

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

**8 November 14**

**Board Members Present:**

**President:** Bill Loughrige  
**Secretary:** Russ Courtney  
**Treasurer:** Vic Hencken  
**Director:** Rudy Erdman  
**Director:** Steve MacIntosh  
**Director:** Terry Piske  
**Fire Chief:** Roger Nusbaum

**Board Members Absent:**

**Vice President:** John O'Hanesian

9:00 AM Begin General Session

**Approve Agenda** - Time Index: 00:29

Motion to accept the agenda as amended by Terry seconded by Steve. Vote. Passed 6/0

**Public Comments (questions will be addressed at the end of the meeting)** - Time Index: 01:00

Loren – week ago Wednesday Firiewise got final approval on a \$70K grant. This will fund the Chip & Haul events. Loren would like to have one set for early March with a second set for the following year.

Loren – Firewise is recording time with a new timesheet that is available from Loren or on their website..

**President Report** - Time Index: 05:14

We had a discussion about the bylaw presented by the committee. On the 22 November we will meet with the committee for a discussion and hammer out the final language.

**Secretary Report** - Time Index: 06:29

The minutes from the October Meeting were distributed to the Board members and posted on the website along with the Audio file from the meeting.

39 returns were received from the most recent mailing. The addresses used for that mailing came from the most up-to-date data available from Yavapai County. The breakdown of the reasons for the returns is shown below.

- 2 – returned as Vacant by the Postal Service
- 2 – returned as Unable to Forward by the Postal Service
- 3 – returned as Not Deliverable As Addressed
- 4 – returned by the Postal Service where research shows that there are new Owners of Record
- 14 – returned by the Postal Service with updated addressed and research shows those addresses are now correct in the County data.

- 14 – returned by the Postal Service with updated addresses and research shows that the County data is NOT updated (our information is more current)

I will hold the 14 where our information is more current and will check the data for those addresses to see if they have been updated. Also the current value of our account with the postal service is \$186.39 as of 6 October 14. This account is used to cover any change of address updates which are returned to us by the Postal Service.

Thank You letters have been sent to the seven contractors who discounted or donated services and materials for the Storage Area and Break Room construction project.

As a summary on the construction project, In Kind Services donated by Walker Residents was valued at \$12,290. In Kind Donations by Walker Residents was valued at \$5350. In Kind Services and Material donated by Contractors was valued at \$7,238.

Motion to wave with the reading of the minutes was made by Terry and seconded by Vic . Vote. Passed. 6/0

#### **Treasurer Report**- Time Index: 09:15

Rudy did a fabulous job with the construction project. Getting ready to turn over

A motion was made to transfer the Treasures position from Vic to Steve, by Terry with a second by Rudy. Vote. Passed 6/0.

Our Assistant Treasurer is available with checks if needed.

Cash on hand \$130K. Overall we are ahead of budget by \$10K. Expenses are remaining below budget. The last letter to the community yielded about \$10K in donations.

Bill commented that Walker Trash had additional funds to transfer.

A motion was made to accept the Treasures report by Steve and seconded by Terry. Vote. Passed 6/0

#### **Fire Chief Report**- Time Index: 14:23

**Calls** One medical call. **Personnel** We have started enrolling people into the Wildfire Academy for 2015 including a new recruit for the basic class. **Fleet** Fleet still going through annual servicing. Engine 86 is in for servicing now. **Training** We continued our structure training module, next we will be focusing EMS for the next few months and then Wildland in the spring. **Facilities** We are enjoying the extra room both in the main garage, back shed and the office. **Western Yavapai Chiefs Association** I will continue on as VP for another year. **PRCC** No report. **PAUWIC** We are participating in this year's Christmas Parade.

Regarding our radios: We are looking at installing an additional repeater at the communications building to accommodate some dead spots. As far as using the Groom Creek Channel, only the incident commander will use that channel. All other radio traffic has been moved off to the Walker Fire repeater. This has reduced traffic by 90% and has satisfied Groom Creek's original issue. Long range it is not

necessary for us to have our own channel.

Regarding water tenders: We should be planning on spending roughly \$40K for a mid to late 90's vehicle. A new one would be in the area of \$200K. Our current trucks are early 90's. To get into the 2000's would be a significant jump.

Motion to accept the Fire Chief Report was made by Terry and seconded by Vic . Vote. Passed. 6/0

#### **Committee Reports (Fundraising, By-Laws, and Firewise)** - Time Index: 22:49

- Fundraising - newsletter is in process. This will be a postcard .v. the printed newsletter. The card will direct people to the website.
- By-Laws – postponed until 22 November
- Firewise – see report earlier in these notes.

#### **Volunteer of the Month Recognition-** Time Index: 26:07

None received for this month.

#### **Old Business-** Time Index: 26:08

- Welcome Information for New Home Owners – new Pet notification cards were sent. The county is no longer printing them however can use them. We have modified the card so that it can be printed and distributed. The File of Life which was brought to our attention by Loren and Victoria. This is pouch that is attached to the refrigerator by a magnet. These will be modified to carry our logo and will be sold at the merchandise table for current residents.
- Facility Maintenance – Rick and Bob will put together the plan for us.
- Storeroom Project – project is complete and Rudy had done an excellent job.
- Fall Newsletter – discussed earlier.
- Re: Fundraising: Rudy was recently in Jacksonhole WY. They have a banner that says “Come to our Fire and well come to yours!”

#### **New Business-** Time Index: 32:00

None

#### **Community Announcements: (Firewise, WCAA, Others?)** - Time Index: 32:01

Loren – 15 November the WCAA is holding their White Elephant Dinner at the Tocker's residence. WCAA does have new officers as of October.

**Public Forum (Two-minute restriction)**

Joyce – on all the red billboards we need to have Walker Fire Department and also the website. People do not know that there is a website.

Joyce – has an update on the GIS Mapping. There is one road that is still not mapped (Boundary Springs) as the gate has been locked. Some additional work needs to be done in Potato Patch. Also made the County aware of Lake Drive which is not in their GIS data. The Fire department has Kindle devices to use the GIS Maps. This information is not in GPS Maps. Once the County updates their data with our updates, they will make it available for the GPS (Garmin, Tom Tom, etc) Maps.

**Brief Board discussion, if any, about public comments**

11:00 AM **Adjournment**- Time Index: 39:51

Motion to adjourn was made by Terry and seconded by Rudy . Vote. Passed. 6/0 Meeting adjourned at 10:01 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.**