

MINUTES
WFPA Board of Directors Meeting

May 12, 2012

9:00 a.m. Executive Session

9:20 a.m. Begin General Session

Board Members Present

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

Also present were guests Harold Wise and Jack Smith, both candidates for the County Board of Supervisors in the area that will serve Walker.

Approve Agenda

President Bill Loughrige added discussion about placing the Centennial Monument and a Community Garden. John Ohanesian moved and Mark Keegan seconded to accept the Agenda as modified; Passed

President Report

Deferred to the Agenda

Secretary Report

Greg Stava moved, Mark Keegan seconded the motion to dispense with the reading of the April 14, 2012 Board Meeting minutes: Passed

Treasurer Report (Payment Resolutions)

Budget overlay with QuickBooks

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Treasurer's Report for the month of April

Overview

Current Fiscal Year *

Deposits	\$20,336.00	\$90,368.73
Debits	\$5,764.82	\$120,445.29
Net	\$14,571.18	(\$30,076.56)
Approximate final bank balance (all accounts combined)		\$120,000.00 ***

Deposit Breakdown

Annual Dues \$13,655

Walker Trash	\$6,050
Bingo	\$550
Donuts & Pancake Bkfst	\$81

Large debits**

United Fire	\$1,910
Fire Shelters (5)	\$1,730

* Fiscal Year Runs June-May

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

*** Does not include funds designated for Big Bug Station

Treasurer Greg Kozlowski thanked Elaine Pickens for her help in downloading the information from QuickBooks to print the receipt/thank you letters and envelopes. He also thanked Jackie Michelson and Linda Myers for helping stuff and mail the letters.

He also said he has heard from several people who have been withholding donations that they were considering becoming donors again. He thanked them for that as well.

Greg Stava Moved and Vic Hencken seconded the motion to accept the Treasures Report:
Passed

Fire Chief Report (Includes ISO)

Calls:

One public assist medical

One public assist forest service gate

Training:

Met with Wade Ward about how Prescott FD can get involved with helping us train.

Met with Scott Philips from Glendale FD, he might be able to help with training as well

We had two fantastic trainings this month; very productive and very large turnouts

Hazmat training is scheduled for July 7

Fleet:

Patrol 84 has been relocated

We had batteries die on Tender 82 and Patrol 84, they were replaced

SOP SOG committee:

We have had two SOP SOG meetings since the last board meeting (4/28 and 5/12). We are working through this with each committee member taking on one SOP or SOG for each meeting but the expectation needs to be that this will take a long time; we really started at ground zero.

Personnel:

No Report

Dispatch

In working on the SOP related to dispatch, the RDC has indicated that we can dispatch our own local additional resources but they can help us with this if we need it.

Inter-agency:
No report

PAWUIC meeting:
Forest Service expects to impose burn bans as soon as May 17 and if they do, the county will also ban burning in line with the FS.

Severity:

We have started severity and expected to run until the monsoon season, possibly a week into the monsoon season. Some of the firefighters participating are donating their time, which will make it a little cheaper.

Substation:

Mark Herrin has said he hopes to frame out next weekend, we hope to send some firefighters up there to be involved after our training.

Fire conditions:

Because of the little bit of rain and snow the "significant fire potential" as published by NIFC for May is normal but for the rest of the fire season it is slated to be above normal (above normal is typical for us)

President Bill Loughrige said there has been a discussion about water capacity. Glenn Brown has indicated we are in compliance for the 8b rating. Bill Loughrige said the issue of additional water capacity would be funneled to the Strategic Planning Committee for future consideration.

Fire Chief Roger Nusbaum repeated that the WFD is gathering a list of water resources and that information will be consolidated into response plans. He asked anyone who had a large water tank they would allow the FD to use to contact him.

Vic Hencken asked about Red Cards and whether or not volunteers who did not could be used on severity patrol.

Roger answered that he preferred the severity patrol to be two fire fighters. He also said the severity assignment included work around the Fire Station. In that capacity a volunteer could help. A volunteer might also be able to ride along with the two fire fighters on the patrol if there was room in the vehicle.

John Ohanesian moved and Vic Hencken seconded the motion to accept the Fire Chief's report:
Passed

Committee Reports

Nominating Committee

Greg Stava; No activity other than the two candidates announced in the newsletter.

ISO Map

Bill Loughrige reported that the ISO had asked for the ISO Shape file that had been discussed by the Board in past months. It has been provided to them. ISO is also asking for a map of water resources, which should be ready midsummer.

