

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

9 April 16

Board Members Present:

President:	Bill Loughrige
Vice President:	John Ohanesian
Treasurer:	Steve MacIntosh
Director:	Terry Piske
Director:	Dan Dougherty
Fire Chief:	Roger Nusbaum

Board Members Absent:

Secretary:	Russ Courtney
Director:	Rudy Erdman

9:15 AM Begin General Session

Approve Agenda - Time Index: 00:16

Community Gazebo under new business, is a new item to the agenda.

Motion to accept the amended agenda was made by John seconded by Terry. Vote. Passed 5/0

Public Comments (questions will be addressed at the end of the meeting) - Time Index: 01:03

John – introduced a new Walker resident who goes by Hank or “X” (short for his Greek family name) who has moved here from the Redstone Arsenal area in Alabama.

President Report - Time Index: 02:13

Nothing to report from the President.

Secretary Report - Time Index: 02:19

The March 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 Secretary’s report and to approve and dispense with a reading of the minutes was made by John and seconded by Dan . Vote. Passed. 5/0

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes was made by Terry and seconded by Dan . Vote. Passed. 5/0

Treasurer Report- Time Index: 02:54

Relatively unchanged for the month. Assets of \$285K (equipment, buildings, cash on-hand, etc). Income \$4289 with Expenses of \$5270 yielding a loss of just under \$1K. The details of that showed that we had a couple of heavy hits in equipment and materials that took us about \$773 over budget in addition to utilities (Propane) at \$540 while we only budgeted \$64 for that month. YTD both utilities and equipment are within budget, with our total expenses YTD (10 months) are \$22K below budget.

There was additional discussion of the Profit/Loss statement.

Motion to accept the Treasurer Report as presented was made by John and seconded by Terry . Vote. Passed. 5/0

Fire Chief Report- Time Index: 08:10

Calls Two medical calls and one structure fire. **Training** Hoselay & engine operations, Wildland refresher RT 130 2016 Basin Ops Drill coming up on April 15th we should have 7-8 participants. **Personnel** Mark Keegan is winding up the classroom portion of the paramedic program and will be moving into the practicals portion. Involving about 1000 hours at the hospital as well as ride-alongs. Again, we will have a three people who will be “seasonals” with us again this year. **Communications** No report **Fleet** Tender 83 has been fixed. **Western Yavapai Fire Chiefs Association** No report. **Grants** The Arizona Homeland Security for Bendix King radios was making progress but we may be ruled ineligible for not being a district or a municipal department. I pled our case and we are waiting to hear what, if anything comes next. **Weather** The benefit from the wet January has been largely offset by the dry February and March. There is no sense of panic or unusual urgency. There has been more concern in past Aprils than this April and there is still hope that El Nino will bring more rain. **Recruitment** We’ve had a pickup in interest of people wanting to volunteer as firefighters. This has occurred in waves in the past and now appears to be another one.

There was discussion on the Boards offer to assist Mark Keegan with his training as well as the radios used by other local fire stations in regards to interoperability.

Motion to accept the Fire Chief Report was made by John and seconded by Terry . Vote. Passed. 5/0

Committee Reports (Fundraising, etc) - Time Index: 27:09

- Walker Trash Service – we will transfer \$9K over to the fire department. We could do \$10K but there is a possibility of additional pick-ups which would need to be covered. This is the same amount that was transferred last year. Insurance costs were \$500 .v. \$2500 from last year.
- Walker Day – looking for ideas to help increase traffic for this year. Information will be forwarded for the Newsletter.

- Firewise – USAA began extending discounts to recognized Firewise Communities.

Old Business- Time Index: 31:15

- Newsletter – plan is to have everything ready by the 15th to send Greg Stava for the Newsletter. Joyce is already getting a fresh drop of the data from the County. Trying to get the Newsletter before 1 May. Applicant bio's need to be added.
- Annual Meeting (Election of Officers) – the potluck/brunch will be held as usual in conjunction with the meeting. Meeting is at 9:00 AM. Election proxies need to be different from the Ballot. Ballot is only available the day of the election. John will organize check-in and counting of ballots. Joyce and Jeniffer will assist.
- Walker Day - discussed above

New Business- Time Index: 38:45

- Community Gazebo – Rudy has suggested that the Board consider building a gazebo in the park area. There was some discussion about who would use it, maintaining the structure, and possible liability. Roger mentioned that it needs to be built back from the pad and that we need to make sure the parking issue is taken care of. Would it be in the way for Walker Day as it would be placed in the artist area. Cost is also a consideration. Suggested that the question be brought up at the Annual Meeting for community input.

Community Announcements: (Firewise, WCAA, Others?) - Time Index: 45:43

None

Public Forum (Two-minute restriction)

Mark Herrin – has a radio that he would be willing to give to the department. Also if we move towards a 50/50 grant, Mark will raise the other 50%. Big Bug is scheduled to be grated towards the end of the week

Brief Board discussion if any about public comments

Roger – the department would love to have the radio. Thank You for the offer of the 50/50. We need to explore that “grant” avenue.

11:00 AM **Adjournment**- Time Index: 50:48

Motion to adjourn was made by John and seconded by Terry . Vote. Passed. 5/0 Meeting adjourned at 10:10 AM

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