

Alabama Prescribed Fire Council
Annual Meeting
Meeting Minutes: October 23, 2008
Alabama Power Company Conference Center, Highway 31 South, Clanton, AL

Proceedings:

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by John Stivers.

32 people in attendance, 30 registered.

1000-1010 welcome and introduction of steering committee and working group members.

1010-1050 powerpoint presentation by John Stivers on “Prescribed fire on Alabama’s Fire Adapted Landscape & Role of APFC.

1050-1115 powerpoint presentation by Lud Hoffmann (ADEM) on “Influences of fire on air pollution”.

1115-1130 presentation by Kent Hanby on Alabama Certified Burn Manager Program.

1130-1145 presentation by Mark Melvin on National Coalition of Rx fire councils.

1145-1245 break for lunch

1245-1315 AFC update on online burn permits for certified burn managers.

1315-1345 presentation by Paul Langford on “Private landowner perspective of rx burning”.

1345-1415 presentation by John Harris (NRCS) on programs for landowners (WHIP, EQIP, FHI).

1415-1445 business meeting of APFC; business meeting called to order by chair John Stivers.

Accepted nomination that John Kush remain Sec/Treasurer.

Nomination that Andy Baril serve as Vice-Chairman was made and accepted.

Working group reports presented: Equipment (Larry Ford), Litigation-Claims-Insurance (Keville Larson), Public relations-Education-Outreach-Grants (Andy Baril), Website (Kent Hanby), Smoke Management (Lud Hoffmann), and Contractors-Vendors (Ed Travis).

Steering committee minutes made available for the group to review for both meetings held.

Draft Governor Proclamation and County Resolutions made available to the group for review.

John Stivers shared accomplishments for the past year; APFC participated in Capital Ideas teleconference, TREASURE forest article in Fall 2008 will feature APFC, Covey Rise magazine will feature article on APFC Fall 2008, website development (alpfc.org) is active now and being expanded in content, certified burn manager refresher and certification courses held in past year discussed, APFC participated in GA rx fire council annual meeting last month in Tifton GA.

John Stivers shared upcoming plans involving APFC; February 2009 pending Governor Proclamation, blitz to get 67 county resolutions adopted in 2008-2009, rx burn demonstration with elected officials-media-landowners to be held in February 2009 in east-central AL on USFS burn with APFC participation, local newspaper contacts and APFC participation to get articles in papers across the state, accelerated effort by working groups to perform assigned tasks, and membership push and exposure of APFC across the state.

With no other business, the meeting was turned over to incoming chair Keith Tassin. Keith announced APFC continued goals for exposure and more formalized working group organization. Keith stated that we will have need to nominate and elect 8 of 15 steering committee members next year that served on 2 year terms.

The meeting was adjourned at 1500 by incoming chair Keith Tassin.

Minutes submitted by John Stivers 10-24-08.

ATTENDEES (see attachment)