

**AGENDA WFPA
Board of Directors Meeting**

10 May 14

Board Members Present:

President:	Bill Loughrige
Vice President:	Chuck Bowers
Secretary:	Russ Courtney
Director:	John Ohanesian
Director:	Rudy Erdman
Director:	Scott Stratman
Fire Chief:	Roger Nusbaum

Board Members Absent:

Treasurer: Vic Hencken – out of town

8:45 a.m. **Executive Session**

9:15 a.m. **Begin General Session** – Time Index: 00:55

Approve Agenda – Time Index: 01:06 – Add the Proxy Issue to New Business. (This was discussed

Motion by John to approve the agenda with the additional item, with a second by Rudy. Vote: 6/0
Passed

Public Comments – (questions will be addressed at the end of the meeting) – Time Index: 01:44

Betsy – WCAA would like to conduct their Ice Cream Social at the firehouse. Funds collected would support Firewise for items such as Chipper Day, Needle collection. July, August, and September would be the dates.

Mark – 3 checks delivered covering Annual Contributions and a helipad donation. Discussion of some address changes which occurred in the Big Bug Area.

Carol – asked if this is the full board? 6 of the 7 members are present.

President Report – Time Index: 05:39 – A very nice letter was received from Phil and Peggy Zink with a special donation on behalf of Chief Roger Nusbaum.

Secretary Report – Time Index: 06:58 – The minutes from the April 2014 Board Meeting were distributed to the Board members for review and posted on the web site.

Motion to waive the reading of the minutes was made by John and seconded by Scott. Passed. 6/0

Treasurer Report - Time Index: 07:25 – With Vic not available it appears that our contributions are over budget by approximately \$25K. Cash on hand is roughly \$139K.

Motion to wave the reading of the Treasurers Report was made by John and seconded by Scott. Passed. 6/0

Fire Chief Report - Time Index: 09:52 – **Calls** Two medical calls and one downed power line.

Personnel New volunteer who is a paramedic, engine boss and retired chief. He wants to be very involved and may open some doors for us once he completes his pack test. Another new volunteer has more than 20 years in as a professional firefighter and recently moved here to pursue a new career but still wants to remain attached to the fire service. **Fleet** Still waiting on patrol 83, it got pushed back due to a problem with Patrol 80 which should be resolved this week. Patrol 83 will again spend the summer at my house to offer the opportunity for faster response during fire season. I have added Patrol 84 to the WYFCA Equipment Exchange list. There is no urgency to sell the vehicle but if another department would get more benefit from it than we do then I would like to proceed. **Training** We sent a group of four firefighters to the inter-agency training in Yarnell. We continue to send a message of wanting to integrate and get more training. For our regular trainings we had an after action review (AAR) of the Sundance Fire and we had a mock fire that included a structure fire with a wildland component, other hazards and an opportunity to practice the ISO test. The turnouts were 13 and 14 respectively. **PAWUIC** No report. **Facilities** No report. **Western Yavapai Chiefs Association** The association is moving forward with the Safer Grant focused on recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters and Walker is participating. No expectation has been set for now as of when we will hear. **PRCC** We had a presentation on Smart 911. Essentially there is a website where you provide your particulars which potentially enhances the response. For now our center is not equipped to serve Smart 911, the presentation was an early step in deciding whether to pursue this service. **ISO** We continue to practice as mentioned above. **VFD Grant** Everything has been ordered. We had almost had a snag with ordering turnouts and using a stale quote in the grant writing process. The CYFD Purchasing Consortium came through for us. We had a lot of outlay on all the items, I will submit the reimbursement forms soon and hopefully a check will come shortly thereafter. Could still be months away on the SCBA grant

Chuck asked about the GPS in the grants. The GPS have already been received. John asked when we might hear back from the ISO people. This would be in July. Chuck asked about the ambulance service finding homes. They had used the flashers to indicate to the service where to stop, but they were missed. Is there a possibility that money could be spent to place flashers to mark turns for the ambulance? We have stationed Staff to help direct the ambulance in the past but the ambulance still missed the turns. It can always be improved, but much of this is on the part of the ambulance service. If there are enough people responding from our side, then we might be able to do this. Rudy asked if we have an obligation to act as a guide. No. We do this potentially as a service for the patient. LifeLine has no exception that we are there to guide them. We give best efforts. John asked if the new EMT is a Walker resident? No, but lives close. Bill asked if Cherry FD has an interest in Patrol 84. Not known yet. Also, the Sheriff's office has the reverse 911. Smart 911 would allow you to provide additional information about a particular phone number (not address).

Motion to accept the Fire Chiefs report was made by John and seconded by Rudy. Vote. Passed 6/0.

