**Minutes SFE POA Annual Meeting July 5, 2004 10:00 am**

Call to order: Anne Dudley at 10:00 am Pledge of Allegiance: Anne Dudley President's Welcome: Anne Dudley Introduction of Board Members: Anne Dudley Secretary's Report: Kathy Piotro

Minutes from the last annual meeting July 5, 2003, submitted by Dick Fisher, were in the newsletter. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Nancy Sereno, absent Treasurer's report approved as printed on back of agenda. A new computer is being purchased for the fire dept. The budget was approved.

Vice President: Will Howard, no report. Guest Speakers:

**Herb Johnson - Volunteer Coconino County Sheriff's Department**

Introduced new volunteer, Craig Rebus, who will be covering SFE. 31 property owners in SFE are signed up with the Sheriff's Dept. for property watch. Visits are made every two weeks. 688 volunteer visits were made this past year. There was one small fire and 1 break-in, family oriented. Stop signs need to be obeyed!! The posted speed limit is 25 mph for speed and dust control. What happens if a volunteer finds an open door during a property check? A deputy is called and they enter the property and check it out. If nothing looks tampered with, the deputy will lock up or the property owner can come and check for stolen property and then lock up. For fire emergency, call 911. You will be dispatched to Williams at 226-5167, or to Flagstaff at 226-5199 ext 0. There was a useful suggestion offered, to attach property owners names and phone numbers to the neighborhood plot lot plan.

**Bob Mills, Chief- Sherwood Forest Estates Volunteer Fire Department**

We will be participating in both the Parks and Williams July 4th parades. For homeowners’ insurance rates, the SFEVFD is a class 8 fire dept., which lowers your insurance rates. For property taxes, we are assessed $1.50/$100 valuation which goes to our fire district.

**Bill Miller, owner Williams Realty**

The big interest of all property owners was the value of homes and lots in SFE. Lots are selling $35,000 to $60,000 per acre. Structures are selling on an average of $150,000 to $200,000. There are only a few lots and homes for sale at the present time.

**Dave Sewell, Forest Service, Williams Ranger Division**

The Department of Corrections, Forest Service Thinning Projects, has been expanded to 12 crews. Another grant has been given for the SFE thinning projects. Two crews will be in SFE from September ‒ December 2004. The main goal of the thinning projects is to reduce fuels on private property. The cost to thin is $350/acre. When the forest service comes out to tag the trees, they are now tagging the trees to keep. This is the opposite of what was done in the last thinning. The goals of the taggers are to: 1. Separate crowns of trees, 2. Improve forest health. 3. Aesthetics. There are currently two fire pits open for free removal of natural forest debris (logs and needles), with a third to open soon. The Moonset Pit, located just west of Parks will be open July 17, August 21 and September 18 from 9am- 3pm. [Editor’s note: These are last summer’s dates, see calendar for this year’s dates.] The Parks-Bellemont and Sherwood Forest Estates Volunteer Fire Departments will staff the pit on those days. Jackie Denk, Forest Service, can be reached at 635-5607.

**Lt. R.W. Augustine, Coconino County Sheriff's Office**

Inquiries into starting a SFE Neighborhood Watch have been made. Watch for upcoming information.

**Rusty Rothman, SFEFD Auxiliary President**

Introduced Pat Cook of auxiliary who passed around a signup sheet for helping with FD auxiliary and neighborhood events. The auxiliary needs new members and are actively recruiting. Meetings are held the 3rd Saturday of the month and membership is open to anyone interested. The auxiliary provides support and fundraisers for the benefit of the fire department and the fire fighters, by purchasing shirts, hats, beverages and small equipment.

A few of the planned events: July 17th Ice cream social and fire dept. open house, August 21st- potluck supper, September 4th- pancake breakfast Two fundraisers are being held at today's meeting. The raffle of a bear basket to be raffled at this meeting. Also, the Victorian dollhouse, made by Betty Diefendorfer, will be raffled off on Labor Day Weekend. Tickets are currently being sold by the auxiliary.

**Martin Rothman, Sherwood Forest Estates Fire District Board Member**

Sandy Peterson, Chairperson was unable to attend. The Mountain Rose Ranch properties have been annexed to SFE Fire District, which doubles our budget. A savings account is being started for the purchase of a new fire truck. A brush truck was purchased from grants for $7000. Two new 5000 gal. water tanks were also purchased. New radios and pagers have been purchased .

**Election of new SFEPOA Board Member**

Nominations were asked from the floor. No response. Debbie Switzer, showed an interest, volunteered to serve and vote

was taken. Debi Switzer was elected to the SFEPOA Board by consensus. The meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm. Minutes submitted by Kathy Piotro.