

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

14 November 15

Board Members Present:

President:	Bill Loughrige
Secretary:	Russ Courtney
Treasurer:	Steve MacIntosh
Director:	Terry Piske
Director:	Dan Dougherty
Fire Chief:	Roger Nusbaum

Board Members Absent:

Vice President:	John Ohanesian
Director:	Rudy Erdman

9:15 AM Begin General Session

Approve Agenda - Time Index: 00:37

Motion to accept the agenda as presented by Terry seconded by Dan. Vote. Passed 5/0

Public Comments (questions will be addressed at the end of the meeting) - Time Index: 00:50

Victoria – In the October minutes. Under the Fire Chief’s report it mentioned that there was no change in Personal. Would be helpful to have the website updated to reflect current volunteer staffing.

President Report - Time Index: 01:38

Traffic light is now down. Things are quiet.

Secretary Report - Time Index: 01:53

The October Minutes were sent to the board for review and posted on the website with the audio file from that meeting. No corrections were received.

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

Treasurer Report- Time Index: 02:34

Nothing much to mention nothing unusual. It was a quiet month. Our balance sheet is good with \$288K in assets. Monthly income was slightly down at \$3k from the budgeted amount. There were a couple of heavy expenses which hit including Workers Comp Insurance, Merchandise purchases at \$1200, and

Equipment Maintenance of \$2700. YTD Income is us just under \$50K with a budgeted amount of \$39K. Expenses are not out of line – expenses are \$5K under budget. YTD we are 16K favorable to budget.

We are now a member of the “Amazon Smile” program with purchases on Amazon returning 0.5% of the purchase value to the WFPA. Amazon Smile is button that can be selected on the Amazon checkout page. We are listed as Walker Fire Protection Association and not WFPA.

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

Fire Chief Report- Time Index: 09:40

Calls One call, a smoke investigation **Training** Structure training and traction splinting. We were given 15 free days at the Arizona Wildfire & Incident Management Academy this is our share of the \$19,000 given annually to the academy by the County Board of Supervisors. **Personnel** May have two new recruits, one of whom came to our last training, a full timer. **Communications** We have been invited to participate in the Christmas Parade on December 5th. Patrol 85 will be used. **Fleet** As discussed we believe we have found a suitable water tender to purchase. Station Boss Hauck and Firefighter Klimas checked out the truck, additionally Klimas was able to arrange a third party inspection of the truck that appears will be free and there were no major issues discovered. The cost is \$25,000 for the truck plus possibly an additional \$2000 (estimate) for modifications. Actual amount would be \$1500 which will include delivery . Need to determine the logistics for issuing the check. Need to discuss the disposition of Patrol 84. **Western Yavapai Fire Chiefs Association** We met with the SAFER grant administrators and the actual implementation of the grant looks it will start in January. The next Grant Committee meeting is January 6th and there will be an open enrollment for grant benefits here at the station on January 9th. Firefighter Vanatta has arranged for us to get some hand me down climbing and TRT equipment from CYFD that will come through the association’s equipment swap which I oversee. This would be a good savings for us if it happens. It looks like I will be elected president of the group. **Facilities** Assistant Chief Keegan and Station Boss Hauck replaced the batteries for the repeater and refortified the building where it resides. It was not grounded properly and a hole in the roof was repaired. **Weather** The El Nino looks like it will be quite extreme. The definition of El Nino is at least a two degree rise in the ocean temperature and the current increase is 3.2 degrees and apparently the way it works, a 0.10 move is huge similar to the Richter scale for earthquakes. It is not known if that means a lot of snow or a lot of rain. What was different about the early snow we experienced this past week was that it was very wet. **Miscellaneous Item** Do the people who had two weddings at their house that we allowed to park at the station have a business of renting their property out for events? If so, do want to do something about that for future events like say NO or require them to pay? Additionally, I have had a complaint of they’re not taking down all of their signage which I will try to address. **Next Meeting** I will be out of town

Bill Loughrige – will check with the residents on the signage and verify if they are renting the property. Discussion amongst the board is that if is a commercial venture we should consider a charge for use of the property.

Patrol 84 Disposition – Chief Nusbaum mentioned that we have been the benefactor of a previous donation and that we may want to consider a donation to Cherry Fire Protection. The vehicle is not used as much as the rest of the equipment. Discussion amongst the board is that we are possibly looking at a vehicle in Potato Patch or possibly Breezy Pines. Even with a donation, we would still have two vehicles to position there. This is a Compressed Air Foam (CAF) truck. Is it important to have it? These vehicles do not necessarily go on calls and we do have other equipment available that can provide similar or better function. Patrol 84 has a 200 gallon capacity. Is there any value in the truck to sell it? Miles are not bad on the truck but the truck is 25 years old. Is the truck fully depreciated? The equipment on the back was purchased in 2010 at a cost of approximately \$8K. It has been in the equipment exchange with little interest. Summary is that it is excess for us and would offer some good will to the community. If the CAF is better than what we have on the other units, we should investigate moving it to another truck. We would not gain or lose in terms of water. If we have the opportunity to build another station we would position one of the remaining trucks at that station. Suggestion from Bill Loughrige is to table this for the month and allow the absent board members to provide their input. Terry Piske suggested that we move forward with the donation

Motion to donate Patrol 84 to Cherry File was made by Terry and seconded by Steve. Vote. Passed. 5/0

Bill Loughrige – it appears that we did not budget a line item for “Medical Training” to be used for Mark Kegan and the upcoming EMT Training. We do have a Training line item budgeted at \$500. Chief Nusbaum mentioned that some of the upcoming training comes to us at no charge and we are not yet sure if Mark Keegan will take us up on our prior offer.

Motion to accept the Fire Chief Report was made by Terry and seconded by Russ . There were additional comments by John and Rudy before the vote. Vote. Passed. t/0

Motion to purchase the new water tender for \$27K was made by Terry and seconded by Dan. Vote. Passed 5/0. (See aprox: 44:00 in the recording)

Committee Reports (Fundraising, etc) - Time Index: 38:42

- Walker Trash – There is about \$9.2K in the account. We have had some volume issues which we believe are now corrected. It appears that we may see about \$8k or \$9K into the WFPA budget this year. Clean up has been an ongoing issue and the video camera is recording who is dumping construction debris. People are leaving the locks open or are leaving the lock-combinations dialed to open.

Old Business- Time Index: 41:50

- Fall 2015 Newsletter – we are ready to go with the newsletter. We will add the results of the May Election to the newsletter. We expect to have it in the mail by the end of November.

New Business- Time Index: 43:22

- Accuconference – do we need to have the call-in feature. It is seldom used. If it is low costs then find. Discussion amongst the board that the recording has been used in the past to verify the Secretary’s notes. Old recordings could be removed to eliminate the storage charge if it occurs. We may decide to change the service should this charge occur.

Community Announcements: (Firewise, WCAA, Others?) - Time Index: 49:39

None

Public Forum (Two-minute restriction)

None

Brief Board discussion if any about public comments

Bill Loughrige – the list of the firefighters has been on the site. Do the firefighters want to be identified on the website. If we are going to have the list there then it should be accurate. Discussion was that months go by without thought to the list. Also, that firefighters should say that they do not mind being identified on the website. The path of least resistance is to not have it on the website.

Motion to eliminate the list of the volunteer firefighters from the website was made by Terry and seconded by Dan. Vote. Passed. 5/0

11:00 AM **Adjournment**- Time Index: 53:43

Motion to adjourn was made by Steve and seconded by Terry . Vote. Passed. 5/0 Meeting adjourned at 10:08 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.**