

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

14 May 16

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

9:15 AM Begin General Session

Approve Agenda - Time Index: 00:00

Motion to accept the amended agenda was made by John seconded by Terry. Vote. Passed 7/0

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

None

President Report - Time Index: 00:00

Email received from Bud Meller regarding a \$70 invoice that did not get paid. Steve will follow up on the invoice. Adam had not transferred the money from Walker Trash, but that is in process.

Secretary Report - Time Index: 00:00

The April Minutes were sent to the board for review and sent for posting on the website with the audio file and Treasurer's Report. One change was received to correct spelling. The correction will be made and posted with approved minutes.

The data from the County was received by Joyce and myself. In preparation for the mailing I have scrubbed the data twice to remove duplicates. The original data contained 1448 records and after duplicate remove contained 1078. The data was sent to Greg Stava for the mailing.

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 Terry . Vote. Passed. 7/0

Treasurer Report- Time Index: 00:00

Almost at the finish line being 11 months into the year. We are at \$281, 550 on the asset base. Profit \$22,467 slightly down from budget. Expenses for April right at \$30K leaving us in the hole by \$7k. YTD total income (gross profit) \$99,737. Total expense \$99,668. Net income for the year \$69. This indicates that our budget was close and that we planned properly.

This includes the donation of the truck to Cherry Fire and the purchase of the new Tender.

Motion to accept the Treasurer Report as presented was made by John and seconded by Terry .
Vote. Passed. 7/0

Fire Chief Report- Time Index: 00:00

Calls No calls. Quite month and we continue to trend lower. **Training** Training consisted of two different wildland fire scenarios. 2016 Basin Ops Drill was a big success, we had a large turnout and had a productive and fun day. **Personnel** Mark Keegan aced his final exam in the paramedic program. Severity patrol (weekend station manning) will commence on May 21st, a few weeks later than most years thanks to the weather. **Communication** No report **Fleet** Patrol 80 had a leak in its pump which has been repaired by Dan H. **Western Yavapai Fire Chiefs Association** I am still the President and will be through the end of the year. **Weather** The cold, snow and rain has had the effect of lifting fuel moistures and reducing energy release components which is to say has shortened the fire season. A fire can start any time for any number of reasons, and blow up into something serious at any time but the favorable weather reduces the chances. **Recruitment** We've had two new recruits who live locally begin to attend multiple trainings and both seem interested in seeing it through to getting red carded (one of the two passed his pack test already and passed it). We also had a new recruit come to training who was referred by Danny Collier and he appears to be very young (early 30s at the oldest). **News from other departments.** Groom Creek Fire District posted on its website that it is having financial difficulties (www.gcfcd.org). At this time, we don't know how or if this would impact Walker Fire.

Motion to accept the Fire Chief Report was made by John and seconded by Russ . Vote. Passed.
7/0

Committee Reports (Fundraising, etc) - Time Index: 00:00

- Facilities – Generator to be installed the week of the 23rd. A 20kw will be sufficient to handle our system. The generator was ordered but was not available but Lowes ordered us the next size up (22kw) at no additional charge. The generator has been delivered and is being held by Lowes. It is in a metal frame and not light, help will be needed to get it unloaded. The trench has been dug for the propane. At the substation the tank needs to be refilled.
- Walker Day – moving along. Starting to sell spaces for the art fair. 8 of the 25 are already taken. Keith will be assisting Rudy with the vendor set up. Will try to see if

we can again park them at Hummingbird and then shuttle the vendors to the orchard. Last year one of the vendors had a medical issue due to heat. We need to make sure we have some water available to them and make them aware of it. Timi and Bob will hopefully assist again this year. We will need more cakes this year as our biggest cake-benefactor passed away last year. Will look for the Greenhalgh girls to paint the circle for the cake walk. We need to see if we can spruce up the park area again this year. More info at www.walkerday.org The new flyer is an exemplary work of art.

- Nomination Committee – we do have four candidates but will look for nominations from the floor at the annual meeting.

Old Business- Time Index: 00:00

- Newsletter – it is now on the web. We should start seeing donations. The newsletter does contain the proxy. There are no ballot issues which require a vote. The mailing should occur this week from Sir Speedy. The newsletter is sent twice a year. Greg and Lani Stava have done another wonderful job for the community!
- Annual Meeting (Agenda) – the agenda was reviewed and discussed. Included in the agenda is the WCAA (Jeff Morhous), Walker Firewise (Loren Bykerk), and the Jeep Posse (have not been in contact with them). Public Comments & Questions and responses to those will be limited to two minutes per person. Candidate Presentations may not be needed for incumbent candidates – only new candidates, should there be no nominations from the floor. Bill will check to see if any county candidates – Jack Smith, or possibly the candidate for the assessor, etc – will want to speak. Brunch-type Pot Luck will follow, with the community supplying the food. We need to begin setup at 7:30 AM and ready to go at 8:15 AM.
- Walker Day – discussed above
- Community Gazebo – this was initially discussed at last month’s meeting. If there is a desire in the community to have a gazebo for community events, we can consider this. This would be in the “orchard” or “park” area. There would still be enough room for the art’s community. There was discussion amongst the board on the benefits. It will be brought to the community at the Annual Meeting.

New Business- Time Index: 00:00

- Year End Issues – Insurance items are coming due. Final accounting for the year. The transfer of funds from Walker Trash (\$9K) to the fire department.

Community Announcements: (Firewise, WCAA, Others?) - Time Index: 00:00

Firewise (Loren Bykerk) - 2016 Chip and Haul comes to an end next Wednesday. 12 roll offs have already been taken away. We’ve been billed \$3K so far. Money is available for mitigation of properties. A lot of assessments are in progress.

WCAA - meeting here at the fire house today. Poker Run is coming up on the 18th.

Public Forum (Two-minute restriction)

Dan Hauck – is it possible for the board to talk to the person who has Sunday School to Walker Road?

Marsha - re: the Gazebo. If that happen I'd like to recommend a good set of steps down to the area.

Brief Board discussion if any about public comments

Bill Loughrige – that area is a public right away which cannot be blocked off. The gate cannot be locked. The area can be cleaned up by individuals but is not something that the Board should be involved in doing.

There were comments regarding the walk way down to the park. Suggestions included a handrail, making sure there are no loose stones, path .v. steps.

Steve – the little library is great! Thanks to Roger and Joellen for building that.

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

Motion to adjourn was made by John and seconded by Dan . Vote. Passed. 7/0 Meeting adjourned at 10:24 AM

**An audio file of this Board Meeting is available on the WFPA website – <http://www.walkerfire.org>
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.**