

## **What is the function of the ESC?**

This item certainly sparked a spirited discussion. We decided, and basically reiterated a decision we made last year as we went through the revision of our Handbook...we are not responsible for the safety of residents on the Ranch. Mary Jo volunteered to make a few additional revisions in the Handbook so that we are not stating or implying that we have that responsibility. We will continue to use phone trees, informally, as a way of facilitating communication during a time of emergency.

We decided that the Hotline will continue to be used to communicate emergency information and will also use the Forum to share the same information we put on the Hotline. I will continue to be responsible for this. In the event of my absence, whoever is in charge will take care of this responsibility.

Educating the residents of the Ranch about what to do during an emergency situation is a large component of our goals. A subcommittee composed of Mary Jo, Nancy, and Sheryl will work on a packet of information that will be given to residents at the October Homeowners Meeting. This packet will include a copy of our Handbook. This same packet of information will be available to area leaders to give to new residents to the Ranch.

We defined responsibilities of the area leaders. 1. Meet and greet new residents to the Ranch. 2. Give residents packet of information and explain. 3. Notify Tony of new structures and driveways. 4. Eyeball stuff, be aware of what is happening in area leaders' area. 5. Assist FH/WMC with updating the CWPP. 6. Update Residency Lists.

## **Updating the CWPP**

Tony was appreciative of our help in providing him with information needed to update the CWPP. When the new maps are done, each area leader and assistant will get a copy to use in keeping information current for their area. Tony did not bring cookies!

## **Smokespotter Training**

Smokespotter Training will be on May 26 at 9am at Station 3. Eddie Gieske will provide the training. I will advertise on the Forum. Please encourage friends and neighbors to attend.

## **Emergency Exits**

After discussing the current exits from the Ranch, the committee felt we should pursue emergency exits onto the Berg Ranch and the Sola Ranch. I will continue working on the contacts.

## **Painting the Guard Shack**

May 9 at 9:30am is the date and time we decided to begin the prep work on the Guard Shack. Sheryl, Nancy, Carol, John plus 3 friends, and Dennis volunteered, thank you. Bring scrapers, electric sanders with 80 grit paper and I'll furnish the rest, including lunch. I'm thinking we should be able to finish within 3 hours, not including lunch.

If I overlooked anything we decided at the meeting, please let me know.

Bob Dye, 5/2/2007

# Forest Health/Wildfire Mitigation Committee

## May 16, 2007

### Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Diana Novacek, Dave Skogberg, Nancy Allred, Bob & Julene Gyde, Kris Spinning, Tony Riley, Sheryl Smith

Nancy Allred provide the following financial summary:

\$ 6950.00 Balance from 2005 WUI Grant

\$ 9682.00 Balance from 2006 WUI Grant

\$ 4495.00 Balance from POA Budget

\$21127.00 Total Funds

The Status of the 501(c)3 was discussed. The application was submitted 10-2006. In 4-2007 we received a request from the IRS for additional information primary around how we would impact/benefit areas beyond ranch borders. Diana, Dave and Nancy have been working on the response which must be to the IRS by Monday, 5-21-2007.

Dave discussed the 2008 WUI Grant application that will be written in August 2007. (The 2007 WUI Grant approval is still pending.) The Committee discussed various alternatives for using grant money to continue the effort of implementing the recommendations of the CWPP. The Committee agreed that we needed to utilize the CWPP to establish the priorities of work and shaded fuel breaks. Since some alternatives will require coordination with parameter/boundary owners, Diana will notify the POA Board of potential contacts. Dave will continue to head the effort of writing the grant. Thanks to Dave for his continued dedicated efforts.

Kris Spinning reviewed the FHWMC website usage. The number of visitors far exceeded everyone's expectations, however, a discussion was held to determine how to keep the information fresh and appropriate. Links to existing published articles and newly written articles by landowners were encouraged. Thanks to Kris for her continued support on this educational vehicle.

Bob & Julene gave an update on the Bull Hog Project. Work should resume around June 4/5. The price increase of \$150 to \$160 due to fuel costs was discussed. The Committee agreed that the Gydes did an outstanding job of negotiating. An item has been put on the Discussion Forum as notification. There are still 44 original hours and 152 additional hours of work scheduled at this time. Thanks to Bob & Julene for their superb handling of this project.

