

Newsletter



Southern California Association of Foresters & Fire Wardens

FALL 2022

**OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS
2022-23**

OFFICERS

President— Curt Schwarm—LPF
First Vice President — Dave Fowler—SLU
Second Vice Pres.— Trevor Johnson—VNC

Secretary Tim Chavez—CDF
Treasurer Phil Johnson—ORC(ret)

DIRECTORS

Matt Ahearn—BDF
Drew Smith—LAC
Troy Whitman—SCE
Tim Dunfee— ANF
Jason McDermott—RRU
vacant—SQF
Rusty McCulley—BDU
Chris Childers —SBC
Brook Spellman—CSR
Nathan Judy—CNF
Josh Black—MVU
Andrew Kennison—KRN
Kevin Fetterman— ORC
Nick Ferrari-LFD

Ed Shabro—Vendor Representative
Doug Lannon—Arrangements Chair
Don Forsyth—Safety Chair
Dan Snow— Liason

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

**An Association dedicated to the
Training and Safety of Southern
California Wildland Firefighters
for 90 years.**



Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of the Southern California Association of Foresters and Fire Wardens
May 4-5, 2023, Oak Glen, California



CAL FIRE Helicopter 301 used Night Vision Goggles for the first time on an active wildfire on the Fairview Fire, September 2022. This view is from the goggle perspective.

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2020 ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF FORESTERS AND FIRE WARDENS

The board of directors will begin working on the programs and speakers for the **91ST Annual Wildland Fire Training and Safety Conference** that will be held on **May 4-5, 2022** at **Camp Pilgrim Pines** in beautiful Oak Glen, California. This promises to be another exciting and informative conference and we look forward to seeing you back at Pilgrim Pines.



You can now go directly to our web site by scanning the QRC (quick response code) with your smart phone.



Cover Photo

The historic Red Mountain Lookout on the San Jacinto District of the San Bernardino National Forest. The lookout was destroyed by the Fairview Fire in September 2022.



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF FORESTERS AND FIRE WARDENS 90 TH ANNUAL WILDLAND FIRE TRAINING AND SAFETY CONFERENCE.

May 4-5, 2023

Check our web site for further information www.scaffw.org

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION
of FORESTERS & FIRE WARDENS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
May 4, 2022**



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING NOTES

The meeting of the Southern California Association of Foresters and Fire Wardens was called to order by President Ernst at 1606 hours at Oak Glen, California on May 4, 2022. A round of introductions were made.

Officers and Directors Present:

Tim Ernst – President- Los Angeles Fire Dept.
Curt Schwarm – First Vice President- Los Padres National Forest
Dave Fowler – Second Vice President- CAL FIRE – San Luis Obispo Co.
Phil Johnson – Treasurer – Orange County Fire Authority Retired
Kevin Fetterman- Orange County Fire Department
Tim Chavez – Secretary, CAL FIRE – Sacramento HQ
Doug Lannon – CAL FIRE Retired Arrangements Chair
Nick Ferrari- Publicity Chairman- Los Angeles Fire Dept.
Chris Childers – Santa Barbara County Fire Dept
Kevin Johnson – Los Angeles County Fire Dept.
Troy Whitman – Southern California Edison
Tim Dunfee – Angeles National Forest
Brook Spelman – CAL FIRE – Southern Region
Josh Black – CAL FIRE – San Diego County
Ed Shabro – Vendor Representative
Trevor Johnson – Ventura County Fire Dept.
Dan Snow – San Bernardino National Forest Retired- Liaison Chair
Garrett Huff- Member- Santa Barbara County Fire Dept.
Matt Ahearn- San Bernardino National Forest

Officers and Directors Absent:

Don Forsyth – OCFA Retired Safety Chair
Andrew Kennison- Kern County Fire Dept.
Rusty McCulley – CAL FIRE – San Bernardino Co.
Bryan Gaines – Sequoia National Forest
Jason McDermott- CAL FIRE Riverside County

Guests:

Larry Kurtz, OCFA
Samantha Conn, LA County Fire
Jason Marsh, CAL FIRE Riverside (Acting for McDermott)

Minutes: President Ernst presented the minutes of the April 1, 2022 meeting. Motion by Director Trevor Johnson, seconded by Chairman Lannon, to approve the minutes. The motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Phil Johnson presented his report covering April 1-May 4, 2022.

