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Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of the Southern California Assoc of Foresters and Fire Wardens
December 8, 2023
Bakersfield, CA

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92nd Annual

WILDLAND FIRE

TRAINING & SAFETY CONFERENCE

May 2-3, 2024 in Oak Glen, CA



Each year, the Southern California Association of Foresters and Fire Wardens brings together close to two hundred people from different fire protection agencies for a two-day training and safety conference.

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

DECEMBER 8, 2024 | BAKERSFIELD, CA

The meeting of the Southern California Association of Foresters and Fire Wardens was called to order by President Fowler at 0910 hours at Bakersfield, California on December 8, 2023. A round of introductions were made. President Fowler thanked Director Kennison for making the arrangements for the meeting and dinner.

Officers and Directors Present:

Dave Fowler – President – CAL FIRE – San Luis Obispo Co.
Trevor Johnson – First Vice President – Ventura County Fire Dept. (online)
Nathan Judy – Second Vice President Cleveland National Forest
Phil Johnson – Treasurer – Orange County Fire Authority Retired
Tim Chavez – Secretary – CAL FIRE – Sacramento HQ
Doug Lannon – CAL FIRE San Bernardino Retired – Arrangements Chair
Nathan Arellano – Orange County Fire Department
Troy Whitman – Southern California Edison (online)
Tim Dunfee – Angeles National Forest
Brook Spelman – CAL FIRE – Southern Region
Dan Snow – San Bernardino National Forest Retired – Liaison Chair
Don Forsyth – Orange County Fire Department Retired – Safety Chair
Andrew Kennison – Kern County Fire Dept.
Jason McDermott – CAL FIRE Riverside County (online)
Chris Scott – Los Padres National Forest
Brent Manfred – Santa Barbara County Fire Dept.
Josh Black – CAL FIRE – San Diego County (online)

Officers and Directors Absent:

Matt Ahearn – San Bernardino National Forest
Drew Smith – Los Angeles County Fire Dept.
Guy Tomlinson – Los Angeles Fire Dept.
Jacob Ching – CAL FIRE – San Bernardino Co.
Jerry Olson – Sequoia National Forest
Ed Shabro – Vendor Representative

Guests:

Dave Semple – CAL FIRE Southern Region
Megan Currier – Los Angeles County Fire Dept.

Minutes:

President Fowler presented the minutes of the May 3 and 5, 2023 meetings. Motion by Judy seconded by Snow to approve the minutes. The motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Johnson presented his report covering:
April 6, 2023 to December 7, 2023

Balance as of (April meeting): \$48,010.72

Total Receipts: \$40,886.00

Total Disbursements: \$26,851.00

Balance on hand: \$51,623.63

Last year at this time: \$50,306.53

TREASURERS HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS

SCE Grant Application

Event Insurance Application

Annual IRS Tax Filing

Motion by Snow, second by Judy to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. The motion was approved.

Committee Reports**Arrangements:**

Pilgrim Pines Camp – Major renovations to the Health Center. Otherwise, no major storm damage. The Oak Glen Steakhouse is open and ready for the Directors Dinner. Planning on a site visit after first of the new year. Camp Luther Glen is available for parking, not sure about rooms. ABC Server Permit is still good for another year.

Exhibits and Demonstrations:

Snow relayed from Ahearn Nothing to report.

Registration and Membership:

President Fowler advised that several IPADS were donated for registrations next year. Square Registration is done.

Entertainment and Raffle:

Director Spelman reported that he had been looking into Golf at Top Golf. He talked to meeting coordinators, and they offer a 50% discount for non-profit organizations. Each bay 6 people would cost \$100 for 3 hours, includes golf food and two drinks. Can be used as a fund raiser. Is there an interest in this for the Wednesday, May 5 before the conference? Perhaps a 10-2 timeframe? Need to coordinate with the Board meeting and Director's dinner.

Publicity/Promotion:

Megan Currier reported we will continue with the social media. Need to update the web pages with new dates etc. (this is done). Propose to do another \$1000 ad buy for social media. A motion was made by Snow and seconded by Lannon to spend up to \$1000 on social media as a one-time purchase. Motion approved.

Historian:

Whitman advised nothing to report.

Safety:

Forsyth advised nothing to report.

Newsletter and Web Page:

Chavez advised we Need dates updated on web page. Dates for next conference are May 2-3, 2024. Johnson advised we may need to do some updates to security on the web page. Everyone seemed to approve of the new newsletter layout. Thank you to Megan Currier for the design work.

Program:*Possible Speakers/Topics for Conference*

- Inaja/Cedar Fires “Historic Fire Presentation”
- Speaker Brian Billick (former NFL Head Coach)
- Wildland Crew Locating System
- National Weather Service/Predictive Service 2024 Seasonal Outlook
- Incident Strategic Alignment Process “ISAP”
- Alert California Cameras
- Maui/Lahaina Fire Review/Lessons Learned
- Firefighter Financial Planning/Literacy
- Battery Safety
- 2023 Canadian Wildfires
- 2023 OCFA Tustin Hangar Fire Review
- CIMC – Complex Incident Management
- NG Scout Presentation by Cal OES
- Evacuation Zones/Zonehaven by LACoFD
- Drone Operations for First Responders

Old Business**Life Membership Recommendations:**

Lannon proposed Tim Chavez for life membership. Motion by Lannon, seconded by Judy. Motion passed.

Gary Helming Award Nominations:

Tentatively proposed several nominations for the award. More discussion at the next meeting.

New Business

Location for 2025 conference discussion. Camp Winnemaka in Julian is proposed as a location. Also King Gillette ranch. John Hawkins had sent a list of proposed sites and this list was forwarded to the board. More discussion at the next meeting.

Treasurer Johnson advised that we are getting rewards on our BofA card usage, around \$200 and we may want to invest in a short-term certificate and earn some interest. He will investigate the tax implications.

Snow advised to get your shirt and jacket orders to him as soon as possible. No later than the April meeting.

Need to order name tags again. Chavez will contact Norco camp for help.

The Board wishes to thank Dan Snow for refurbishing the Knot Head Award. Refinished and new hardware. Looks as good as new.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern California Association of Foresters and Fire Wardens will be held on Feb 2, 2024. Judy will advise details soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 1200 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Chavez
Association Secretary