Julene advised that Scott from Vermejo has approached us to consider helping in an effort to further clean up around the current fuel break area. They will have Interns who will stack the slash and asked that we obtain a large chipper and volunteers to chip the slash. We discussed the alternatives/cost of renting a chipper and agreed that we needed to take on this project. Solicitation for volunteers will be commence once dates are known.

Diana discussed the requirements of renewing of our National Firewise Community designation. The only item still pending is an educational event that must be held in 2007. The Committee agreed that this renewal was a priority. Several alternatives were discussed including a 2007 Fuel Break Tour hosted by Vermejo and

SFTR. Diana will contact Scott and CK to begin date selection.

Adjourned

**Santa Fe Trail Ranch Property Owners Association**  
**Communications Committee Meeting**  
**November 3, 2007 9:00 AM**  
**John Sanders & Sue Spanner's house**

Participants: John Sanders, Jim Davis, Nancy Allred, Pat Roehl, George Gonzalez.

Agenda:

1. PLANNING 2008 ACTIVITIES ♦ The following activities were discussed:
  - A. DATABASE ENHANCEMENT ♦ Meet in January to prioritize list of ongoing database enhancements.
  - B. WATER TUTORIAL ♦ Work with Metro to generate documentation that answers questions about Metro water connection that are not currently addressed on website.
  - C. WELCOME WAGON ♦ Publish ESC's Welcome document on website. (Done!)
  - D. INVOLVE NEW & ABSENTEE PROPERTY OWNERS ♦ Several methods of learning about property sales were discussed, as well as the possibility of adding a covenant requirement that new property owners have some form of contact with the POA prior to closing. This contact would provide new owners with more information than current state law requires, and would promote an exchange of accurate contact information. This discussion will continue at the next meeting.
  
2. NEXT MEETING ♦ At 9:00 AM on January 5, 2008 at FPPFD Fire Station on SFTR.

Submitted in draft form by John Sanders on November 11, 2007.

# Emergency Services Committee Meeting Minutes

## November 17, 2007

**Attendees:** Dennis Scott, Carol Rawle, Monte Beaver, Doris Noard, John Noard, John Sanders, Ronnie Mack, Val Allred, Rick Kinder, Joan Beaumont, Bob Scott, Ann Scott, Tony Riley, Betty Withington, Ed Hockett, Steve Smith, Sheryl Smith

### Old Business

The Welcome Package which was available at the Annual POA meeting is now on the SFTR Web Page. Thanks to Nancy Allred for all of her hard work.

### New Business

A radio was purchased from Eddie Geiske through the Fisher's Peak Fire Protection District Auxiliary. This will allow the chair person or designate to monitor during an emergency incident. John Sanders also advised of a means of monitoring via scandenver.net. This allows the monitoring of Las Animas county 911 dispatch.

Ed Hockett will serve as the liaison with the Fisher's Peak Fire Protection District.

The team had a brainstorm session to determine the goals and scope for the committee for 2008.

### Continue the following activities:

- Distribute vehicle decals
- Monitor areas for new people/buildings (utilize for CWPP updates)
- Hotline/Web page updates
- Smoke Spotters (recruit and train) and Red Flag notifications (determine responsibility)
- Serve as liaison with emergency agencies, as needed

### New activities:

- Reevaluate how to utilize the ESC link on the SFTR web page
- Reevaluate the ESC Handbook & division of areas
- Evaluate means of area communication via area call plans and cross ranch area backups
- Determine effective communication plan of ESC handbook and evacuation recommendations
- Investigate Reverse 911 (John Sanders to make initial inquiries)
- Liaison with the Fire Wise Action Group (determine responsibility)
- Maintain CWPP (Tony Riley to serve as information/data source)
- Review and determine plan to implement CWPP recommendations
- Evaluate possibility of low power FM radio station (John Sanders to make initial inquiries)
- Evaluate the establishment of a SPOC source of private ranch equipment for possible use in an emergency
- Evaluate committee name and mission statement based on goals/scope

The committee agreed to review the action items and determine which areas they would like to serve. They

will provide email name recommendations to Sheryl via email. The next meeting will be early 2008.