Receipts:

Square Acct \$125.30
Dues and Conference Registration/Paypal Balance/
PENDING \$13,181.25
SCE Grant/PENDING \$5,000.00
\$18,306.55

Disbursements:

Tumblers/Gemplers \$1,713.28
T-Shirts/B's Tees \$2,000.00
Tent Rental/Titan Tent \$783.80
Food Truck/Nana's Tacos \$1,276.67
Event Insurance/CALGARD Associates \$176.00
Raffle Prize Purchase/Trevor Johnson \$2,500.00
Director Reimbursement/Dan Snow \$21.74
Director Reimbursement/Doug Lannon PENDING
Donation-WFF/Charlie Morton \$257.53
Directors Dinner/3020.97 PENDING
Social Media/Facebook \$170.00
Event Venue/ Paid balance plus online fee 3.5% \$176.39
Speaker Fee/ Gordon Graham/4000.00 PENDING
Speaker Fee/ Ken Blanchard/3750.00 PENDING

Total Disbursements: \$9,075.41

Balance as of (last meeting) Apr 1, 2022 \$44,382.08

Balance on hand: \$36,730.38

Last year at this time: \$40,653.75

Motion by Director Whitman, second by Director McDermott (by Marsh) to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. The motion was approved.

TREASURERS HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS

IRS Tax filing completed for 2021/retro is normal

Obtained BofA credit card/ 6000.00 limit (Question does the Credit Card require multiple signatures, and is that a condition for a 501C3 organization. Also about getting a Venmo account. Phil will research.)

Discontinued handwritten checks/switched to Billpayer through BofA

SCE Grant/filed application/5000.00/PENDING

Committee Reports:

Arrangements:

Chairman Lannon expressed thanks for the help from Dan Snow with chores around the camp. The tent is up, thanks to help from Oak Glen Conservation Camp. The staff at the camp is ready to go. Dartmouth hall has no hot water, so for the female campers we will use Providence. Dartmouth and Providence are locked. Total 200 beds available upper and lower. Health Center is available. Apartments below Kitchens are available, Need housing for Mark Finney and Bob Freitag so we will use them. Breakfast 0700, Lunch 1200, Dinner 1800. Would like a count from Larry close to 1100. LA County handcrew -10- will stay in Dartmouth. Ventura crew buggy will shuttle people from parking at Luther Glen. Bike patrol soldier will be here in the morning for parking management. Firewood is available at the volleyball court and below the lodge. There will be a Type 3 engine with BLS for tomorrow and medic rig on Friday. Director McDermott has the radios will be here in the morning. ABC permit is done. Elmo and backup is available. PA System and mikes

are ready. Display equipment will be in the upper parking lot. There are 208 seats available in the Lodge. Deposit at Stakehouse is \$1000. Dinner at the Oak Glen Stakehouse tonight is \$65. Taco cart is lined up for tomorrow. Need to request Oak Glen to send a crew Friday afternoon.

Exhibits and Demonstrations:

10 vendors for sure. Equipment displayed will be Heli-pod, Type 6 from Rancho Cucamonga. T3 from USFS. Others may come.

Registration and Membership:

Online registration will continue through the morning. Encourage people to use online, will save time. 5\$ membership fee still pending to remove.

Entertainment and Raffle:

Director Ahearn will help out. Raffle prizes all here, PA system for Bingo. Tables ready for raffle. Trevor will play music in the morning before the conference and at Bingo.

Publicity:

Hopefully it appears that our social media experiments and web presence has paid off.

Historian:

No history books, the vendor failed to be ready on time. Troy will try to get photos of new/younger members.

Safety:

Bell will be used for evacuations/bears. Discussion about SO deputy presentation.

Newsletter:

Nothing to report.

Program:

All speakers and substitutes are ready to go.

Old Business:

None

Life Membership Recommendations:

Kevin Johnson

Moved by Snow, seconded by Lannon. Passed

Gary Helming Award Nominations:

New Business:

Nominations for Second VP. Garret Huff, motion died for lack of second. Trevor Johnson,

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern California Association of Foresters and Fire Wardens will be held after the conference at 1400.

The meeting was adjourned at 1715

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Chavez,
Association Secretary

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION
of FORESTERS & FIRE WARDENS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
May 6, 2022**



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING NOTES

The meeting of the Southern California Association of Foresters and Fire Wardens was called to order by President Schwarm at 1303 hours at Oak Glen, California on May 6, 2022. A round of introductions were made.

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 Retired
Tim Chavez -- Secretary- CAL FIRE -- Sacramento HQ
Doug Lannon -- CAL FIRE San Bernardino Retired- Arrangements Chair
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Garrett Huff- Member- Santa Barbara County Fire Dept.
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Officers and Directors Absent:

Rusty McCulley -- CAL FIRE -- San Bernardino Co.
Bryan Gaines -- Sequoia National Forest
Don Forsyth -- Orange County Fire Department Retired -Safety Chair
Andrew Kennison- Kern County Fire Dept.
Jason McDermott- CAL FIRE Riverside County
Vacant- Cleveland National Forest

Guests:

Lisa Cox- San Bernardino National Forest
Megan Courier- LA County Fire
Samantha Conn- LA County Fire

Minutes: No minutes, they will be packaged with this meeting in the next newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Phil Johnson had just preliminary information.

