

AGENDA WFPA
Board of Directors Meeting

January 14, 2012

8:30 a.m. Executive Session

9:20 a.m. Begin General Session

Board Members present;

Bill Loughrige, President, Mark Keegan-Vice President, Greg Kozlowski-Treasurer, Board Members Vic Hencken, John Ohanesian and Greg Stava.

Approve Agenda

Greg Stava moved to accept the agenda as presented, Vic Hencken second, motion passed by unanimous vote.

President Report

President William Loughrige read a letter of resignation for Fire Chief Bob Loughrige.

I was approached by two current WFPA Board members asking that I step aside and let another person be the Walker Fire Chief. I will do this willingly to promote unity in the Walker Community. I will do what is necessary to make this change a smooth transition.

Best regards,

Bob Loughrige

WFPA Fire Chief

Things I have been working on, if you have any question phone me 480-229-6393.

1. The WFPA radio frequencies are both certified narrow band. One is in the process of being renewed. Adam Nelson is in the process of renewal for us. The only charge will be the filing fee.
2. The radios in our trucks may not be programmable to narrow band. This needs to be checked ASAP.
3. Purchase of a 2000-gallon spring tank. I have two bids which a presented to the WFPA Board.
4. SOPs are still being worked on by Mayer. I forwarded the first half to the Board President.

5. The SOGs are still being worked on by Mayer. I have not seen anything in writing about our new SOGs.
6. We still need to find pagers. Adam Nelson, and Bill Loughrige are working on pagers.
7. Storage at the station is being worked on by Mark Herrin.
8. We need to buy a Type 1 Engine to maintain our 8B ISO rating. Mayer is working on this item.
9. Pat Frey from Glendale Fire has agreed to help us with structure training.
10. Chad Upchurch is an Engine Boss and lives in Prescott Valley, has agreed to help us with Wild Land Training to keep his certificates current with the Forest Service.
11. The Station's Computer Program needs work. Mainly to have the training, and inventory entered and maintained. Contact Todd Bentley
12. Each Compartment on each truck should have an inventory sheet. When someone opens a compartment looking for a part they can refer to this sheet. (Idea from Mayer)
13. The station needs painting. See Jay Sumner.
14. A drive through driveway for the trash.
15. The office log and the run reports need to improve. Writing needs to be in ink and readable.
16. There is a new red card program in the computer. Old computer/training/red cards this may help you find it. Also, everyone has an incident card in their training file.
17. Programming for narrow band with Alarm is scheduled for August 20012.
18. We need a new inventory for the Station.

This topic had been discussed in the Executive Session.

The resignation was accepted by the Board of Directors

Greg Kozlowski moved to appoint Roger Nusbaum as Fire Chief, Vic Hencken seconded and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Roger Nusbaum was seated at the Board table as a non-voting member.

Secretary Report

John Ohanesian moved to dispense with the reading of the previous Board Meetings minutes, Greg Stava seconded and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Treasurer Report (Payment Resolutions)

January 2012 WFPA Board Meeting Treasurer's Report for the month of December

Overview	Current Fiscal Year *	
Deposits	\$7,256.25	\$32,555.67
Debits	\$14,417.41	\$56,452.46
Net	(\$7,161.16)	(\$23,896.79)
Approximate final bank balance (all accounts combined)		\$130,000.00

Deposit Breakdown

Annual Dues	\$7,226
Donut Fundraiser	\$30

Large debits**

Mayer Consulting	\$6,000
Truck Repair & Maint.	\$3,350
VFIS Insurance	\$2,520

* Fiscal Year Runs June-May

**\$500 and over, rounded to nearest \$10

Greg Stava moved to accept the Treasurers report, Mark Keegan seconded and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Budget overlay with QuickBooks

The Budget overlay discussion was tabled.

Fire Chief Report (Includes ISO)

Roger Nusbaum reported the WFD had responded to one assist call, had been called and cancelled for a smoke detector call and had been cancelled after being dispatched to a call at Lynx Lake.

Roger identified three firefighters who had passed the EMT class and were available to answer calls in Walker. They are beside himself, Jake Mathis and Todd Klimas.

Volunteer of the Month Recognition

Bill Loughrige presented Bob Curry and James Lee their Certificates of Appreciation for the assistance they have provided Bob Loughrige during his tenure as Fire Chief.

Type I Fire Truck

This background for the purchase of a Type I fire truck is provided for information.

The WFPA Board of Directors had studied the ISO requirements and had decided that the WFPA needed to buy a truck that would meet the requirements of ISO as a structure engine.

That decision was based on information provided to the Board in a special meeting that included anyone who had information about the topic.

Our consultant Glenn Brown had recommended such an acquisition in his review of the WFD in May and he continues to make that recommendation.

Those discussions included an exhaustive look at ISO requirements.

A summary of those are.

ISO has a 100-point scale for categorizing response capabilities of fire departments. Of those 100 points, 10 are obtained by a Pumper also referred to as a Type I truck. The other points are awarded for a service truck, alarm/dispatch services, training, record keeping and water availability.

A big part of our discussion surrounded the sufficiency of MP 85 as a qualifying engine. The opinion of the Board was that it does not meet those requirements.

There are dissenters from that opinion who believe MP85 can be modified to meet the criteria. They cite possible classification changes to the GVW, adding equipment not originally built on the truck.

The Board believed those modifications and the risk that the truck would not meet the criteria were not worth it.

MP85 does meet the requirement as a Service Truck and would in itself garner many of the 10 points possible in that category. It is, and will remain an important part of our inventory.

