



# U.W.S.P. Fire Crew

## Meeting Minutes

January 31, 2008

<http://www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/fire/>

Attendance: 55  
Fire Danger: Low

### Important Announcements & Upcoming Events

- Annual SGA budget hearing: February 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:10am in Rm 223 of the Duck.
- Forestry Banquet on February 21.
- OTS on March 1<sup>st</sup>; ITS on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Annual refresher course: March 6<sup>th</sup> after Crew meeting.

### Crew Leader: Brian Puckett

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- For those of you signed up for S-131, don't forget it starts next week Tuesday evening at 19:00 in TNR 122.
- Spring OTS will be on March 1<sup>st</sup>, and ITS will be on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- A few people have recently asked about the IS-200 certification, Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents. For those of you interested, this is an online course offered through the FEMA website (<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is200.asp>), and it can be completed on an individual effort basis only. Group effort in completing this certification is unethical and may carry serious consequences if individuals are caught cheating.
- We will be holding officer elections in early April. Any individuals who are thinking about running for a position are encouraged to contact the current officer(s) holding the position(s) they are interested and "job shadowing" when possible.
- Wanda Wildenberg along with another smoke jumper will be presenting at next week's meeting. They will also be bringing full jump gear; it will be a hoot.

### Assistant Crew Leader: Jordan Black

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- Physical Training (P.T.) will be at 06:00 Monday through Friday mornings at the MAC in the HEC. Jordan will be running P.T. sessions on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays; Brent Thiel will run the Tuesday and Thursday sessions. Until the weather starts warming up, we will not be doing afternoon P.T. because the MAC is being used by UWSP athletic teams.
- We may be doing some evening rock climbing sessions on the wall again this semester; wait for an email.
- Thanks to everybody on our soccer team, Great Balls of Fire, and thanks to those who came to cheer us on. Sorry we lost.

## **Secretary: P. J. Koehler**

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- For those of you waiting to receive your certifications from last semester (either S-212 or FFT2), Brad is still waiting for a couple of grades to come in from the FFT2 class and then he will send in for all of them at once. If you need proof of completion of any of these certifications before he gets them in, you may email Brad, and he can write a letter for you.
- New paperwork is ready. Everybody needs to complete and return a new Crew Member Information sheet, and new members need that along the Crew's waiver, a W-9 form, and the physical work release form from the DNR.
- Reminder, when filling out W-9's, you need to use your permanent address! If you do any work for the DNR this spring (as many of us will), you will probably not receive a paycheck until mid to late summer. If anybody filled out a W-9 last semester with a non-permanent address, please see P. J. to get a new one with the correct information.
- Also, incase anybody/everybody here forgot, Fire Crew does have public folder space set up to upload and view Crew event photos (e.g. OTS, prescribed burns, Rock-n-Bowl if it's appropriate, etc.)

## **Cache Manager: Zach Hartshorn**

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- Gear check-out for newly certified members will be done sometime probably next month, so if you have been asking about it, stop it.
- All of the up-to-date pro-deal price lists have been sent out. If there's one missing, it's because we haven't got it.

## **Treasurer: Joshua Haen**

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- If you have not yet done so, please pay dues for the semester (\$3).
- We currently have only six practice shelters, and we are proposing to buy four or five new ones unless there are any objections.
  - No objections; we will get them.
- If you are signed up for the spring class and have not yet paid for it, make sure you get that done soon, or you could lose your spot.
- If anybody has any good ideas for t-shirt designs, turn them in to Josh before next week's meeting (preferably in digital form).
- Oh, by the way, our annual budget meeting with SGA will be at 11:10am on Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup> in room 223 of the Duck. The more people we can get at this hearing, the more intimidated they'll be by us, which means we'll get more money from them for our budget. Please show up a few minutes early and where some sort of Fire Crew gear (we get bonus intimidation points for matching).

## **S.A.P. Representative: Michelle Stelzig**

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- Intramurals just got off to a rocky start this week, but we had a lot of fun anyhow. Please remember to show up for intramural games if you have signed up.
- Anyone who is planning to carpool up to Cedar Creek Lodge this weekend, meet at the west end of the TNR at 15:45 on Friday. Also, just a reminder, this may not be an official Crew event, but we are still representing the Fire Crew, so let's be responsible.
- The Granite Peak Ski trip that was brought up last semester has been bumped back to February 25<sup>th</sup>. The cost is still only \$28.
- S.A.F. is hosting the Forestry Banquet this year, but if anyone would like to help sell tickets, please sign up to do so after the meeting.
- If anybody is interested in helping teach fire prevention to first and second graders or would like to stand around in a Smokey Bear costume while somebody else teaches, please contact Michelle for dates/times.

## **Crew Advisor: James Cook**

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- Nothing this week.

## **WDNR Liaison: Brad Kildow**

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- The DNR has recently gotten their budget greatly reduced across the board.
- The Smokey Bear/fire prevention stuff that Michelle brought up looks really good on resumes, especially for those of you who are education majors/minors of some sort. Otherwise, it is still a really good experience.
- For those of you enrolled in the S-131 course scheduled for next week, expect the first night's class to run long in order to allow for extra time for the smoke jumpers' presentation. Also, it is **MANDATORY that you bring your IRPG AND FIRELINE HANDBOOK with you to this course.**
- This year's annual refresher course (that everyone who is not in the spring class will need to take if they would like to do any sort wildfire-related work in Wisconsin this year) will be held on March 6<sup>th</sup> after the Crew meeting, and will run for approximately four hours.