

Board Meeting Minutes

07-13-2022

<u>Officers</u>		<u>Team Leads</u>		<u>Committees</u>	
Chair: Peggy Gablehouse	P	Training: Kristie Adams	P	Evening Meetings -	
Vice Chair: Ray Kittelberger	A	Membership: Paul Petach	A	Fair – Bob Campbell/Peggy Gablehouse	A/P
IT: Steve Rees	P	Materials/Events: Don Fisk/P. Gablehouse	P	Facebook – Kristie Adams	P
Treasurer: Abby Schofield	A	Comms: D. Haycock	A	CERT – Paul Petach	A
Secretary: Tuuli Bookman	P				
MAL 3 yr: Kristie Adams	P				
MAL 2 yr: Don Fisk	P				
MAL 1yr: Barry Bookman	A				

Key: P = present AL = arrived late LE = left early A = absent

Meeting Location: Zoom Video Meeting

Subject: Wildfire Preparedness

Call to Order: 1800

Speaker: Lt. Norby Johnson Gig Harbor Fire Dept.
njohnson@gigharborfire.org

We shouldn't have to wait until our community burns down to get prepared.

Public Attendees:

Trish Verdella Keenan
 Bill Hagen

Three Best Wildfire Preparedness Websites

- 1 – Ready Set Go Program: readyforwildfire.org/prepare-for-wildfire/go-evacuation-guide/
- 2 – Washington State Community Based Program: fireadaptedwashington.org
- 3 – Firewise Program: dnr.wa.gov/firewise

Lt. Johnson - If Pep-C could help get these three websites into our community, it would help the fire department immensely.

Audience Questions:

- Where should a person evacuate to? Pierce County has no specific fire evacuation plan. They can do reverse 911 calls and send a prerecorded message. Sheltering in place may be the best option, especially if you are on an island.
- Will the FD come and evaluate a property and give advice on how to prepare it? They may do a community presentation, but they can't just leave the firehouse to come to a homeowner's. But both KP and GH have prevention divisions and may be able to send a person to a home.
- Are there any paint additives that make a house more fire retardant? No paint additives, but siding can be more fire resistant. The roof is the most vulnerable part because embers collect there. This was learned from observing a massive fire in California. Embers hit homes ahead of the fire. Homes that were prepared, survived, even when houses that were next door burned. Cedar shake roofs are the most fire prone and some places insurance won't insure or will charge higher premiums for wood roofs. Composition roof is considered non-combustible, and is more resistant than cedar, unless the roof and gutters are dirty and covered with leaves and pine cones. Embers stay on patio furniture, wood decks, etc.
- What about trex decks vs wood decks? Both are combustible. Treated wood is more flammable (the stain is a flammable material).
- What can be done if a neighbor doesn't maintain their property or if it's a publicly owned area? If it's public space, contact county lands and the Pierce County Fire Marshall. If it's private property, there's not a lot that can be done. The Pierce County Fire Marshall may be able to do something. Trying to get neighbors to participate in community chipping days, etc. may be helpful.

Chair's Announcements:

- Minutes from June 8, 2022 meeting were unanimously approved.
- Approval to reimburse Peggy G. for raffle tickets for \$12.61 was unanimously approved.
- FICA Fair (Fox Island Aug 13, 2022) will be handled by Bob Campbell (and maybe Don Fisk and Trish Verdella Keenan). Set up should start at 1000. Fair runs 1100-1600. Peggy G. may be there. A table and canopy shall be set up.
- PEP-C Fair (Preparedness Fair) – still trying to get a location and date. We can't access school or get any dates set until September 2022. The Fair Committee can get a sponsor letter generated, auction donation letters written, etc. in the meantime. We will be requesting auction items and want to generate a letter with our info and mission, and the tax deduction info. Trish can help putting together baskets.
- MYN is on hold. MYN is now owned and copyrighted, and PEP-C can't use it without permission. More to come later.
- CERT classes start end of Sept.

Training: Kristie Adams

Norma Pancake is available for Stop the Bleed and Emergency First Aid. Date TBD. Sept/Oct would be ideal.

Next General Meeting: Sept. 14, 2022 at 6:00 PM via Zoom

Meeting Adjourned: 1920

Submitted by:

Tuuli Messer-Bookman – Secretary

Approved: