      * In the coming weeks both crews will start to work in the Dewey Area, the Williamson Valley and the greater Prescott area as well.
    - Also have pre-inspectors out in the Williamson Valley and Skull Valley area.
  + 2nd Reminder
    - Regarding safety around utilities during Fire Season
      * Heavy smoke is a conductor of electricity. If there is a fire near power lines stay out of the right of ways and report any sort of heavy smoke that could impact the conductor lines
      * Any dense white, grey or black smoke. This smoke can conduct electricity and it can arc down into the ground which means potentially injuring a person standing under there
      * Another hazard is the impingement of fire on a pole which could cause an arc flash down as well.
      * Any fire in and around power lines-Report to Alanna (928.699.0935) or call 911
      * If you have questions regarding safety around utilities don’t hesitate to contact Alanna
  + **PNF-**
    - **Ben Roe** ([Benjamin.roe@usda.gov](mailto:Benjamin.roe@usda.gov)) Forester on the Prescott
      * Busy logging and mechanical thinning in the Campwood and Yellow Ranch area. One of their bigger operations. Pulling 20-30 loads of trees in the last 3 weeks and completed 300 acres.
      * Fuels Project-Active with the Wilhoit mastication off of White Spar Rd and working Sierra Prietta mastication in the Thumb Butte area. Project is 600 acres- have completed 60-100 acres in the past couple of weeks.
      * ***Supervisor Craig Brown question- What prevention and or assets will be out there during the Race?*** Three years ago, when they wrote the contract they wrote into it shutting down for the race. Required shut down period.
    - **Josh Nuttal-AFMO with Bradshaw Chino District (**Joshua.Nuttall@usda.gov)
      * Update on staffing-suppression temporary workforce to beef up crew and engines. 2 start Monday based out of station 54 and 71. Trained for 2 weeks.
      * Other modules staffed in May at Willow and Chino
    - Forest Resources-Hot shot crew starting Monday, will do critical training for 2 weeks, tentative date to be available nationally will be April 21st.
    - Suppression-Helitac crew at the Fire Center has the same time frame. Helicopter on contract available starting May 1st.
    - Air tanker based fully operational May 1st. Can open any time if needed.
    - Jon mentioned Basin Drill. – tremendous cusses-so important to get together with cooperators. Thank you. The cooperators were; Forest Service, PRCC-Dispatch, CAFMA, PFD, Groom Creek FD, Walker FD, Copper Canyon FD, Williamson Valley, Mayer, Bagdad and Crown King, DFFM Prescott Police, Yavapai County & Verizon Wireless.
    - It was a great exercise and will help to make the Fire Season more successful.
    - South West Coordinating Center website. Great for outlooks, etc.
      * ***Question regarding Monsoon-***Report for monsoon it is still early but the monsoon should show up when it normally does but it looks to be robust-but it is still early.
      * ***Question from Ray Paiz-***Update on Fire Center-What resources are available?

In the hot shot community there are big changes. More year-round permanent employees. Some crews across the nation ramping up to 20 maybe 30 crew members. The changes are national, few extra permanent employees in the next hiring cycle in the fall. The Hot Shot crews are based out of the fire center, they are a national resource. As fires are going on around the US, they are available to go nationally.

* + - * The helitac crew has a couple extra personnel, up to 10-12 people.
      * The Air Tankers- are the same and based as needed. Usually start in NM, Southern AZ, Northern AZ. The Tanker shift around.
      * Brian Hunt gave a link for the dispatch center of Air Resources Prescott Dispatch Enter Hotlink for Aviation Dispatch https://gacc.nifc.gov/swcc/dc/azpdc/index.php
    - KC Yowell- Fuels AFMO ([kyowell@usda.gov](mailto:kyowell@usda.gov))
      * Tomorrow 12 acre burn at the Highlands Center along North Shore. Small burn working with the Highlands Center and Community. Starts at 10 am, expect to see smoke.
      * Completed 2 burns I Chino district. Cement tank south of Drake and Wine Glass north of Paulden-Both very successful
      * Junipers are quite stressed, they didn’t expect quite as much torching int he junipers this time of season. If you have a favorite juniper, give it water.
      * Coming up is the Graber burn by Campwood. It is a 2000 acre burn and if the weather holds and they get the resources, hope to have it done in the next month.
    - Ansgar Michell-Lead fire prevention ([ansgar.mitchell@usda.gov](mailto:ansgar.mitchell@usda.gov))
      * Firewise meeting at Yavapai College-24 capacity so id interested-enroll for it
      * On 21st walk through at Highlands Center for discussion.
      * Other events

