

Minutes WFPA
Board of Directors Meeting

November 10th, 2018

8:45 a.m. Executive Session

9:10 a.m. Begin General Session
The quorum has been met.

General Comment

Bill Loughrige is not present for the meeting – Johnny Ohanesian will run the meeting.

Approve Agenda

Terry Piske motions to approve agenda and Rudy Erdman seconds the motion. Agenda has been approved.

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

- Victoria Morhous – In looking at the minutes from the September meeting minutes under public announcements it mentions WCAA would like to do a WCAA and WCFA joint meeting. It should be WFPA. It also references to possibly do it after one of the WCAA meetings in one month or possibly in November. Did not hear this in the recording, so not sure where it came from, but it would possibly be a good idea to do it after one of the WFPA meetings.

Johnny Ohanesian responded and said we will look into it.

President Report

- There is none for this meeting.

Secretary Report

Minutes have been sent out from the last meeting. No other major updates or issues.

Terry Piske motions to waive the reading of the Secretary report and Dan Dougherty seconds the motion. Agenda has been waived.

Treasurer Report

- We have \$ 204K in checking
- Total income for the month \$ 7.8K
- Total expenses for month just under \$7.1K
- Total of \$ 315K total assets currently

Terry Piske motions to approve Treasurer report and Rudy Erdman seconds the motion. Agenda has been approved.

Fire Chief Report

Calls

Two calls; public assist and smoke investigation

Training

Ropes, Engine 86 operation & Ambulance logistics

The Basin Ops planning cycle is due to start this month, we will continue to have a seat at the table.

Fleet

Needed chains for Engine 86 for that rig to have a complete set

Facilities

Have had meetings/conversations about the Potato Patch "garage." This appears to be moving forward with our input

Personnel

Registration is open for the AZ Wildland Fire Academy. We have 15 scholarship days. We could have as many as five recruits for S-130/190 and at least one firefighter is interested in an advanced class. We would pay out of pocket for days beyond our scholarship allotment.

Yavapai County Fire Chiefs

Had a presentation from AT&T for a service for emergency responders that allows for their “traffic” to be prioritized when circuits are busy. AT&T’s coverage here is inadequate for now but we will have access to this when it becomes functional.

PRCC

There are several senior leaders from other departments who are retiring in the next year or two. This doesn’t necessarily impact us directly, but we have good relationships with these folks and need to continue reliable partners for whoever fills those shoes.

Other Item

Yavapai Fire Protection is a local 501c3 that CAFMA Chief Freitag believes is a fraudulent endeavor. Yavapai Fire Protection is making a lot of claims that appear to be questionable in the context to what they can do and where they can do. Freitag asserts they have no qualifications for the services they are trying to offer. I first became aware of them several months ago, I just figured they were just a private contracting company for large wildland fires but Freitag says they are trying to provide service some how in other departments’ service areas. They have made no such attempt in our area that I am aware of.

Discussed possibly looking to add new equipment which would be a lighted flashing type device to alert people when equipment is coming in out of the station as a means to protect traffic around the fire station area. Everyone feels it would be a good investment and we should be able to use the budget for this type of purchase. Mark Herrin said that his company, Outback Creations, would pay for them.

Terry Piske motions to approve Fire Chief Report and Dan Dougherty seconds the motion. Agenda has been approved.

Committee Reports

No Committee Reports

Firewise

Had a successful chip and haul. There was \$ 340 spent on lot maintenance. We had \$ 3,000 collected so there is a balance of \$ 2,755 and a check for this will be cut to WFPA. There was a \$ 17K value in the hours recorded from the Chip and Haul work.

Old Business

New Wifi / Cameras Equipment

Camera system - set up the wireless units after the last meeting and had hardware issues. Tried to fix problem and identified the hardware was defective. Manufacture did not help resolve fixing issue and failed to send replacement hardware so we returned everything and will be looking to install an Arlo system.

News Letter

Normally we like to try and get this our early December and it is on the horizon. We need to get it wrapped up and sent out.

Water Tank

We need to look at getting this moved. Need to get a receipt / title so we have a record for it for liability purposed. We need to get this moved soon.

Potato Patch Station

All we know at this time is it is moving forward.

New Business

No New Business

Community announcements

- Plan on having a burn pile in Big Bug Mesa on November 13th – Need to put something up on the website and facebook page about this so people know when they see fire or smell smoke from the burning
- On the Potato Patch station – would be a good idea to include an update on this in the annual news letter
- What is needed on the fire station parking lot – Johnny Ohanesian said we are working on this.
- Steve Fredericks - Introduced himself, wew to the community and living here as full time resident with his family.

10:00 a.m. Adjournment

Terry Piske motions to adjourn, Rudy Erdman seconds, and the meeting is adjourned.

Note: An audio recording of this meeting is available on the WFPA website.