The topic before the Board was the purchase of the 1986 International 4WD International Type I Fire Engine for \$30,000.00 and the additional costs for shipping and other expenses totaling as much as \$15,000.00

Much of what was presented by members during the open forum was a repeat of the discussion about needing to buy such a truck and the reason the Board made the decision it did.

Members presented their thoughts and Board Members addressed those issues with explanations of the process and their reasons.

Specific concerns put forward included;

The proposed truck did not have foam capabilities

The truck would not carry enough SCBA equipment

The truck would not carry a 36-foot ladder or enough ladders

The truck was too heavy and would not do well on roads in Walker

The truck was too expensive and was in unknown condition

A 4WD truck would not be enough better than a 2-Wd truck to justify the expense

There was a questions about the possibility weight of the proposed truck exceeded its GVW

Whether or not the truck would fit in the station was asked

There was an opinion that there was no real difference between the proposed truck & MP85

Bill Loughrige reported that the seller of the proposed fire truck had been using this truck as an ISO qualifying engine. The truck was reported to be capable of carrying 7 sets of SCBA and 7 extra tanks. It was also reported to be capable of carrying a 36' ladder. It had been inspected and was in serviceable condition.

There was a plea from one community member that the Board make their decision based only on what the Board felt necessary to maintain the ISO rating of 8b.

Several Board members had also made that point. The decision to buy a truck was made because the Board believes it is the best way to help ensure the 8b rating is maintained.

Board Resolution/Motion to Purchase the 1986 International 4WD Type I Fire Truck

Greg Stava moved to purchase the 1986 International Truck form Deer Lake for \$30,000.00 with \$15,000.00 for any expense associated with bring the truck to Walker and outfitting the truck for operations.

Vic Hencken asked Greg Stava to amend his motion to include assurances that the truck met weight restrictions and would fit in the firehouse. Greg Stava accepted these amendments. Greg Kozlowski seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Old Business

MVD Records Checks

This subject was tabled again as it is pending the approval of SOP's and SOG's

Update on EMS training/graduations,

[This topic was covered in the Fire Chef's report](#)

By-Laws/Articles of Incorporation

Bill Curosh reported that in his opinion the Articles of Incorporation had been modified according to our By-Laws and state statutes. He provided copies of relevant statutes to the Board members.

Alarm Contract

Bill Loughrige reported that the contract with the City of Prescott had been returned to the Prescott for minor modifications suggested by Bill Curosh.

SOG's & SOP's

Mayer is still working on these and this subject was tabled.

New Business

Committee Formation

Nomination Committee

Greg Stava agreed to chair this committee. Vic Hencken will assist him.

February Dues Letter/ April Newsletter

Greg Stava and Vic Hencken will prepare a dues letter for mailing in February

Community Announcements: (Firewise, WCAA, Others?)

Myra Nathenson reminded that Coffee, Donuts and Waffles would be the last Saturday of February.

She also reported that there had been 50 people attend the Sun Dogs Hockey match. They had a very good time.

Betsy Bykerk added that the 22 tickets donated to the Veterans Recreational Therapy were well received and there was a letter of appreciation was coming from that association.

Betsy also said there were plans to hold additional First Aid classes with the American Heart Association and Red Cross. She will send out notices when the schedule is set.

Public Forum

Tim McFarlan said that we owe Bob a debt of gratitude for stepping in during difficult times and that he should be recognized in some way for his efforts as Fire Chief.

Larry Messerly said that Patriot waste company had a recycling program that sorted household garbage. That way everyone would be involved in recycling.

Bill Loughrige responded that we are committed to a contract with Waste Management for another year. It is his opinion that Patriot would be a better vender for a variety of reasons.

Chuck Bower reported we have had a very successful Firewise season. He said that Gary Roysdon needs to be recognized for his efforts. He has done an excellent job in clearing a number of properties.

According to Loren Bykerk, the chipper days have resulted in 350 CU yards of material carried away.

The original Firewise Grant money is nearly used up. There is still the possibility for additional funds, but that will depend on the County Board of Supervisors. Chuck suggests Walker residents attend those meetings in February and March to support that effort.

In addition to Gary Roysdon, Chuck wanted to recognize Loren Bykerk for all the work he put into the Firewise effort this year. Loren spent a lot of time and effort to make this a successful program.

Chuck said the Firewise effort had done a lot to bring the community together.

Loren said it was the community that made this work. He said there was 115 tons of flammable material removed from the area in the process. Ninety-nine percent hauled to the Fire Station to be chipped and hauled away by the property owners themselves.

Victoria Morhaus thanked the Webmaster for publishing the Agenda.

She asked if the 3 new EMT's were full time or part time and whether or not the WFPA had purchased the new computer yet and if so what kind was it and how much did it cost?

Roger Nusbaum replied that there was 1 full time resident (him), one that lived in Prescott Valley and had a history of very rapid response times and one that was a part time resident that lived in Mesa.

She was told that the computer had been purchased some months before the cost and type of computer was not readily available, but was believed to be less than \$500.00.

Betsy Bykerk repeated the call to have as many people as possible at the March Yavapai County Board of Supervisors meeting in March to help them understand the Walker Community is behind any effort to help clean up the ladder fuels in our area.

The date for that meeting is not set yet.

John Ohanesian said he will chair a Walker Day for the summer of 2012. He will need help and asks that anyone willing to do so contact him.

Gene Tomak asked if it was possible to stop the camping around the Fire Station by the prospectors. He said they had taken to parking in front of the Fire House and were making a mess of the stream.

This is becoming an issue. We are listed on the internet as a friendly place for prospectors.

If the people who come will not demonstrate courteous behavior to the property, the Board will need to see what can be done to stop their activities. Some of the people that come are the Veterans Rehabilitation group.

11:45 a.m. Adjournment