Expo

D-H Firewise Event in May

Prescott Valley Parade coming up

If you have a community event reach out

* + - * Also have a PNF & Facebook page. There is a phone number associated with that.
      * Also, other resources for fire prevention there are 3 look out towers on Bradshaw for the fire season, Horse Thief by Crown King, Spruce Mountain and Union Mountain. They will be staffed next Monday. Increased capacity for fire prevention, also work with AZ Game & Fish and YCSO for forest patrol.
  + **Sedona Fire** 
    - **Dori Booth** [dbooth@sedonafire.org](mailto:dbooth@sedonafire.org) -Fire Marshal
      * Fuel mitigation Days April 23 & 24th – roll up dumpsters in the Village of Oak Creek for mitigation materials free of charge to clean up yards
      * 30th & 1st in the uptown area near station #4, resident can bring fuel mitigation materials to the fool up dumpsters there.
      * City of Sedona offering month long curbside pick up for small piles of yard clean up.
      * Excited to be part of the group, trying to build stronger relationships on both sides of the hill.
  + **BLM**
    - **Carlos Payan (**[**cpayan@blm.gov**](mailto:cpayan@blm.gov)**)** 
      * Seasonal Fire Fighters starting next week
      * Just did a pile burn at the Aqua Fria National Monument just east of Cordes Junction. Burned about 200 acres
* **Elaine Chambers-Mountain Club Firewise Chair**
  + - New Firewise Chairman. Have dates planned for Fall cleanup, opted out of Spring cleaning. Will have annual Picnic-looking for firewise speakers for member education.
  + **Yavapai County Office of Emergency Management – John Jones Deputy Emergency** **Manager** ([john.jones@yavapaiaz.gov](mailto:john.jones@yavapaiaz.gov)
    - April 1st & 2nd Basin Ops Joint Event with YCOEM, Prescott Fire, YCSO, PNF, DFFM & several other agencies with big push for interagency communication.
      * YCSO did a big mock up evacuation exercise for all the Prescott Area summer gramps. It was a great success.
    - Yesterday hosted Basin Area cooperative meeting. 40 people in person and virtually. PFD Chief, CAFMA Chief, YCSO Rep and Representatives t the state and federal level. Covered resources and responses for upcoming season. Very successful meeting and group.
    - Emergency Management has several events this month including Expo and other events in May to cover fuels mitigation and fire preparedness in general.
  + **Brian Hunt – YCSO Emergency Manager until 5:00 pm today.** Leaving Emergency Management to work with Arizona Counties Insurance Pool. Wants to thank all for help and cooperation. Ashley Alquist will take Brian’s Position. There is a new planner starting the 17th of April. Emergency Management is fully staffed.
    - ***Question – Bill Hartley-Will you still cover Firewise Communities****-*Not in new job. If there is an interest in a speaker contact EM to schedule it.
    - ***Question-Ray Paiz- Is there an organizational chart for EM-he can’t find it on the website.*** 
      * There is a group email [web.em@yavapaiaz.gov](mailto:web.em@yavapaiaz.gov). resource assigned that way
  + **AZ Department of Forestry and Fire Management**-Matt Rust ([mrust@dffm.az.gov](mailto:mrust@dffm.az.gov))
    - **Lead Fire prevention officer-will be local in Chino**
    - Working with Aaron Casem & Derrick Piper-Firewise
    - Past month they had an assessor’s course in Prescott -good turnout
    - Community and school events throughout the state.
    - This month- Expo sending a trailer, have more assessors’ courses throughout the state.
    - With fire season starting it will be hard to make plans and lock down dates, will be flexible.
  + **LASER (Large Animal Shelters and Emergency Readiness)-Abby Harbicht-Training Coordinator** representing LASER in partnership with Emergency Management and the Board of Supervisors. This partnership makes the program possible.
    - Shelter barn animals during emergency evacuations
    - Volunteers are certified every year by April 15th. They are 85% complete.
    - First practice drill out at the primary location at the fairgrounds.
    - In Yavapai County pretty well set now;
      * Red Cross for shelter and services for people
      * LASER for shelter and services for barn animals
      * Animal Disaster Services for small animals
    - Have been approached by Pima and Coconino counties to duplicate a program like this. LASER will help train them.
* **Organizational Chart and Open Positions Update** 
  + Still open
    - Private Grants
    - Joint Chiefs – may have filled-Interfacing with community members in government Canyon. 6-month project officially started April 1st. Work will be done by PFD Forestry Crew. 33 acres allotted to community and 57 acres on State Trust Land that abuts the community. Will create a fire break
    - Strategic Plan leads
    - Recording secretary
    - Fundraising lead
    - Marketing lead
  + If there is anyone in your community that might fit in one of these open positions, please send them our way.
* **2022 Events –** 
  + **Wildfire Expo – April 23rd**
    - Everything just about wrapped up. The Agencies and volunteers have been wonderful with their willingness to participate
    - If you can bring your Community Board to display in the PAWUIC booth please call or email and we will work out a way to get it. Lois is working remotely at this time so it is better to email or call the office number.
  + **YCCA Home and Garden Show – April 29, 30 & May 1**
    - Still need volunteers to man the booth. Please sign up on the sheet in the back.
  + **Dewey-Humboldt-2nd Annual DHFW Wildland Fire Safety Even and Book Contest – May 14 Mortimer Farms**
    - PAWUIC will have a booth
    - Very fun for children or grandchildren-
  + **Holiday Parade-December 3, 2022**
* **Communities Highlights – Open to Group**
* **General Open Discussion** 
  + Tony Merriman from the National Weather Service in Flagstaff will be the speaker for the May meeting
  + Marty Zytkowski-Prescott Skyline Firewise Chair- introduced a go fund me account for Austin Manual a wildland fuels mitigation contractor that suffered a serious job-related injury. If you can help, the address is <HTTP://GOFUNDME/950d4199>
  + Shirley handed out papers asking for Program Topics you would like to have scheduled specific to the group. Please drop them off or send by email.
* **Announcements/Adjournment**
  + The Hazardous Fuels Initiative Grant application is going to be released anytime, usually in April. If you are interested, have the information ready to send in to Shirley. The applications needs to be sent to Shirley in a short amount of time, so please start working on it now.
  + Next Meeting is May 5th at the Mackin Building at 8:00. It will be a hybrid meeting.

