



OPEN MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/97927162888?pwd=SFMra29RMk5TTGpMMTJpU045Ti82UT09>

Meeting ID: 979 2716 2888

Passcode: 168936

One tap mobile: +16699006833,,97927162888#,,,*,168936#

Any problems joining please text David at 805-452-3674

Board Members in Attendance via Video Conference: Nic Proctor, Dennis Clegg, Linda Murphy, David Dellinger, Jenny VanSeters, Lane Clark,, Al Flinck, Fraser Kersey, Carla D'Antonio

Guests Present via Video Conference: Ina Brittian, Elissa Czuker

-
1. 6:00 Call to Order / Roll Call
 2. 6:05 Review / Approval of [12.15.21 Meeting Minutes](#)
 3. 6:10 Committee Reports
 - a. [Treasurer Report](#) (David)
 - b. [CDT Report](#) (Phil)
 - c. Fundraising (Nic)
 4. 6:30 Welcome to Community Members and Input to the Board (Open to All Members)
 5. 6:45 Old Business
 - d. Strategic Planning Check In
 - e. Update on Planning for Membership Drive and annual meeting (Jenny, Carla/Lane)
 6. 7:05 New Business
 - a. CalFire Grant (Dennis)

- b. MET Members roles/responsibilities (Carla, Jenny and Lane)
 - c. Temporary Budget (David)
 - d. Anne-Marie Fire Wise presentation (7 minutes)
- 7. 7:25 Comments/Announcements (All)
- 8. Closed Session (if requested)
- 9. 7:30 Adjournment (may change if closed session is required)

No email votes taken.

No closed session occurred.

1. 6:00 - Call to Order: 6:03 pm

2. 6:05 - Review / Approval of [12.15.21 Meeting Minutes](#)

Discussion: None

Vote to approve XX.XX.21 minutes.

Motion by Dennis

Seconded by Carla

Ayes: 9

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

3. 6:10 - Reports

Finance

- a. Review/Approve [Treasurer Report](#) (David)

Discussion: \$2,520.00 balance due to Aware and Prepare for the 2022 Strategic Planning; \$800 Ogram/Alta donations received but the green supply box has not been outfitted yet with the supplies needed to purchase with the donations. Need to follow up and send a communication to the donors to let them know the status of the project; \$500 should be donated to the WRA for the use of the Chipper.

Vote to give the WRA an annual \$500.00 donation for the use of the chipper at the end of each year; to re-assign the fuel expenses for Patrol 1 from the budget they are currently assigned to to the Chipping fund (\$205.08).

Motion by David

Seconded by Al

Ayes: 9

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Vote to approve the financial report. *The Treasurer's Report is attached to these minutes and made a part hereof by this reference.*

Motion by Jenny

Seconded by Al

Ayes: 9

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Community Defense Team

- b. Review/Approve [CDT Monthly Report](#) (Phil/Nic)

Discussion: Chipping will resume in Feb, not March as stated in the report

Vote to approve the attached Monthly CDT Report

Motion by Al

Seconded by Linda

Ayes: 9

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Fundraising (Nic)

- c. **Discussion:** The Fundraising Committee is awaiting the 2022-2025 (3 Year) Strategic Plan (coming in Feb/March) to concentrate on focused fundraising efforts. Once we identify our themes and goals we will tackle fundraising based on those key initiatives. We had a very successful year in 2021 with our fundraising. The summary of our 2021 grants are:

1. Cal Fire: \$12,964

2. Anonymous Donor: \$4,000

3. Santa Barbara Foundation: \$5,000 for Strategic Planning

Total of: \$17,758.85

4. 6:30 - Welcome Community Members and Input to the Board from Community

(Open to All Members):

- a. Welcoming Elissa Czucker to the meeting and the MET Membership!!!
 - b. Ina: Mountain Lion - Expert Robin Parks, of the Mountain Lion Foundation had offered to do an in person presentation in Painted Cave with all of ECC and WCC but due to COVID the WRA offered to conduct a radio interview with him instead. We could share his powerpoint presentation on the website or we could also set up a Zoom group meeting. This is a collaborative effort between the WRA and the MET.
-

5. 6:45 - Old Business

a. **Strategic Planning Check In:**

Santa Barbara Foundation Grant for \$5000 is being used for Strategic Planning with consultant Barbara Anderson of Aware and Prepare. She is interviewing 9 Board Members individually to talk about your wishes for the MET's future direction. The information will be collected and distilled by Barbara after all of the interviews are

completed. Themes will be identified to guide the MET in a 3-year strategic plan.

