



OPEN MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Guests Present via Video Conference: Phil Seymour, Ina Brittain Brandon Kaysen, Barbara Anderson

1. 6:05 Review / Approval of [03.16.22 MET Open Meeting Mins](#)
3. 6:10 Committee Reports
 - a. [Treasurer Report](#) (David)
 - b. [CDT Report](#) (Phil)
 - c. Fundraising Report - Status of CalFire Grant (Dennis)
 - d. Directors Responsibilities Report [[Report](#)] Dennis
4. 6:30 Welcome to Community Members and Input to the Board (Open to All Members)
5. 6:45 Old Business
 - a. Consideration of Barbara Andersen Report [[Working DRAFT](#)] and ([Recommendations](#)) (Dennis)
6. 7:05 New Business

- a. Consideration of Painted Cave becoming a Firewise Community ([Proposal](#)) (Phil/Carla)
 - b. Consideration of Change in Bylaws to Allow Digital Record Keeping (Oova and David)
 - 7. 7:25 Comments/Announcements (All)
 - 8. Closed Session (if requested)
 - 9. 7:30 Adjournment (may change if closed session is required)
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No email votes to report.

No closed session occurred during the previous meeting.

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

2. 6:05 - Review / Approval of [03.16.22 MET Open Meeting Mins](#)

Discussion: Gratitude to Ina B. for taking the March minutes.

Vote to approve 03.16.22 minutes.

Motion by David

Seconded by Carla

Ayes: 9

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

3. 6:10 - Reports

Finance

- a. [Treasurer Report](#) (David)

Discussion: Taxes due May 15th (Fed and State), plus one additional statement to be filed to the CA Attorney General. Treasurer to sign all forms/filings.

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 Al

Seconded by Jenny

Ayes: 9

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Community Defense Team

b. [CDT Report](#) (Phil)

Discussion: There are 4 piles that need to be burned around the community. T. Adams had a crew clear ½ acre of brush. MET could help burn if available. Weed whipping will begin this Saturday with Nic leading the crew.

Vote to approve the attached Monthly CDT Report

Motion by Lane

Seconded by David

Ayes: 9

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Fundraising - Status of CalFire Grant (Dennis)

- c. **Discussion:** Original grant was to support our chipping program and to purchase battery powered equipment such as weed whippers and chainsaws, however we've been told by Jason Sweet we can alter the types of equipment we purchase.

Action Item(s): Looking to re-engage the Santa Ynez Band/Chumash Organization as a follow up to a previous conversation by a former MET member. They have a formal grant

program that we will look into participating in. The MET has been requested to protect the Chumash Cave in the event of a wildfire and will be receiving the fire-protection wrapping for the signs and the cave entrance. Nic to reach out to someone he knows in the Chumash Fire Department to find out whom we should contact in regards to grant or donor opportunities. Dennis to research the grant program.

Directors Responsibilities [[Report](#)] **Dennis**

- d. **Discussion:** Streamlining the process of running Board meetings to make them more efficient and effective. Use Slack to communicate all information prior to Board meetings. This will allow yes/no votes to happen efficiently during the meetings. Topics to have an Owner in which they gather and present facts for their agenda item. Discussions can happen in Slack, or if opposition Board will use the Discussion time at the meeting to talk through the issues.

Action Item(s): Al to create an Executive Summary to summarize tonight's discussion. Will be shared on Slack for comment.

Vote to move this item to the next month's Board meeting to allow for further discussion.

Motion by Al

Seconded by Nic

Ayes: 9

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

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

(Open to All Members):

- a. Brandon and Lena have joined the MET this month and are excited to support and help out!
- b. Ina noticed the February meeting minutes are not posted on the website (Jenny to upload them to the site).

5. 6:45 - Old Business

- a. **Consideration of Barbara Andersen Report** [[Working DRAFT](#)] and ([Recommendations](#)) (Dennis)

Action Item(s): All Board members comment in Slack or directly in the google docs linked above.

