

AGENDA WFPA
Board of Directors Meeting

May 12, 2018

8:45 a.m.

Executive Session

9:17 a.m.

Begin General Session

All Board Members were present quorum was met.

Approve Agenda

John Ohanesian moved and Terry Piske seconded to accept the Agenda presented by the President.

Passed by unanimous voice vote

Public Comments (questions will be addressed at the end of the meeting)

No comments from the audience

President Report

Bill Loughrige acknowledged the departing Board Members for their efforts. Steve Macintosh as Treasurer for 4 years, Ed Antonowicz as Secretary for 2 years and Terry Piske who had served previously as Secretary. All have been active and dependable participants in WFPA activities.

Secretary Report

Posted the notices for the Annual Meeting on the Bulletin Boards as required by the Bylaws.

He has up loaded the minutes of the Work Session for April.

John Ohanesian moved and Terry Piske 2nds to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to accept them as presented by the Secretary.

Passed by Unanimous voice vote

Treasurer Report

Steve Macintosh reviewed the provided a summary of the reports provided by the Accountant. Actual income and expense numbers for the year are very close to that budgeted. Because there was unexpected activity by FF going out on fires that involved us billing the State Forestry Department and payment to the FF the dollar amounts are misleading.

Rudy Erdman asked the benefit from having FF go on fires.

The WFPA receives absolutely no financial benefit from FF who uses our agency as their base to qualify to go on the fires. It is an administrative wash. There is some Good Will benefit with the FF who wants to go out. It is experience for them that translate back to the WFD. Rogers's position is to require those who want to do this be an active participant with the WFD. Answering calls and providing training and other support based on their experience.

WFPA does receive benefit from equipment that goes out on fires. A current pending reimbursement is for a Medical Bag that was assigned to a fire.

Fundraising was a significant part of the income this year.

Terry Piske moved and Dan Dougherty seconded to accept the Treasurers report.

Passed by unanimous voice vote

Fire Chief Report

Calls

Five calls; three medical, two illegal burns

Training

Progressive hose lays, mapping (put up fire ban signs), five firefighters participated in the Basin Ops drill, four more firefighters pack-tested

Fleet

No report

Facilities

No report

Personnel

We had five firefighters at the Wildfire Expo on the square for Earth Day Mark Keegan was already out on a fire as a medical unit leader (MEDL), he took one of our medical back packs and it made \$2300 for the department.

Station Manning available starting this weekend but Severity Patrols have not started

Communications

The issue with the Active 911 reported last month has been resolved.

Yavapai County Fire Chiefs

The Chief from Yarnell and I are steering the committee for small/volunteer departments

Severity Patrols

Gauging the interest among the group for this.

Terry Piske moved and Rudy Erdman seconded to accept the Fire Chief's report as presented.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote

Committee Reports

Walker Day

John Ohanesian reports Walker Day preparation is moving along fine.

Roger asked about timing for moving the trucks out and how the FF could be utilized. It was decided to have the trucks out by 9:00 a.m. and to have the FF available to help as they have in other years. Plans to prepare the facility were made.

No art Market but we will encourage Vintage Cars to be on display.

John Ohanesian introduced Steve Kreis and Clyde McKay who were present and are Candidates for the BOD at the upcoming Annual Meeting on May 26th.

Firewise

Bill Loughrige reported that Loren Bykerk has been in touch with the Board of Directors for the Potato Patch about possible grants to build a Sub-Station there.

Old Business

Elections

Ballots will be printed by Bill Loughrige. Joyce Loughrige will prepare the list of eligible voters and will have a crew to hand out ballots and record Proxies.

The Ballot Box will be available all day

Budget

Steve Macintosh has prepared a draft budget. Bill asked if a line item for electronic equipment like a new Wi-Fi Router, Amplifier and Speakers as well as a Video system could be added to the budget. Bill suggested an amount of \$5,000.00

Fire Season (Fire Wheel)

Terry Piske has been in touch with the Yavapai County officials. Agreement is to place it north of Blue Jay Road. It's now a matter of getting a permit or official permission. Bill Loughrige reported he has spoken to the Forest Service and they approve of the idea.

New Business

No new business

Community Announcements: (Firewise, WCAA, Others?)

Victoria Morhaus reminded the WCAA Sundaes Saturday will be the 1st Saturday in July. She also reported the WCAA coat drive is continuing.

Public Forum (Two-minute restriction)

Victoria Morhaus asked about the EEO Complaint.

Bill Curosh asked about separating WFD operations from WFPA Assets.

Brief Board discussion if any about public comments

Both questions were related as they both stemmed from the EEO Complaint.

Bill Loughrige explained that a female FF had attached herself to the WFD as a volunteer. (She had not been a consistent volunteer) She had been assigned to at least one fire based on her association with the WFD. The reimbursement was delayed as it always is. The agreement was she would be paid when the WFPA received the funds from the State.

During the delay FF's who were known to the WFD were paid prior to the State reimbursement.

She complained the process was taking too long. She hired an attorney and threatened a lawsuit then actually filed an EEO Complaint with the EEOC. The EEOC dismissed the complaint, but it can be reinstated. A lawsuit can also still be filed.

The WFPA had done the same thing 2 years earlier when a new volunteer had gone on a fire before he was actually active with the WFD. That FF has subsequently been an active participant with the WFD. The delay in his payment was longer than the one for the complaint.

Bill Curosh who acted as our attorney in this matter has suggested we separate our assets from the operating budget of the WFD in case future legal actions are filed.

This topic will be addressed in the coming fiscal year.

9:52 a.m. Adjournment

John Ohanesian moved and Terry Piske (for the last time) seconded to adjourn.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote