



Missoula County Fire Protection Association

- **July MCFPA General Membership Meeting Minutes**

6:30 PM, Wednesday, July 17, 2013

Seeley Lake Fire Department (Dinner served @ 6:30 – Meeting to follow)

1. Call to Order (Matt- Chair)
2. Introductions (Attendance: Matt Hall, Chair; Sarah Coefield, Board; Chris Johnson, Secretary/Treasurer; Brent Christopherson, Board; Chad Nicholson, Board)
3. Approve March Minutes / Financial Report / Correspondence Received (CJ- Secretary/Treasurer)
 - Savings Balance: \$25,918.79
 - Checking Balance: \$2,652.68
 - Webpage/Facebook Maintenance paid: \$696+\$573
 - Puppet Show material paid: \$1,700
 - Correspondence Received
 - Insurance Correspondence
 - \$500 from Frenchtown Fire

OLD BUSINESS

A. "Ready, Set, Go" Pamphlet opportunity for comment extended (CJ)
No further comment received at the meeting.

B. Missoula Osprey Bobble Head Night July 12 (Anyone?)
It rained in the beginning. No Smokey balloon due to high winds. Big thanks to Cindy Super for organizing. Crystal Beckman will discuss w/Osprey regarding free advertising- the bobble head boxes had nothing printed on them- their goof.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Volunteer Fire Department Worker's Comp. Coverage (Adriane Beck)
Adriane is trying to navigate a confusing landscape to determine recommendations she might have. There are competitive rates for worker's comp. MT State Fund is trying to get more receptive. There are insurance policies that some districts have in lieu of worker's comp. Get with Adriane about which units need some attention.

2. Fire Danger Sign Billing (Matt)

All signs are "in." See Matt. They'll go up around Missoula County soon. Please remit payment to CJ. Matt will pass the signs out to those who cost-shared their purchase.

Paid to date (8/15):

\$500- Frenchtown Fire

\$40- Seeley Lake Fire

\$120- Missoula City

\$350- Missoula Unit

Outstanding

Clinton RFD

East Missoula RFD

Florence RFD

Missoula Rural

3. Business Cards and Refrigerator Magnets for Public Events (CJ)

Magnets have been ordered (10,000) for MCFPA. Cost will be 0. They will be delivered to Missoula DNRC for housing and use at community events. Please make the request for some through CJ. These will serve as the business cards for the moment.

4. Restrictions and Closures Conference Calls begin Monday, July 22 @ 10:00 AM (CJ)

Calls have initiated: Calls will be to 1-888-858-2144 Code: 7083764#. Currently, the West Central Area is under Stage I fire restrictions with the exception of Beaverhead Deerlodge NF and a few counties off to the west of Missoula. Details on www.firerestrictions.us

5. Other

- VFA Grant \$\$ have been awarded to MCFPA by the State (8/1/13). Matt will be running the program to distribute the money to the departments.
- K. Gallagher (Ready MT.gov) will have a booth at two dates in September, and local units are asked to join her effort. Please contact Adriane Beck for more details.
- Brett Olson (Flathead National Forest) highlighted a change in protection offset in Swan Valley. Expect FNF folks down here more often for fire response.
- Sarah Coefield- YTD: 4,025 permits issued, 9,817 logged burns. County Health still in the hole on project, but expect to be in the black in a few years. She will approach MCFPA next year for \$\$ for the postcard ordering. 2013 was a successful year for the postcards.
- Frenchtown and Alberton using Smokey for RR Days. Clinton will use the MCFPA smoke trailer.
- **Next General Board Meeting: September 18 @ Florence FD (6:30 pm)**