6. 7:05 pm - New Business

- a. **Consideration of Painted Cave becoming a Firewise Community** ([Proposal](#)) (Phil/Carla)

Discussion: Anne-Marie Parkinson and Gustavo Agredano (gagredano@sbfiresafecouncil.org) from the SB Firesafe Council have joined the meeting to discuss the Firewise Program. It is a free program run by the NFPA. Provides a framework for neighbors to get organized and take action to prevent wildfire risks in our community. Communities are nationally recognized. Increase wildfire knowledge, strengthens community connectedness, increases grant appeal, prioritization for SB Firesafe funds, CA Fair Plan Insurance benefits (5-10%) for homeowners. The MET would qualify as the “Committee” required to run the program.

Action Item(s): Gauge community interest in becoming a Firewise Community before committing to the program.

Vote to Motion # 1: The Board of Directors resolves that the Mountain Ember Team should undertake the responsibility of making the Painted Cave community, including outlying homes and properties, a qualified FireWise community under the National Fire Protection Association FireWise USA program.

Motion by AI

Seconded by David

Ayes: 9

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Proposed Motion # 2: The Community Defense Team committee is directed to form a subcommittee to complete all work necessary, subject to the direction of the Board, to prepare and submit a formal application for recognition of the Painted Cave community as a FireWise community under the NFPA FireWise USA program. The subcommittee shall include the co-chairs of the Community Defense Team, all Board members who choose to join, and any other MET members who volunteer and are determined to be acceptable by the Community Defense Team co-chairs.

Motion by Fraser

Seconded by Nic

Ayes: 9

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

b. Consideration of Change in Bylaws to Allow Digital Record Keeping (Oova/David)

Proposed language change:

Oova - after discussion with @David Dellinger and @Jenny the following new verbiage is proposed for record keeping:

“e. Records: Records kept by the Secretary may be kept as either paper documents or digital files. If the Secretary elects to keep records as paper documents, they shall be kept at the residence of the individual currently serving as Board Secretary. If the Secretary elects to keep records as digital files, they shall ensure that the documents have sufficient security features to prevent unauthorized editing using standard IT practices (e.g., view only folders) and store them at a place for easy access and transfer to the secretary’s proxy or successor (e.g., the google drive of the MET email address); including the use of a backup system. Upon request by any current MET member a printed paper copy of meeting minutes will be made available within 48 hours by the secretary or their proxy.”

Vote to approve the by-law amendment stated above.

Motion by Fraser

Seconded by Al

Ayes: 9

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

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

8. Closed Session (none requested)

9. 7:30 - Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by Dennis Clegg at 7:40pm

Next Monthly Meeting: Wednesday, May 18, 2022, 6:00pm

Supporting Attachments:

MET Financial Summary for 2022

Income and expenses										
	Expenses	Restricted Donations	Unrestricted Donations	Total donations	Membership dues	Sales	Grants (restrcd)	Grants (unrestrcd)	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	\$1,621.95		\$3,330.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,951.95
Expenses	-\$4,340.81	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$4,340.81
Final balance	-\$60,079.98	\$28,254.31	\$22,965.43	\$51,219.74	\$9,660.00	\$845.00	\$7,639.83	\$3,012.76	\$0.00	\$12,297.35
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	\$733.48	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,632.73	\$11,686.21
Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,951.95	\$4,951.95
Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$60.00	-\$588.90	\$0.00	-\$1,841.70	\$0.00	-\$1,850.21	-\$4,340.81
Ending balance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$2,460.00	\$144.58	\$0.00	\$158.30	\$0.00	\$8,734.47	\$12,297.35
Checking Account Status				Statement of Assets						
Checking Account Balance			\$12,986.25				Restricted Assets	Unrestricted Assets	Total Assets	
Undeposited Contributions			\$0.00			Income	\$0.00	\$4,951.95	\$4,951.95	
Outstanding Payments / Debits			-\$688.90			Expenses	-\$2,490.60	-\$1,850.21	-\$4,340.81	
Total			\$12,297.35			Net income	-\$2,490.60	\$3,101.74	\$611.14	
Through SBTFUCU #			380			Opening net assets	\$6,053.48	\$5,632.73	\$11,686.21	
Through Item #			526			Closing net assets	\$3,562.88	\$8,734.47	\$12,297.35	

01/01/2022 through 4/18/2022

Prepared by David Dellinger
MET Treasurer