

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

13 February 16

Board Members Present:

President:	Bill Loughrige
Secretary:	Russ Courtney (via Conference Bridge)
Treasurer:	Steve MacIntosh
Director:	Terry Piske
Director:	Dan Dougherty
Director:	Rudy Erdman

Board Members Absent:

Vice President:	John Ohanesian
Fire Chief:	Roger Nusbaum

9:15 AM Begin General Session

Approve Agenda - Time Index: 01:10

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

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

Greg Kozlowski – Extended his Thanks to Chief Nusbaum and Walker Fire for attending to a carbon monoxide alarm which turned out to be a false alarm.

President Report - Time Index: 02:55

Things are running along smoothly.

Secretary Report - Time Index: 03:17

The January Minutes were sent to the board for review and sent for posting on the website with the audio file from that meeting.

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

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

Treasurer Report- Time Index: 04:32

No significant changes. An adjustment was made for the pumper which we donated – to our asset base. From the P/L statement; our gross profit for January was a little lower than projected. YTD gross profit was \$64K .v. \$55K budgeted. Gross profit of \$2.2k .v. a budget of \$6.6. Expenses: none that were out of line. Net income for January was break even. YTD; Profit is favourable and Expenses are below budget at \$51K .v. \$67K budgeted. 1099 and W3's have been signed. Our online banking has been restored with the issuance of the new credit cards. We are off to a goo 2016.

Bill Loughrighe – Yearend filings for Bingo taxes and renewal of our Bingo License have been sent to the State. \$21 in taxes were paid. We showed \$840 in profit from Bingo.

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

Fire Chief Report- Time Index: 09:52

Calls Three calls; two medical and one hazmat. **Training** Engine operations and a run review of a serious medical call. **Personnel** Huge thanks to those in the community who were able to step up to help Danny Collier **Communications** The PRCC is looking to hire an additional supervisor and looking at longer term projects for various systems related to dispatching. This does not really affect us technologically and capital costs are de minimis for us because they are on a prorated basis. The number of our calls could more than quadruple and still be de minimis for us. **Fleet** No report **Western Yavapai Fire Chiefs Association** Mayer Fire has officially turned down the SAFER grant. If there is a positive to be taken is that we will not be so attached to Mayer Fire which has a long series of obstacles ahead of it. The Prescott Basin Ops training exercise is tentatively scheduled for April 15th & 16th in Groom Creek and may include live fire which will make for great training for our folks. **Facilities** No report **Arizona Fire Chiefs Conference** I attended the Arizona Fire Chiefs Conference in Laughlin since the last time we met. It was a great learning opportunity in terms of hearing about the many financial problems that exist for both municipal departments and fire districts. There are pension funding issues and problems with the drop in home prices from a few years ago having no limits but the move back up having limits. This is forcing a lot of drastic action in terms of reducing head count and forcing departments to combine in one form or another. There were also instance of corruption as well as inadequate service (no dispatching for example) in certain areas. We are fortunate that we are insulated from these sorts of things but I would note that Juniper Woods Fire up near Ash Fork, a non-profit and all volunteer department had to shut down this year for lack of funds. **Grants** I am in the process of applying for a grant from the Arizona Department of Homeland Security for Bendix King radios (BKs). The grant is fairly narrow in its scope and shouldn't be too small nor too big. Our opportunity is via "interoperability" which means radios. BKs are the radios that many agencies and departments use but are very expensive, about \$1600 all in versus about \$400 for the Kenwoods we use. I've long thought we would benefit from having at least a couple of BKs provided we could get them through a grant, we do not need to pay for them, and so this is our first chance. I will be applying for ten radios; there is no matching for this grant, 100% paid for by the grant. I also applied for a grant for four sets of turnouts from Globe Gear, we would

pay nothing, that we'll hear about in six months or so.

Bill Loughrige – the Board had approved expenses associated with the meeting above. When the charges came through they were reviewed by our accounts and verified by Roger as valid expenses.

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

Committee Reports (Fundraising, etc) - Time Index: 17:28

- Election Committee – committee was not present but a notification regarding the four board vacancies was sent to the community. John will send an additional announcement with additional information to the community.
- Facilities - Re: the Generator. We will move forward with a quote from Generac.

Old Business- Time Index: 24:52

- Annual Meeting (Election of Officers) – will be purchasing poles for the audio speakers

New Business- Time Index: 19:21

- WFPA Merchandise – Vern Tocker has agreed to help with an inventory and see what we need to replace. We will have someone at all the events to offer the merchandise.
- Snow Removal – Rudy Erdman asked if we had a dedicated person for snow removal. Bud Miller has agreed to come down and take care of the back lot and front apron. Others have helped, but Bud is in touch with Roger to have these services performed.

Community Announcements: (Firewise, WCAA, Others?) - Time Index: 21:55

Firewise (Loren Bykerk) – Loren needs a copy of the December minutes (not posted on the website). Just submitted a \$70K grant which is a 90/10 grant. This would be for 2017/18 and is being funded by the State. A letter of support from the WFPA board would be appreciated.

Public Forum (Two-minute restriction)

Victoria – something needs to be addressed with what is being posted on the WFPA website. November minutes are still in draft form. There are no December minutes and the January minutes are not there.

John – how do you donate to a direct fund? I don't trust the "Go Fund Me" site.

Brief Board discussion if any about public comments

Russ – I am aware of the issue with the website and am working on resolving this with Chris.

Bill Loughrige – Roger has a line item in the budget for Firefighter Morale which he was able to donate on behalf of the WFPA. We can accept checks via the PO BOX and designate them to a fund if indicated on the check via our account. We try to stay away from setting up targeted funds as much as we can, while having them for larger items like the replacement of the water tender. Comments were offered by the board members.

11:00 AM **Adjournment**- Time Index: 33:51

Motion to adjourn was made by Steve and seconded by Terry . Vote. Passed. 6/0 Meeting adjourned at 09:52 AM

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