

**Walker Fire Protection Association
Annual Membership Meeting Minutes**

27 May 16

Board Members Present:

President:	Bill Loughrige
Vice President:	John Ohanesian
Treasurer:	Steve MacIntosh
Secretary:	Russ Courtney
Director:	Rudy Erdman
Director:	Terry Piske
Fire Chief:	Roger Nusbaum

Board Members Absent:

Director:	Dan Dougherty
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9:00 AM Begin General Session

Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Agenda

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 6/0

Secretary' Report (Initial Report re Quorum)

Secretary reported that a Quorum was present with more that the required 75 members present.

Motion to dispense with the reading and accept the minutes from the previous Annual Meeting was made by John and seconded by Terry. Vote. Passed by membership.

Treasurer's Report

WFPA has not yet completed our FY as we conclude at the end of the month. For June through April, thanks to community, income \$99,738 .v. budget of \$93,088. A majority of funds donated go to support equipment, fleet, station. The board serves without salary. We have an accounting firm in Prescott who manages our funds and expense. We provided the membership complete transparency. The website contains a monthly report of our financials. One request we make of the membership; at times we get donations here at the fire station. Those donations may sit for two or three weeks before one of the board members picks them up for deposit. Please use our mailing address PO Box 10174 Prescott 86304 to send your donations. It is attended by our accounting firm who will process the donation and provide you with prompter attention.

Fire Chief Report

25 calls over the year with 16 of the calls being medical. Others were smoke investigation and only one fire. We are very fortunate. Call 911 with any emergency, not a firefighter that you may know. It is the fastest way to get a response. Smart 911 (www.smart911.com) will notify you via cell phone should an emergency arise. It is worth enrolling.

Highlight of the year is our new water tender – tender 83. We asked for donations for this vehicle and the community responded in a big way. Thanks to the community for doing this for us.

Prescott Fire's issues with pensions is leading to brown outs at stations – reduced staffing. There is risk that they may have to permanently close a station. Chino and Yavapai Fire Districts are margining out of necessity. More currently Groom Creek is facing problems. Juniper Woods had to close their doors due to lack of donations. In our community, your donations keep us going.

We've had good luck with new recruits! Three new recruits. One is already red-carded and two other are very close. Assistant Chief Keegan is pursuing the paramedic role. We will now have 5 paramedics at the department.

Firefighters at the meeting were recognized for their service and introduced.

Public Questions for the Fire Chief

- No questions received
- One comment offered: USAA began extending discounts to recognized Firewise Communities.

WCAA (Nancy)

- The WCAA is a lot of fun for all residents. Poker Run on 18 July is the next event. Sundae Saturday will be starting shortly. April to October we operate a coat drive for a local charity. We offer calendar and a Historic Quad Drive. We also provide a firefighter's lunch on a Saturday after training. Our ongoing Green Bag collection support a local food pantry. The Chili Fest in October is a new event. At Christmas the Tocker's go shopping for presents which are donated to the Salvation Army. At Thanksgiving we purchase gift certificates for which are donated to local families. Membership is \$20.

FireWise (Loren Bykerk)

- Our 2016 Chip and Haul was a big success. Last year 24.5 roll offs, this year 19. Volunteers reported their hours. 33 turned in valid time sheets amounting to over \$12K in time. Loren Thanked the WFPA for the use of the parking lot and assistance with costs. Several residents were thanked for their assistance as well as service providers. Also \$1932 was donated via the WCAA website or at the Sundae Saturday events. We completed 16

assessments last year and 10 homes had clearings completed around their homes. Two grants with monies to have property treated are still available. These are 90/10 grants. Contact Loren Bykerk.

- One member mentioned that insurance companies are evaluating neighborhoods for underwriting.

Walker Day (John Ohanesian)

- This is one of the largest events we hold in our community. Bring friends that don't normally come up. Flyers are available on the WFPA website also the www.walkerday.org website. It is the weekend before the 4th of July (25 June 16). John discussed needs for the event and Myra mentioned items needed for the Silent Auction.

Public Comments and Questions (Two-minute restriction)

- Board - One item that the Board has been discussing has been a possible Gazebo in the park area. We are looking for comments from the community on that topic.
- Mark Herrin – if the Gazebo moves forward he will provide the manpower
- Marcia ????? – Ramada with a concrete floor would be preferable – something substantive
- ??? – what do you want from us as a community? Bill Loughrige responded: We are in pretty good shape. Continued donations, continued support. We have 1078 distinct property owners. 350 or so donate. Some give \$25, some give \$3000. Volunteer at the events, assist with donation or services.
- Bill Curosh – We got a new water tender last year, what is the status? Roger Nusbaum responded: We are in good shape. Essentially we have “newer” vehicles. Things age over time.

Presentation of Candidates (John Ohanesian)

As VP, I am in charge of elections this year. We have 4 candidates and 4 vacancies.

Nominations from the Floor

Nominations from the floor were opened. A call for nominations was made three times. None were received.

Bob Loughrige – Moved to close nominations. **Seconded by ??????????????**. Passed by the membership.

Xxxxxxx - Moved that all candidates be accepted by acclamation. **Seconded by ??????????????**. Passed by membership

Candidate Presentation and Questions from the Members (2 minute presentations)

Ed Antonowicz – Is a resident on Misty Mountain Loop. Past board experience from a trade association.

Board discussion if any about public comments

None

11:00 AM **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made by James Lee and seconded by John Ohanesian . Vote. Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:52 AM

Meeting of the New Board

The board elected the following officers:

President:	Bill Loughrige
Vice President:	John Ohanesian
Treasurer:	Steve MacIntosh
Secretary:	Ed Antonowicz

The past Secretary reported the following:

Members Present by Proxy or In Person:	118 (75 required for a quorum)
Number of Proxy Votes Received:	41
Number of Ballots Cast:	34

The Annual Membership Meeting was not recorded, therefore an audio file of the proceeding is not available for posting in the WFPA website (www.walkerfire.org)