

Please note that beginning with the 13 October 12 meeting, transcriptions of the WFPA Board Meeting Minutes will no longer occur. In place of the transcription the agenda, which appears below, will be augmented to contain a very brief description of each topic along with a Time Index. The Time Index points to the approximate location where the topic is discussed in the accompanying audio file. The audio file is a recording of the meeting. The entire topic can be reviewed by positioning to that Time Index using your computer.

AGENDA WFPA
Board of Directors Meeting

13 July 13

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

None

9:00 a.m. **Executive Session**

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

Approve Agenda – Time Index: 01:14 –

Motion by Chuck to approve the agenda with a second by Scott. Vote: 7/0 Passed

Public Comments – (questions will be addressed at the end of the meeting) – Time Index: 01:42

Silence was observed for the Yarnell 19.

Keith – can we get a Treasurer’s Report for each month? A: Vic will provide the Profit and Loss report on a consistent monthly basis for the web site.

President Report – Time Index: 05:13 – Our executive session included some discussion on fundraising which is also included in the agenda. Some projects have fallen through the crack due to funding. There are items which we need to pay attention to include the Hilo Landing Pad, Storage space on the back of the existing garage, Breezy Pines Station,

Potato Patch Station, and the Equipment which need to be addressed. The board needs to address these in a timely manner. Scott is looking to raise funds for the medical side.

Secretary Report – Time Index: 08:41 – Minutes from the 8 June 13 meeting were posted on the website and distributed to the Board for review. The Audio File from the meeting was also posed on the website.

I have filed the Annual Report with the State of Arizona. While not due until September, there was no reason not to file it now and have that completed. I took the opportunity to update the addresses as needed before filing. Total cost of filing was \$45.

The signed Articles of Incorporation were delivered to Bill Whittington's office for filing with the State and publication in a local newspaper per State statute.

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes was made by John and seconded by Vic. Passed. 7/0

Treasurer Report - Time Index: 09:57 – \$120K cash on hand. Net income for the FY thus far is \$725. Roger and Vic will meet this coming week to establish the budget for this year.

Motion to accept the Treasurers Report was made by Chuck and seconded by Scott. Passed. 7/0

Fire Chief Report - Time Index: 11:25 – Fire Chief Report **Calls:** Four medical calls and one smoke investigation. **Fleet:** Later this month we will start rotating vehicles in for their annual maintenance. **Training:** Drafting & Ropes on June 15th. A diffusing session about the Granite Mountain Hot Shots on July 6. **PAWUIC:** No report. **Facilities:** No report. **Prescott Basin Ops Group:** Superintendent Eric Marsh was Chairman of this Group, I have been the secretary. **Western Yavapai Chiefs Association:** No meeting due to the Yarnell Hill Fire tragedy. **Paramedic Update:** We are done with severity. There was good that came from renting the medics and also things to improve on if we do this again. In the last few weeks there were some complicated calls. Two patients walked in with the same condition. They were not related. **Stage 2 Burn Restrictions remain in effect.** **Granite Mountain Hotshots:** We had nine firefighters plus one alumnus attend the memorial for the Granite Mountain Hot Shots on Tuesday. We handled ourselves very well. I was interviewed live on Channel 3 in uniform right before the memorial. It was about a four minute interview and there were a couple of camera shots of the Walker Fire logo on my blue shirt. I was told the interview also ran later in the day but I never saw that.

Question from Scott: What was the cost of having the paramedics? Roger: The cost of the paramedics was roughly \$55 per shift with approximately 20 shifts. Drug box was an addition \$300. Additional discussion ensued about the possibility of extending this program through the end of summer.

Question from Chuck: Is it possible to use paramedics over the Labour Day holiday?
Roger: This would be in the area of an additional \$300.

Motion was made by Chuck to approve a severity patrol for the Labour Day weekend, and seconded by Chuck. There was additional discussion for and against the motion, and the possibility of charging for the ambulance service. Bill suggested tabling this until next month so that the board can discuss this expenditure and need. Cost .v. Efficiency need.

Motion to accept the Fire Chiefs report was made by Chuck and seconded by John.
Vote. Passed 7/0.

Committee Reports – Time Index: 27:55

Firewise – Loren met with a lady at Breezy Pines and provided them with the contact information for Gary Royce. Grinder Month total cost was \$7423+/- . We are getting inquiries about when the Grinder Month would take place. There is potential for another one later in the year. There were 7 40 yard containers removed and 5 40 yard containers of needles. Needle removal cost was \$1640. There was additional discussion about a Firewise packet for new homeowners which is available.

