

**Walker Fire Protection Association
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes**

9 January 16

Board Members Present:

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| President: | Bill Loughrige |
| Vice President: | John Ohanesian |
| Secretary: | Russ Courtney (via Conference Bridge) |
| Director: | Terry Piske |
| Director: | Dan Dougherty |
| Director: | Rudy Erdman |
| Fire Chief: | Roger Nusbaum |

Board Members Absent:

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| Treasurer: | Steve MacIntosh |
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9:15 AM Begin General Session

Approve Agenda - Time Index: 00:10

Motion to accept the agenda as presented by John seconded by Terry. Vote. Passed 6/0

Public Comments (questions will be addressed at the end of the meeting) - Time Index: 01:14

None

President Report - Time Index: 00:37

In the Executive Session we discussed issues about the Safer Grant and employee compensation. couple of items in the Executive session with regards to the Firefighter payment and Trash issues.

Secretary Report - Time Index: 00:52

The December Minutes were sent to the board for review and sent for posting on the website with the audio file from that meeting. No corrections were received. Address updates were received from the November Newsletter mailing as well as from Sharon Bencze. The updates have been applied to our data file.

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes was made by John and seconded by Terry . Vote. Passed. 6/0

Motion to accept the minutes was made by John and seconded by Terry . Vote. Passed. 6/0

Treasurer Report- Time Index: 02:06

We will dispense with the reading of the treasures report this month as the account is on holiday. Income from the newsletter was \$8K in December which is \$2K more than last year.

There was some discussion regarding a bill from NAPA (auto parts store) which has been resolved.

Motion to accept the Treasurer Report as presented was made by Terry and seconded by Rudy . Vote. Passed. 6/0

Fire Chief Report- Time Index: 03:40

Calls Four calls; two medical, one line down and one smoke investigation. **Training** SCBA refresher and medical training. **Personnel** We've had a second new recruit start to attend and Justin Vanatta (Davin's son) who works for the Forest Service has started to attend our trainings as well. **Communications** NA. **Fleet** There is one maintenance issue with the tender related to having taken off the front sprayer that we still need to address. Tender 83 is due to be professionally lettered possible as soon as January 9th, the cost will be approximately \$400. **Western Yavapai Fire Chiefs Association** Problem with the SAFER Grant to be discussed in executive session. I will be attending the Fire Chiefs Conference in Laughlin this week as President of the WYFCA (AZ Fire Chiefs Association foots the bill for attendees). **Facilities** NA. **Miscellaneous Item** Concern raised about the WCAA cleaning up the road in a manner that makes them vulnerable to oncoming traffic, can they perhaps use high-visibility signs that say road work ahead or something similar? The concern that was raised is over their safety as they work.

Bill Loughrige – the line down calls are in response to safety? Roger – yes, the concern is over safety and possible fire danger.

Bill Loughrige – What does Justin Vanetta do for the forest service? Roger –

Bill Loughrige – Have the locks changed? Experiencing some trouble getting in some of the doors. It may be time to replace/rekey the locks.

Terry Piske - on the line down, what training do the firefighters receive? Roger – they have received training through Basin Ops.

John Ohanesian – will contact the WCAA about the safety concern that was raised. John will also look towards spreading some cinders around the trash receptacles.

Bill Loughrige – who plowed the front apron? Roger - Someone came down to help out and plowed the apron. (We thank them!) There was an issue on how the snow was moved as it did not allow us to get the trucks in/out. Dan and Mark took care of this issue.

John Ohanesian – has been sending Russ emails re: the water tanker but has not had any response.

Motion to accept the Fire Chief Report was made by John and seconded by Russ . Vote. Passed. 6/0

Committee Reports (Fundraising, etc) - Time Index: 24:38

- Trash – combinations will be changed in January.

Old Business- Time Index: 24:52

- Fall 2015 Newsletter – there was some discussion about board members personal emails being rejected from the mail server. Feedback has been good from the community. The pictures were enjoyed. We are seeing an increase in donations.
- Policy and Procedures – Roger and Mark are still working on this document. We need to include a written policy about firefighter payment.

New Business- Time Index: 28:24

- Annual Meeting and Election of Officers – Russ, Bill, and Steve’s terms are up this year. Russ will not be running. Bill intends to run. It is not yet known if Steve will run. The Annual Meeting is Saturday, 28 May 16. We need to announce that there will be vacancies on the board. Bill will send this out to the community. A nominating committee needs to be set up. John will participate on this committee. The next Newsletter will be in April which should contain candidate bio’s.
- Fire Station – there was some discussion about the status of the Potato Patch litigation, the possibility of a substation there, and the possibility of obtaining land from the Forest Service for a substation.
- Maintenance – we have one bid on the generator and are seeking another. There was additional discussion on the possible need for the generator.

Motion was made by Dan to authorize up to \$8K to establish a generator for back up electricity for the fire station. It was seconded by Terry. Vote. Passed 6/0

Community Announcements: (Firewise, WCAA, Others?) - Time Index: 41:42

WCAA – will be meeting at the fire station later today.

Public Forum (Two-minute restriction)

None

Brief Board discussion if any about public comments

None

11:00 AM **Adjournment**- Time Index: 54:15

Motion to adjourn was made by John and seconded by Terry . Vote. Passed. 6/0 Meeting adjourned at 10:10 AM

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The meeting agenda is used to contain a brief description of the discussion for each topic on the
agenda. Please refer to the audio file for an exact replay of the meeting.**