***IN ATTENDANCE-Macklin Building-28***

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| Abby Harbicht | PAWUIC/LASER | Marty Trembly | Yavapai Hills |
| Lois Hoskinson | PAWUIC-Admin | Hugh Vallely | PAWUIC |
| Shirley Howell | PAWUIC/Grants | Josh Nuttal | USFS |
| Gary Wellborn | Cathedral Pines | Jim Campbell | Pinon Oaks |
| Elaine Chambers | Mountain Club | Chuck Silveira | Ponderosa Park |
| Brian Hunt | YC Office of Emergency Mgmt. | Marty Zytkowski | Skyline Firewise |
| Scott Demoray | Groom Creek | Tom Russell | Kingswood I & II |
| Bob Betts | Hidden Valley | Matthew Rust | AZ DFFM |
| Jerry Borgelt | Highland Pines | Larry Gray | Southview |
| Marty Borgelt | Highland Pines | Bret Lucas | Prescott FD |
| Kent Clow | Cathedral Pines | Loren Bykerk | Walker |
| Ron Weiss | Santa Fe Springs | Shawn Thorson | Arrow Fire |
| Jon Jones | YC Office of Emergency Mgmt. | Bill Hartley | Cathedral Pines |
| Dan Russell | Prescott Lakes | Craig Brown | YC Board of Supervisors |
|  | ***IN ATTENDANCE Zoom-37*** | |  |
| Derrick Piper | AZ DFFM | Carl Whiting | Jerome FD |
| Harry Oberg | YC Board of Supervisors | Donna Fagan | Vista del Cerro |  |
| Paul Beck | Kingswood III, IV & V | Miles Graybill | PFD Forestry Crew |
| Phil Johnson | Forest Hylands | Sarah Clawson | PNF |
| Mary Ann Clark | Manzanita | Todd Miranda | Chief Sedona Fire |
| Judy Egan | Quail Hollow | Mary Kelley | Quail Hollow |
| Mark Bessel |  | Steve Miranda |  |
| Carlos Payan | BLM | Tom Knapp | Deputy Chief-Fire Marshal, PFD |
| Ken Karkula | Highland Pines | Alanna English | APS |
| David Misencik |  | Jim Zimmerman | Pinon Oaks |
| Geri Keenan | PAWUIC-Treasurer | Debbie Miller | D-H Firewise |
| Jim Poore | Mountain Club | Marlyn Van Keuren | BOS |
| Jeff Andrews | PNF | Ray Paiz | Peeples Valley |
| Josh Bahling | PNF | Barbara Fox-Thomas | BOS |
| Eileen Tellez | The Foothills | Craig Courtemanche |  |
| Dick Milon | The Foothills | Ken & Jen Rhodes | Wildland Fire |
| Ben Roe | PNF | Diane Maloney | Prescott Canyon Estates |
| Steve Canter | Groom Creek | Dori Booth | Fire Marshal Sedona |
| Russ Lafayette | Prescott Lakes |  |  |