Volunteer of the Month Recognition – Time Index: 30:28 – The board recognized three individuals for their work at our Walker Days Event. Congratulations to Laura MacEwen, Jean Luppa, Charlie Hyman. It was very difficult to recognize everyone who assisted.

Old Business

Landing Pad Construction and Driveway Entrance – Time Index: 31:25 – Grant applications have been submitted to Lowes, Home Depot, and the Yavapai Tribe. The grants take 1 to 7 months for response. We do have the opportunity to get the funds via community members and we are proceeding with that process. Funding is from a community member generosity. We should accept the opportunity and get it completed. There was discussion by the board mostly in favour. There is no certainty that we would get a grant or that we would get the amount requested.

Rudy will move forward with the project.

Budget – Time Index: 39:42 – That will be forthcoming.

Fundraising - Time Index 40:27 – Bill Haggard will be in town and will try to meet with Vic this week. Scott will be starting his efforts geared towards our medical needs. Firefighter Appreciation day is underway. Our goal will be to raise \$2000. The pig is being provided.

Building in Potato Patch – Time Index: 41:31 – This has been an ongoing project. The latest information is that there are 3 people who are preventing the HOA from moving forward. Their elections are being re-run. Their Annual Meeting is in September. WFPA

is still in agreement that we would like to place a piece of equipment in their area for faster response time. Potato Patch would lease the fire station to us. There was additional discussion by the board.

Walker Trash – Time Index: 47:47 - We have been experiencing trash filled containers, trash on the ground, etc. We now will have pick-ups on Monday and Friday through the remainder of the season - September.

New Business

Memorial Gift to the Yarnell 19 – Time Index: 49:52 – There was a discussion in the executive session on this topic. We are going to ask the Community to provide donations for the long term care of these families. Chase Bank has set up a 501(c)3 for this purpose. We will funnel all money received directly to a charity. Checks should be made out to The Yarnell 19.

Monthly “Your Donation at Work Newsletter” - Time Index 51:56 – Not everyone in Walker knows where your donations go. This will be a one pager for the community so that they know what projects cost. This will be made available on a monthly basis on the web and sent via eMail.

Availability of Stress Counseling for our Firefighters – Time Index: 53:36 – Roger mentioned that they have had one session re: PTSD. Carl Zimmerman has offered to be available for this type of program for our firefighters.

Welcome Information for New Home Owners – Time Index: 54:39 - This was mentioned earlier. Suggestion is that we also add in a WPFA donation letter. There needs to be a constant reminder to the community.

Firefighter Appreciation Day (Fundraiser for Paramedics?) – Time Index: 56:07 – Discussed earlier today.

Fire Safety Education – Time Index: 56:12 - Discussed earlier today. WFPA will do what we need to help educate the community with Loren’s help.

Dues Notice Sign at Fire Station – Time Index: 55:33 - This was mentioned earlier at this time segment.

Community Announcements: (Firewise, WCAA, Others?) – Time Index: 56:13 -

Myra – suggest that a week before the board meeting that we put a sign out at Blue Jay for the meeting.

Steven – Talked with Jack Smith, our District 5 representative, that there are funds available. We need to keep close contact with him and make sure that he is aware of our meetings/events so that he might attend.

Victoria – 59 coats so far for this year’s drive. Pledges are also being accepted. The next Sundaes on Saturday is coming up at the fire house. 5-6 Oct, WCAA will be doing an arts and crafts show at Tim’s Toyota Centre from 9 to 4.

Public Forum (Two Minute Restriction) – Time Index: 01:03:00 -

Victoria – nothing mentioned in the committee reports about a ByLaws committee. Have an issue as to why we cannot charge someone that we are helping with the severity patrols.

Myra – Thanks to the fire department and to Dr. Kravitz for things that they are doing for our community

Brief Board Discussion if any about public comments –

ByLaw Committee was dealing with Articles of Incorporation. That has now been completed. We do need to get to the ByLaws this year.

The refrigerators need to be replaced. Chuck and Scott will split the \$400 cost to replace one of the refrigerators.

In terms of being able to charge for service, we are not a State certified ambulance service. We are unable to charge as it creates an expectation of service. We should make up a post card asking for donation when we go on a medical call.

11:00 a.m. **Adjournment** – Time Index 01:08:55 – Motion to adjourn was made by Vic and seconded by John. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM.