



Missoula County Fire Protection Association  
January 16, 2013  
General Meeting Minutes

2013 Board Election, Puppet Show/Match Safety Support,  
Seeley Swan Fire Planning, VFA Disbursements

- Call to order, 7 PM- Thanks to Chief Christopherson for the fine meal.

Present: Chair Frank Maradeo, Board members: Brent Christopherson, Matt Hall, Becky White, Secretary/Treasurer: Chris Johnson, Sarah Coefield, Adriane Beck, Cory Calnan, Chris Lounsbury, Charlie Lambson, Tom Martin, Cindy Super, Chad Nicholson, Gordy Hughes, Allen Branine, Roy Robinson, Greg Jacobson, Bill Tucker

- September minutes approved as submitted
- Checking: \$7,845; Savings: \$25,999
- Old Business
  - \$500 donation from Day Spring Restoration
  - CJ will draft a "Thank You" letter for Day Spring

#### NEW BUSINESS

- ❖ Interagency Dues will be mailed by CJ by next Friday. Levels will mirror 2006 Dues sheet
  - Swan Valley, East Missoula, and Frenchtown Fire (\$100)
  - Greenough/Potomac FD and DNRC Swan Unit (\$200)
  - Florence Fire, Clinton RFD, and Missoula County DES (\$300)
  - Seeley Lake RFD, DNRC Missoula, DNRC SWLO, USFS x3 RD, and DNRC Clearwater (\$400)
  - Missoula City Fire Dept. and Missoula Rural Fire Dist. (\$500)
- ❖ Bobble Head Night
  - Design is volunteer department fire fighter
  - MCFPA approved \$1k toward purchase
- ❖ Seeley Swan Fire Plan underwent revision this year. There was a land swap to mitigate checker board ownership, and wildland urban interface locations were redefined. New maps will be charted in the coming months. The planners will take their plan for county commissioner approval by spring. Questions may be directed to Allen Branine.
- ❖ VFA Grant invoices were paid. Matt Hall will direct 2013 program. Maradeo volunteered to help draft the letter of request to the state agency that administers the VFA grant program. In the future, it is recommended that a VFD Chief take over administering/requesting/coordinating the VFA grants.
- ❖ Gordy Hughes requested funding to support the MCFPA's October puppet shows for Missoula County kindergarten classes. The board approved up to \$1,800 to replace old puppets (Chair Maradeo stakes claim to Firefighter Frank as he is replaced), procure a sound system and a stage with a curtain to be decorated with interagency partner insignias. The board will entertain a per diem request for those MCFD personnel who assist with long drives to put shows on throughout the county. Hughes will get some numbers from program coordinator and make a more specific request of the board. Chris Lounsbury will enquire as to whether the Secure Rural Schools program may be able to support the per diem requests Hughes et al are seeking.
- ❖ The match safety program, targeting first grade classrooms throughout the county will be implemented in April/May as in past years. Cindy Super and Gordy Hughes (or representative)

are coordinating a curriculum revision for the upcoming season. Requests will be forthcoming for all of our interagency partners to show up to support the match safety program.

- ❖ Maintenance of 501c3 will need to occur by May 1. CJ will file appropriately.

#### Round Robin

- Sarah Coefield- Missoula County Health Department: Burning permit system has undergone refinement. County residents will have the option to quickly “renew” their permits. Four thousand permits were issued online in 2012. Information will roll out soon for the upcoming spring burn season.
- Adriane Beck- Deputy Missoula County DES Coordinator has assumed her new position recently
- Cory Calnan- DNRC Clearwater Unit: Powell County will implement online burn permitting beginning March 1.
- Chris Lounsbury- Missoula County DES Coordinator: “Smart 911” information could be handed out during Match Safety? Will coordinate with Super and Nicholson. January 24<sup>th</sup> award date for Title 3 fuels mitigation funds. Up to \$10k available to update fire plans.
- Joe Calnan- Frenchtown Fire Chief: Friday or Saturday next week, Frenchtown Fire will host a party in Adriane’s honor. He’ll announce their plans when they’re made. All should email Chief Calnan with their interest in attending.
- Chief Lambson- Florence Fire: Nothing new to report
- Cindy Super- DNRC: State Fire Investigator position will be open until close of business 1/17 (vice Pat Cross) Legislative session begins shortly- the state is undergoing analyses of the partnership efficacy demonstrated during the fire season of 2012.
- Matt Hall- DNRC Missoula Unit: MCFPA should consider offering a simulation. Chief Maradeo mentioned that Seeley might be a good site for 2013. We’ll need interagency buy-in before implementation could proceed. Frank, Cory Calnan @ Blackfeet meeting will discuss with FS. 2’x6’ posters are available for public presentation in parades, etc. Call Matt Hall to reserve. DNRC applications for summer employment will be up on mt.gov site. Coursework (S-290, S-230, and S-131, among others, will be hosted this spring.
- Allen Branine: Will discuss an interagency protection exchange for this fire season given the comprehensive checkerboard ownership swap in the Swan Valley.
- Becky White: Seeley Lake RD AFMO: Announced her intentions to retire in the fall. Vice position is on the streets, and will be hired this season.
- Roy Robinson- NRCG: He’ll be coordinating classes @ Frenchtown RFD this spring
- Trucker Jacobson- Missoula RD AFMO: Missoula will be attempting pile burning when air shed is available. Missoula RD is hiring an Assistant Engine Foreman. Mike Wood will coordinate Lolo Spring Break new firefighter training.
- Brent Christopherson- MCRFD Chief: NRCG wrote a letter to thank Montana’s rural fire departments. CJ will scan this on to the MCFPA webpage.
- Bill Tucker- Clinton VFD is anticipating a new truck in 2013
- MCFPA board approves payment of invoice for Glenda Wallace, webmaster. CJ will pay in a check.

#### ELECTION OF 2013 OFFICERS:

Chair: Matt Hall, Board Members: Chad Nicholson, Brent Christopherson, Sarah Coefield; CJ-secretary

2013-2014 Meeting Locations:

- March: Missoula County Health Department
- May: Frenchtown Fire
- July: Seeley Lake Fire
- September: Florence Fire
- Jan 2014: Missoula Rural Fire