\$5128.22 in Square.

\$13,500 in Paypal

Bingo and raffle proceeds need to be counted.

Graham paid \$3000

Freitag paid direct

Facebook ad- we approved \$500, still have \$250 balance to run more ads



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Committee Reports:

Publicity:

Social media report from Lisa Cox and Megan Courier

page reads 100,000

reach 50,000

ads \$200 Facebook and \$200 Instagram

125 new followers

1300 Facebook likes

Event registration 713 clicks

4/6 to 5/5 41,200 impressions

Our Target audience is California /Fire Service

365 engagements

2 videos were posted

Twitter 13,100 impressions

We have a Redit U/scaffw

Tim Ernst will move to publicity and liaison with Lisa and Megan

Motion by Director Whitman and seconded by Director Lannon to approve \$1000/yr for marketing.

Motion approved. Director Ernst moved that Publicity change to Marketing. May require bylaws change. Further research needed. A Bylaws Committee will be considered at the December Board meeting.

Arrangements:

All went well. Dartmouth Hot water heater fixed. Medics were delayed. Medics were delayed on Friday. E39 handled a medical treatment of a member for fall injuries. Next year we need signage for the dorms, especially women's dorm. Motion to continue Pilgrim Pines for 2023, Look for other options. Director Whitman, seconded by Chairman Lannon. Motion passed

Exhibits and Demonstrations:

We need more vendors and exhibits. Might need to consider more vendor time next year. Perhaps too much reliance on Ed. We should broaden our invitation to vendors.

Registration and Membership:

151 registrations. QR code was successful. Signage and maps would help.

Entertainment and Raffle:

Brook Spelman will take over raffle and bingo. Maybe re-start Golf. More to follow

Historian:

Director Whitman will send out link for photos from the conference.

Safety:

1 injury, treated by USFS E39. Thanks to them.

Next year we should have hand sanitizer in the food line for utensils etc.



Newsletter:

Nothing to report

Program:

Program was excellent. Thanks to all those involved. Need to get approval from presenters to post the videos on our YouTube channel.

Old Business:

Knot head award missing in action. Director MCCulley (who is out on an injury) has the award.

New Business:

Thank You letter needs to be sent out to OCFA for Honor Guard, LA County for Crew and Ventura County for buggy.

Need a discussion on the organization structure with consideration of single point of failure for all positions.

Life Membership Recommendations: none

Gary Helming Award Nominations: none

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern California Association of Foresters and Fire Wardens will be held December 2, 2022. Location to be named.

The meeting was adjourned at 1530

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Chavez,
Association Secretary



SCAFFW Treasurers Report - 5/4/224

Receipts

Square Acct	\$125.30
Dues/Reg/Paypal	\$13,556.16
Vendor Reg/LN Curtis	\$150.00
SCE Grant	\$5,000
Bingo	\$1293.00
Raffle	\$3696.00
Total Rcpts	\$23,820.46

Disbursements

Tumblers/Gemplers	\$1713.28
T-Shirts/B's Tees	\$2000.00
Tent/Titan Tent	\$783.80
Food Truck/Nanas Tacos	\$1276.67
Final	\$2546.57
Event Insurance/CALGARD	\$176.00
Raffle Prizes	\$2500.00
Director reimbursement	\$21.74
Donation/WFFF Morton	\$257.53
Social Media/Facebook	\$170.00
Venue /balance	\$176.39
Speaker/Graham	\$4000.00
Spealer/Freitag	\$4945.49
Director reimbursement	\$237.02
Director reimbursement	\$161.70
Directors Dinner	\$3496.49
Microphones/GuitarCenter	\$400.00
ABC Lic	\$50.00
ABC Lic/registered mail	\$8.36
Screen purchase	\$339.40
Screen hardware	\$18.31
Camp Luther Glen parking	\$150.00
Pilgrim Pines cottage 1 night	\$120.00
Director reimbursement	\$4582.56
Total Disbursed	\$25,548.75

Treasurers Report Continued



Balance as of last meeting 4/1/22	\$44,382.08
Balance on hand	\$36730.38
Last Year	\$40,653.75

Treasurers housekeeping items

IRS filing completed for 2021

Obtained BofA Credit Card/ \$6000 limit

Discontinued paper checks

SCE Grant for 2022 application filed/\$5000/PENDING

Phil Johnson

Association Treasurer

