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*Minutes of the
Board of Directors
meeting of the
Southern California
Assoc of Foresters
and Fire Wardens*

*April 7, 2023
Avila Beach, CA*

We, the members of the Southern California Association of Foresters and Fire Wardens, do band together for the purpose of strengthening interagency cooperation, fire safety coordination, and fellowship.



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91st Annual

Wildland Fire Training & Safety Conference

Southern California Association of Foresters and Fire Wardens

Thursday, May 4, 2023

0900 – Opening of the 91st Annual Conference

President Conrad Schwarm, Deputy Chief, Los Padres National Forest

Introduction of Program – Master of Ceremonies

John Tripp, Deputy Chief (ret.), Los Angeles County Fire Department

0930 – Keynote Address

John Hawkins, Los Angeles County Fire Department, CAL FIRE Unit Chief (ret.)

1030 – Battery Safety

Rob Rezende, Battalion Chief, San Diego City Fire Department

1130 – Break – Vendor Introductions

1200 – Lunch

1300 – Exposure Science for Wildland Firefighters and WUI

Jeff Hughes, Orange County Fire Authority

1400 – Break

1415 – AG Pass/ Large animal removal

Anthony Stornetta, Deputy Chief, Santa Barbara County Fire Department

1445 – Extended Attack Index

Joaquín Ramirez, Technosylva

1530 – Break

1530 – ORC Handcrew Burnover

Doug and Dylan Van Iwaarden, Orange County Fire Authority

1700 – Vendor Area / Raffle / Social Hour

1800 – Dinner

1900 – Entertainment & Networking



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Friday, May 5, 2023

0700 – Breakfast

0800 – 2023 Fire Season Outlook

Drew Smith, Assistant Fire Chief, Los Angeles County Fire Department

Tim Chavez, Assistant Chief CAL FIRE

0830 – Wildland Fire Threat Integration Center

Tim Chavez, Assistant Chief CAL FIRE

0900 – Peer Support

Mike DeLeo, Battalion Chief CAL FIRE BEU

1000 – Break

1015 – Drone First Responder

Chula Vista Fire Department & Police Department

1100 – Raffle

1115 – Hauser Canyon Fire

Bill Molumby

1145 – Closing Business

1200 – End of Conference/Lunch

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING of the SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOC of FORESTERS & FIRE WARDENS

Avila Beach, CA
April 7, 2023

The meeting of the Southern California Association of Foresters and Fire Wardens was called to order by President Schwarm at 0904 hours at Avila Beach, California on April 7, 2023. A round of introductions were made. President Schwarm thanked VP Fowler for making the arrangements for the meeting, hotel, and dinner. Chief John Owens, Unit Chief from the CAL FIRE San Luis Obispo Unit greeted the Board.

Officers and Directors Present:

Curt Schwarm – President – Los Padres National Forest
Dave Fowler – First Vice President – CAL FIRE – San Luis Obispo Co.
Trevor Johnson – Second Vice President – Ventura County Fire Dept.
Phil Johnson – Treasurer – Orange County Fire Authority (ret)
Tim Chavez – Secretary – CAL FIRE – Sacramento HQ
Doug Lannon – CAL FIRE San Bernardino (ret) – Arrangements Chair
Kevin Fetterman – Orange County Fire Authority
Drew Smith – Los Angeles County Fire Dept.
Tim Dunfee – Angeles National Forest
Brook Spelman – CAL FIRE – Southern Region (virtual)
Josh Black – CAL FIRE – San Diego County (virtual)
Dan Snow – San Bernardino National Forest (ret) – Liaison Chair
Garrett Huff – Santa Barbara County Fire Dept.
Don Forsyth – Orange County Fire Department (ret) – Safety Chair
Jason McDermott – CAL FIRE Riverside County
Nathan Judy – Cleveland National Forest

Officers and Directors Absent:

Vacant – Los Angeles Fire Dept.
Troy Whitman – Southern California Edison
Ed Shabro – Vendor Representative
Vacant – Sequoia National Forest
Andrew Kennison – Kern County Fire Dept.
Matt Ahearn – San Bernardino National Forest
Rusty McCulley – CAL FIRE – San Bernardino Co.

