



**Items to work on are listed at the end of these minutes!!!!**

**Lunch & Video:** Schelly and Katlin prepared a spaghetti lunch for the group.

Schelly also showed a cartoonist's portrayal of the Santa Rosa fire. You can watch the video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YPQJKHCPOq4>

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Schelly Olson at 12:14pm.

**Members Present (15):**

Clancy Philipsborn (Homeowner, Grandview Highlands)  
Geoff Elliott (UCRWG)  
Linda Spaet (Trail Creek Estates)  
Brady Mathis (Kremmling Fire)  
Keith Stagg (Northern Water)  
Steve Lawless (Homestead Hills)  
Brad White (Grand Fire, GCWC Mitigation Chair)  
Amy Sidener (Grand County Natural Resources)

Katlin Miller (Middle Park Conservation District, GCWC Secretary)  
Schelly Olson (Grand Fire, GCWC Chair)  
Deb Dobersen (Valley at Winter Park)  
Adam Gosey (East Grand Fire, GCWC Treasurer)  
Steve Waldorf (East Grand Fire)  
Colin Steward (Grand Lake Fire)  
Pat Person (Homeowner, GCWC Education Chair)

**Review of Past Minutes:**

Schelly provided the minutes from the October 19, 2017, Steering Committee meeting for group to review. There were no comments or concerns from the group.

**Financial Update:**

Adam provided the financial report for 2017. Our total income was \$84,863.78; our total expenditures were \$85,987.73. Thus, our net income for 2017 was -\$1,033.95. Our US Bank account balance as of January 18, 2018, is \$9,562.44. Our ASAP account balance is \$90,000. Thus, our assets/liabilities as of 1.18.18 equal \$99,562.44.

**Mitigation Committee Report:**

Brad reported on the Fuels Reduction Cost-share Program in 2017. We reimbursed \$80,000, but \$214,000 worth of work was actually performed. Acreage mitigated through the program totaled 230 acres.

In 2018, Brad intends to use \$40,000 from the BLM Assistance Grant for mitigation and an additional \$5,800 for training/capacity building.

**Education Committee Report:**

Pat has presented a draft article for the newspaper to the Board for review. Schelly spoke to Lance Maggart, of Sky-Hi News, about the BLM grant. He intends to write a story on it.



### ***New Business:***

Amy presented on the Grand County Open Burning Program. The program is currently open, and the daily burn list is updated by 7-8am every day. Anyone who desires to burn a slash pile larger than 3'x3'x3' must obtain a burn permit from Grand County DNR. So far, 284 permits have been issued this season. We are 22 days into the season, and 1541 piles have been burned. There have been 163 available hours for burning; 40% of the available hours and 48% of the piles have been burned on weekends.

Geoff Elliott presented on the activities of the Upper Colorado River Watershed Group (UCRWG). He also asked if the Grand County Wildfire Council would be an affiliate of UCRWG on various grant applications. Schelly instructed Geoff to speak with the Board after the meeting.

Schelly informed the group that we recently submitted a grant application to Fire Adapted Colorado (FACO) to fund two chipping days this summer. The grant application period has not closed yet.

Schelly also told the group that we recently received a \$1,000 grant from Town of Winter Park for our "Junk the Junipers" program. On the topic of grants, it was suggested that we get our organization on the Colorado Gives website so that we can benefit from Colorado Gives Day next year.

Finally, Schelly presented the group with a draft 2018 budget. She noted that it will be discussed by the newly elected Board prior to final approval.

### ***Election of Board Members:***

We had 3 board positions up for election in 2018. Board terms are 2 years in length, and board members are not term-limited. Board members up for election included: Ryan McNertney, Katlin Miller, and Adam Gosey.

**Schelly called for nominations from the group. The only nominations were Katlin Miller, Adam Gosey, and Clancy Philipsborn. All nominees accepted their nominations and were elected by acclamation. They will serve until 2020.**

Schelly and Merrit will be up for election in 2019.

### ***Agency and Attendee Reports:***

#### **Grand Fire**

- Working with the mitigation crew to burn some piles on Granby Ranch
- Sent several crews out-of-county and to other states this year
- Working on burn ordinances and dealt with more out-of-season illegal pile burns.

#### **Steve Lawless**

- Brought up a new book on wildfire that discusses the new world of wildfire frequency, intensity, and damage. He will check out the title and get it to Schelly.
- The water storage pond dug at Homestead Hills last year did not hold water like it should have. Homestead Hills will be doing some additional work to it this spring to get it sealed.



#### Clancy Philipsborn

- Wants the council to invest in “Neighborhood Wildfire Info” signs/tablecloths as well as “Another Project funded by the Grand County Wildfire Council” signs.
- Read a story about birds in Canada that are known to start wildfires by carrying lit sticks in the mouths.
- Told the group about a 1-hour webinar to be held on **February 6<sup>th</sup> from 10-11am on “Using Storytelling to Assess Long-term Wildland Fire Risks”**.

#### Pat Person

- Working on educational articles for the newspaper

#### Grand Lake Fire

- Worked with the other fire district quite a bit this year
- Street addressing is a big problem in GL. Schelly commented that the Addressing Task Force is working on getting address signs on all Short Term Rentals and Time Shares. Colin asked to be added to the Addressing Task Force. Schelly agreed.

#### Northern Water

- Keith is taking on many of the duties previously performed by Jerry and Amy. He is new and just figuring things out.
- Northern Water is interested in financially assisting the Council again this year. We just need to get them a proposal.

#### East Grand Fire

- Had several problems with dispersed camping this year (especially up Vasquez Road).
- Got a new fire truck

#### Kremmling Fire

- Looking for volunteers to join the department
- Got a new fire truck

#### Trail Creek Estates

- Not an official HOA, but Linda is working to educate the residents in the area about wildfire

#### UCRWG

- Working on grants for the Audubon Society and Ducks Unlimited
- Looking to do a quarterly newsletter

#### Valley at Winter Park

- Working on a lot maintenance policy
- Very proud of their Firewise Community designation. There are currently 6 Firewise Communities in Grand County.



GCWC Steering Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
January 18, 2018  
11:30am

***Adjournment:***

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting scheduled for **Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018, at 11:30am at Grand Fire. We will have TACOS!!!!**

***Items to Work On:***

- Get name of wildfire book from Steve Lawless
- Add stories, books, resources to our Facebook page
- Get GCWC on Colorado Gives website
- Get Fire Danger Signs in Kremmling and possibly on the corner of Hwys 34 & 40
- Work with Pat to get articles in the paper

***Minutes submitted by:***

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Katlin Miller'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Katlin Miller