

DISCUSSION 2 Committee Assignments and Definitions

Lots of discussion about most important committees, what they are responsible for and how to build them. Committees established are: Neighborhood Foresters Program, Website/IT, Grants Committee, Legislative Committee, Outreach Committee. We discussed Leslee's Survey Program and decided to leave this in the air until we know more. There was some discussion of specific committee actions but we opted to skip these details and leave them up to the committees.

CONCLUSIONS

Wes will contact Irene Shonle about finding folks to head up the **Neighborhood Forester Committee**. Michelle has done a lot of research on various training options and will pass that on to the chair of this committee once identified. This committee will be charged with identifying our neighborhood districts, defining the role of Neighborhood Foresters, locating interested folks in those districts and setting up the training programs.

Wes will also be heading up the **Website/IT** committee and will contact the ISP provider to identify our parameters. Michelle will forward all of her web work and writing to Wes when they are ready to start building.

The Grants Committee will require a search and Wes will include this in his email blast looking for volunteers. Some GCCI members mentioned wanting to be on this committee and Michelle will contact them. Grants committee is especially important in not only getting funds but also identifying programming we might employ that could be funded more easily, or how to improve our programming to make us more eligible for grants.

Wes will also be fishing via email for anyone interested in the **Legislative Committee**, who will be putting pressure on legislators, the CWPP process and the Secretary of Agriculture to make our fuel reduction projects a fully-funded priority.

The **Outreach Committee** requires some work to really determine how it fits in with other committees. Thoughts included having fundraising, canvassing, advertising and other programs fall under this committee. Because the Wood Bank idea seems to have the most public appeal to volunteerism, Michelle will pass on her research on that to this committee. Michelle will contact Lynn Hirschman, a member who felt this was our most important role and will get her input.

ACTION ITEMS

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Wes, Michelle and Terry will all be looking for committee volunteers	Wes, Michelle, Terry	
Wes will be launching the website work	Wes	
Michelle will distribute research to date to appropriate committees and a listing of the committee identifications/definitions	Michelle	

DISCUSSION 3 Pesticide Policy Options in Real Time		
<p>There was much discussion regarding the various paths our group could take on this issue. Possible guidelines incorporating all possible decisions by the board were discussed. Michelle gave a list of possible phrases to insert on this portion of the website to see how it looks. In general, liability problems are a major concern with regard to accepting funds and it looks like this will have to be a separate project anyway. Terry spoke with an insurance provider who stated we are on shaky ground if we accept funds. Wes is checking with the lawyer about disclaimers but it looks like any bulk purchasing options, including pouches, will need to be conducted outside the parameters of the group. This is also beneficial to the group as the "bad check" problem totaled \$160 plus dollars in the last go around which is a large amount, especially for this group, and especially since that amount will rise if we are doing a larger project. All agreed that simply providing an overview was sufficient with links to more information. While the option of providing incentives for safer spraying practices is appealing, the integrity of the group against liability claims was most pressing in the officer's eyes.</p>		
CONCLUSIONS	<p>Michelle will prepare a report outlining the options and pros/cons and the officers conclusions for presentation to the board and membership.</p> <p>Wes will contact the spraying companies to establish their safety guidelines and get their input on this issue, for example ways in which the spray companies might administer the bulk-buy program and leave GCCI out of the picture entirely.</p> <p>Wes will also inquire with Richard (our lawyer) as to whether liability concerns can be addressed by a waiver or disclaimer.</p>	
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Wes contacts sprayers and lawyer	Wes	02.27.09
Michelle will outline all of the directive options for the board	Michelle	02.27.09

DISCUSSION 4	OPEN
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We reviewed our thoughts on the CWPP open house and how our group fits into their model and what the CWPP role and benefits are to the community. We also talked about what role the committees play in the larger organization. Michelle presented her impressions of various resource websites to Wes as a way of looking at what our production will look like. We talked some about relationships with public agencies and Michelle wants clarification on the "good neighbor" buffer zone and what that means.

CONCLUSIONS	<p>The CWPP process and role is confusing for many. Wes has problems with so many good ideas being irrelevant if they are not funded. Michelle noted that the CWPP process, as expensive as it is, is simply a way for the county and other agencies to qualify for funding of these projects, not to actually fund them. Michelle and Terry reiterated how important it is to get the Lump Gulch project funded because of this and that the Legislative Committee will be most important to speeding up this process. The role that GCCI plays in formation and implementation of the CWPP is still unclear. Wes has some great ideas on how CWPP modeling can be implemented quicker by utilizing the GCCI model to recruit and maintain community involvement. CWPP/Anchor Point are having two more public forums before the Wildfire Symposium in March and we will continue to look for clarification on how these models will be produced and what the community participation factor is in that process.</p> <p>Michelle is also taking a field trip to the CO State FS 'demonstration project' in Teller County and seeks questions to ask of both the Fire Mitigation component and the Wood Bank component, both of which were tested in this county.</p> <p>Wes and Terry both stressed the importance of keeping our state and national forest agencies as well as CU informed on our activities and maintaining good relationships with those agencies. Michelle will collect the step-by-step process for anyone wanting to do fire mitigation in the forest service buffer area.</p>
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Michelle is going to Teller County to gather info	Michelle	02.27.09
Wes will continue to review the CWPP against our role	Wes	02.27.09
Michelle will contact FS about buffer work requirements, permits etc.	Michelle	02.27.09