Guests:

John Hawkins – Life Member (virtual)
Chris Childers – Life Member

Minutes:

President Schwarm presented the minutes of the February 3, 2023, meeting.
Motion by Director Judy seconded by Chairman Lannon, to approve the minutes.
The motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Phil Johnson presented his report covering Feb 3 to April 6, 2023.

Balance as of (last meeting) 2/3/23: **\$46,828.78**

Receipts:

2/28/23 Dues and Conference Registration: \$731.60

3/31/23: \$2,363.82

4/6/23 Bank of America Cash Rewards: \$44.00

Total Receipts: \$3,095.42

Disbursements:

2/23/23 Square: \$7.40

3/6/23: \$75.00

3/7/23 Facebook: \$6.81

3/7/23 In Theory Printing: \$2,726.13

3/14/23 Facebook: \$125.00

Total Disbursements: \$2,932.94

Balance on hand: **\$48,010.72**

Last year at this time: **\$43,990.18**

Motion by Chairman Forsyth, second by Director Huff to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. The motion was approved.

Committee Reports

Arrangements:

Chairman Lannon advised that Pilgrim Pines had some winter issues, mostly leaking roofs. No additional tree damages. The camp has a new chef and there will be different menus. Meal quality will be better.

CAL FIRE Yucaipa BC contacted for medical coverage during the conference. A new condition of the ABC permit is to have a certified Server on site. Lannon advised he took the course and test himself and got the certification needed so we are covered. The fees were \$83.50 for the course. A motion was made by Chairman Forsyth and seconded by Chairman Snow to reimburse Lannon for the costs. Motion passed.

A reminder to all that all cans and bottles must be removed from the conference site by Friday morning. The Sheriff's Captain was contacted to sign the permit and will provide the safety message. Luther Glen rooms not available this year, but parking is available. Parking tender contacted. The upper parking lot will be restricted to displays only. Crew will be from LA County Fire. Ventura County Fire will provide two crew buggies for shuttle. Apartments below Kitchen available to store raffle. Health Center has been upgraded. Sam Conn from LLAC will help with IT/AV. Microphones will need to be rented. VP Trevor Johnson made a motion to expend up to \$500 for remote mic rentals. Seconded by Forsyth. Motion passed.

The Oak Glen Steakhouse has re-opened after the mud and debris damage. They will be the site of the Directors Dinner Wednesday night. Food will be ordered off the menu. The signs are ready to go at Oak Glen Camp. RRU Director McDermott will get the radio cache again. Director Black will be arranging the 20x40 tent.

Exhibits and Demonstrations:

VP Johnson advised if anyone has new vehicles to display let Trevor know. There will be multiple vendors displaying.

Registration and Membership:

VP Fowler reported 27 registrations so far. Square is working well for this. Purchased two point of sale plugs. Larry will be coming to help again. Abby Forest also said she would assist with registration.

Entertainment and Raffle:

Director Spelman has the raffle and entertainment in progress. The tickets will be single number sheets. Working on some donations.

Publicity:

Director Judy is working with Megan Currier on the social media ads. Google drive with photos needed.

Historian:

Director Whitman was absent so no report.

Safety:

Safety Chairman Forsyth advised everything is ready. Suggestion to have some hand sanitizer stations around the camp especially near the kitchen. Also suggested that we provide water during the day so attendees can stay hydrated. Some signage is needed for the bathrooms, etc.

Golf:

Director Spelman had no report. No golf this year.

Newsletter:

The new newsletter format seems to be accepted. Need content as usual.

Program:

See draft program.

Old Business:

A motion was made by Chair Lannon and seconded by Director Fetterman to give a pocketknife with the SCAFFW logo on it as the Speaker Gift. Motion passed.

Life Membership Recommendations:

None

Gary Helming Award Nominations:

None

New Business:

None

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern California Association of Foresters and Fire Wardens will be held May 3 at Pilgrim Pines Camp.

The meeting was adjourned at 1145.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Chavez

Association Secretary