Committee Reports – Time Index: 25:46

Fundraising – Keith reported that merchandise sale was good at the Pancake Breakfast. The SQUARE technology was not working correctly. May need to look at another service. Will work on this with Vic in preparation for Walker Day.

Bylaws – the question on the Proxy (voting for 3 .v. 4) was addressed by Whittington. The Bylaws do allow us to address this issue. We will ask the webmaster to send out a note to the community.

Firewise – three grants have been submitted. Waiting on work. Several people have asked for an assessment and those are in process. There are a few people asking about disposal of slash. Is the board going to be addressing Needles this year? We can look at this at the budgeting meeting after the new board is in place. Cost is in the hauling. Both were under \$10K for the grinding. Needles are not paid by grants as this is a maintenance issue. In May we had 5 dumpsters and in October we had 1.

Cost for a dumpster was \$475.

Motion to pay for up to 4 dumpsters was made by Chuck and seconded by Scott. This will be tabled until next month.

Volunteer of the Month Recognition – Time Index: 34:15 – No nominations this month.

Old Business – Time Index: 34:20

Welcome Information for New Home Owners – No report. Still in process. The one person who was helping with this has backed out. Between the WCAA and WFPA there is enough information.

Non-Profit Language for Operating Procedures – most of the language is already in our bylaws. A policy on Whistle Blowers needs to be established by Roger and approved by the board. This does not require a change to the bylaws.

Facility Maintenance – Vic had a name of someone he would contact (Larry Sheppard) or a possibility of a talk with Rick Baker. Rudy will follow up on this issue.

Bridge Project – we have received a letter from the Highway Commission asking for permission to access the property for survey purposes. Russ now has this for reply. From the WFPA it looks as though our point person is Bill Loughrige.

Storeroom Project - grant applications have been sent in to ACE, Lowes, and Home Depot. Two calls from the county this week suggested that we have a breakroom allowing for a microwave, stove, and refrigerator. Very positive suggestion. We should hear back in the next five weeks. We need to plan ahead for the framing and roofing estimates. Looking at less than \$20K for this project.

New Business – Time Index: 43:42

WTCS – transfer of \$7K to the WFPA funds should be good based on current figures from accounting. Two weekly collections will begin in May through September. Again, construction debris is not allowed. Collections will be on Monday and Friday. Chuck asked about the No Parking signs that we were going to place out in the parking area. Bill will follow up with the towing company. So far, there has been no hindrance to the operation of the FD.

Agenda for Annual Meeting – the agenda for the meeting was discussed.

Community Announcements: (Firewise, WCAA, Others?) – Time Index: 01:09:06 -

Betsy for WCAA – Coat Drive is on again for this year. Any pledges made this year will be to support our own community to support local grants.

Public Forum (Two Minute Restriction) – None

Carol – suggested to have a lead car with flashers and couple of volunteers

Myra – suggested that the Chief call on Steven to discuss the improvements on the medical reports.

Betsy – re the ambulance: LifeLine passed their address right on Walker Road. They passed it right by.

Betsy – re Chipper Day: not sure what the discussion was on budgeting. Grants have paid for that in the past. They will let us know when they have money.

Betsy – re Sheriff's Posse: just finished a 20 hour wilderness class at the Posse building. Learned that the Sheriff's department has a separate set of software in addition to the WPFA. Have they been coordinated?

Larry – would like to see the Sheriff's Posse find White House. The code on the last dumpster is not working. In stead of moving to table the earlier motion, it should have been added to the next agenda.

Stephen – when we have had a medical call we have told LifeLine that we have a flasher out and a person at the firehouse.

Mark – have we been notified by the County on the Snow Drift changes? He would be willing to help with the mapping.

Mark – suggested adding a printed name in addition to the signature.

Brief Board Discussion if any about public comments –

Bill -

The board does not object to the Ice Cream Socials.

The Sheriff's department had done a compressive mapping on 2002.

There has been an issue with LifeLine. As a community we should meet with LifeLine management and express our concern.

Chipper Day – if there are no grants awarded, then as a contingency the WFPA would like to have budgeted dollars to fund this event.

We were at the Posse Office last last night reviewing their maps. The WFPA maps have been constructed with the Posse and the County offices. The Posse has not yet applied the information we have supplied. The Posse maps also have a spreadsheet showing gates, locks, etc. We will see if the mapping contains the changes up at Snow Drift.

We will look at the locks. We do have extra locks if it needs to be changed.

Chuck -

If we don't have a grant for the Chipper Days, then the WCAA and WFPA should sit down to work on this issue.

I'll restate the motion that it gets moved to the next meting.

Interested if we are following the bylaws for the people who can vote. Russ mentioned those records are available today at this meeting if someone wants to view them.

11:00 a.m. **Adjournment** – Time Index 01:30:04 – Motion to adjourn was made by John and seconded by Rudy. Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:33 AM.