Discussion: Nic, Jenny, Fraser, and David have been interviewed so far.

Action Item(s): Saturday, Feb 12 or **Sunday, Feb 13th (10am-1pm)** or 1-4pm) off-site retreat to review the collected outcomes.

b. **Update on Planning for Membership Drive and Annual Meeting** (Jenny, Carla/Lane)

Discussion: Call for Nominations communications have been sent on time, but we have not received any nominees for the upcoming Board of Directors Elections. We need at least 2 people to run for election. Linda has drafted a newly formatted description of what being a Board member entails. It includes time commitments, expectations, and the culture of the organization. Gives a clear understanding of what is expected. Would like to resend as a final reminder. Would also like to create a new page on the MET website that highlights the Board and the content Linda wrote.

Vote to send Linda's letter as a final notification to the membership to run for election.

Motion by Al

Seconded by Lane

Ayes: 9

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

6. **7:05 pm - New Business**

a. **CalFire Grant** (Dennis)

Discussion: In Oct 2021 the MET received a Cal Fire Grant for \$12,964 specifically for fuel mitigation and to purchase battery powered tools. Monies are available to use now. Will need Nic and Phil to determine what equipment is needed. Once we spend the money we will be reimbursed. A chipper would be more than the grant would cover.

b. **MET Board Director Expectations** (Carla)

Discussion: If a Board member misses three consecutive meetings without written/verbal communication then there is a trigger for the BofD to discuss their level of commitment. It's understandable if a Director needs to miss meetings from time to time.

c. **Temporary Budget** (David)

Discussion: Insert

Vote to accept the temporary budget

Motion by Carla

Seconded by Lane

Ayes: 8

Nays: 0

Abstain: 1 (Dennis)

Absent: 0

d. ~~**Anne-Marie Fire-Wise presentation**~~ (7 minutes)

7. 7:25 - Comments / Announcement / News / Reminders

- a. Amazon Smile / MET - You can set your non-profit donations on Amazon to go to the MET!
- b. Elissa: Joseph is the new ranch manager and will be joining LSR in February. He will be living on the property in one of the new homes being built. John Bair has been the ranch manager for over 44 years(!) and is ready to retire. The 5 acres safe zone in the center of the LSR is available for emergency use to shelter in place. We look forward to attending more meetings and working together!

8. No Closed Session

9. 7:30 - Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by Nic Proctor at 7:46pm

Next Monthly Meeting: Wednesday, February 16, 2022, 6:00pm

Supporting Attachments:

MET Financial Summary for 2022

Income and expenses										
	Expenses	Restricted Donations	Unrestricted Donations	Total donations	Membership dues	Sales	Grants (restrod)	Grants (unrestrod)	Other income	Total
Starting balance	-\$55,739.17	\$28,254.31	\$21,343.48	\$49,597.79	\$6,330.00	\$845.00	\$7,639.83	\$3,012.76	\$0.00	\$11,686.21
Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$55.00		\$1,365.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,420.00
Expenses	-\$71.78	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$71.78
Final balance	-\$55,810.95	\$28,254.31	\$21,398.48	\$49,652.79	\$7,695.00	\$845.00	\$7,639.83	\$3,012.76	\$0.00	\$13,034.43
Internal accounts										
	Vegetation mgmt	Equipment / PPE	Ogram / Alta CDT	Strategic Planning	Chipping	Insurance	CDT Equipment	Inactive	Unrestricted / operating acct	Total
Starting balance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$2,520.00	\$938.56	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,427.65	\$11,686.21
Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,420.00	\$1,420.00
Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$71.78	-\$71.78
Ending balance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$2,520.00	\$938.56	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,775.87	\$13,034.43
Checking Account Status				Statement of Assets						
Checking Account Balance	\$12,966.31						Restricted Assets	Unrestricted Assets	Total Assets	
Undeposited Contributions	\$70.00						Income	\$0.00	\$1,420.00	\$1,420.00
Outstanding Payments / Debits	-\$1.88						Expenses	\$0.00	-\$71.78	-\$71.78
Total	\$13,034.43						Net income	\$0.00	\$1,348.22	\$1,348.22
Through SBTCU #	339						Opening net assets	\$6,258.56	\$5,427.65	\$11,686.21
Through Item #	477						Closing net assets	\$6,258.56	\$6,775.87	\$13,034.43

01/01/2022 through 1/17/2022

Prepared by David Dellinger
MET Treasurer