

Communication, Education, and Prevention Committee (CEPC)

May 11, 2017

Conference Call Notes

Logistics

Date: May 11, 2017

Time: 15:00 Eastern, 1400 Central, 1300 Mountain, 1200 Pacific

Anticipated Length: 1 hour

Call in number:

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On the Call:

CEPC Members: Gwen Beavans, Tina Boehle, Wendy Fulks, Pat McDowell, and Bruce Woods.

NWCG Branch: Deb Fleming,

Alternates:

Note :

Those on the call elected to abandon the call due to the lack of a quorum. THANKS to those on the call!

Agenda Topics:

COMMITTEE BUSINESS:

Chair's Business Report

Membership update – Jon Skinner is our new BLM representative. WELCOME Jon. We look forward to your participation!

June Meeting Agenda Discussion and Logistics Planning – Special note: The Department of the Interior is reviewing committees and boards its Bureaus are represented on. We have been directed to *“put a pause on the activities of these entities until they (Department) can complete a review of them. This means that meetings need to be postponed and nominations put on hold pending the review.....”*

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At this time I am not cancelling our June meeting, but this is advance notice, in case we have to. I'll try to have a final decision for you ASAP, with a go/no go decision by June 1.

Please refer to the attached planning agenda for our meeting. The agenda was beginning to look fairly robust and busy. If the meeting is able to be held, we will have a good week.

Strategic Plan update – Terri, no report

Branch Coordinator remarks and news.

Deb mentioned that the NWCG website had been hacked and was currently down. Possibly back in operation by May 12.

She also mentioned a conference call on IT and WFIT planned for May 16th. Pat may attend or see if Terri can make it.

Fire Investigation Sub-Committee Report. – No report

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Fire Reporting Cause Codes – Revisited – Pat was contacted by Dianna Sampson of the Fire Reporting Subcommittee concerning the Fire Cause Codes. Her subcommittee needs for our committee to review and recommend an alternative system, if we didn't agree to the one that was proposed. As I understand it they would like us to re-review the proposal, with an open mind. Then if we don't agree provide her subcommittee with an alternative complete with definitions. There is a tasking being routed to us on this subject. See the attached proposed set of cause codes.

Previously we recommended preserving the existing nine cause codes, but did not develop the secondary causes and ignition factors. This is a discussion we will need to have at the annual meeting.

Publications Updates

We need to be ready to discuss and advance these at the June meeting. Pat intended to ask on this call:

1. Patrol and Recreation Job Aide – Are there any revisions or corrections in the works?
2. Industrial Operations Guide – Are there any revisions or corrections in the works?
3. Communications Techniques Guide – This guide needs work. Pat has been working on it but thinks it would be better if we assigned a task group to it...

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4. Ounce of Prevention ? – I (Pat) think we decided we needed to place updates on the training website, once the link to the you-tube is available.

Gwen offered that she had some groups that have offered assistance on some long term projects. Specifically mentioned was the remaining guides and training courses. We discussed that these might be good to include in the strategic plan when we identify tasks.

ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS – NO REPORTS

Next Call – UNLESS the June meeting is cancelled.

Date: July 13, 2017

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