Fire Wise

Betsy Bykerk had requested the WFPA to assist in the funding of a Chipper Day. Mark Keegan moved and Greg Kozlowski seconded a motion to split the cost of Chipper day over the amount left in the Firewise Grant with the WCAA: Passed

Chuck Bower reported that PAWUIC meeting but they have not committed funds to Walker as of this date. There are monies available, but we need to move forward. He believes the Fire Wise effort has done a lot to bring the community together for a common cause.

Volunteer of the Month Recognition

President Bill Loughrige recognized Elaine Pickens, Jacqui Michelson and Linda Meyers for their assistance to Treasurer Greg Kozlowski in sorting, stuffing and mailing out the donations receipts and thank you letters.

He also recognized Christi and Tim McFarlan, Debbie and Gary Honeycutt and Jane and Ed O'Clair for helping stuff and mail the 900 plus Newsletters. Their efforts saved the WFPA some \$600.00 in costs.

Lani Stave was recognized for her work in putting the Newsletter together.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of the WFPA and their help is greatly appreciated.

Old Business

MVD Records Checks

The SOP has been adopted, the contract has been signed and the first batch of MVD record checks has been completed.

By-Laws/Articles of Incorporation

The proposed Bylaws have been reviewed by our attorney Bill Whittington. Their answer included comments about the Articles of Incorporation as well. Our emphasis is at this time is the Bylaws. Those changes were mostly clerical.

Bill Whittington also repeated his concerns that the 2001 Bylaws were inadequate and new Bylaws were needed.

Greg Stava moved and Vic Hencken seconded to make the changes as indicated by Bill Whittington. The changed articles would be posted on the web site and emailed to the community email list. Passed

SOG's & SOP's

Driving SOP modified at the request of President William Loughrige to include that the Fire Chief has the ability to authorize anyone he deems necessary in an emergency and the ability to revoke the driving privilege.

Vic Hencken moved and Greg Kozlowski seconded the motion to approve the driving SOP as modified; Passed

April Newsletter

Greg Stava reported the April Newsletter was done and mailed.

Building on Big Bug

The "Barn Raising" on May 19, 2012 for the new building on the Big Bug is still set to go.

Internet Contract

Nick Wold on behalf of Walker Wi-Fi has offered to provide a reduced rate to the WFPA for the internet service from that company. All arrangements have now been made with Century Link for the service to continue.

John Ohanesian moved and Vic Hencken seconded to approve the contract with Walker Wi-Fi and to cancel the Wild Blue contract; Passed

Annex New Areas (Mill Site & Enchanted Forest)

Bill Loughrige presented the GIS committee's map of areas to be annexed so property owners outside the three-mile circle limiting voting rights will be eligible to vote.

This issue of is not related to service area. We service areas beyond the three-mile area. Fire Chief Roger Nusbaum confirmed that the WFD has historically serviced areas beyond the areas being annexed.

The areas generally are the Enchanted Forest area, the properties next to Lynx Lake to the north and Hassayampa Lake, Mill Site Village and other properties to the south.

John Ohanesian moved and Greg Stava seconded the motion to annex the area outlined so property owners within those boundaries would be Members Eligible to Vote at WFPA Membership meetings; Passed

New Business

Walker Trash Collection

Bill Loughrige provided P&L statements for the trash service showing \$3,464.23 profit. The balance sheet shows a cash balance of \$7,849.39 as of May 11, 2012. The cash balance is enough to cover expected expenses for insurance and WM fees for the remainder of 2012.

Bill Loughrige said he had ordered a special box for handling the florescent light bulbs but Wm had not supplied it yet.

Greg Stava suggested any new contract not include an evergreen provision like the one WM has that requires notice 90 days before the contract expires or the contract automatically renews.

Garden

Bill Loughrige said he had been approached by WFA members to authorize a community garden. The sense of the Board was that a garden would be fine but should not involve Board input.

Annual Meeting Agenda

The Board discussed and formulated an Agenda for the Annual meeting and process for the ballot process and ballot counting.

Walker Day

John Ohanesian said there would be live music, B-B-Q picnic food, Cake Walk and the Yard Sale. Drop off periods will be announced for items to be left at the Fire Station. John asked for any volunteers who are interested in baking cakes or helping in any way contact him.

Annual Meeting Sound Support

The Board approved expenditure for a temporary sound system to improve the quality of sound for the annual meeting. Vic Hencken volunteered to coordinate that effort.

Community Announcements:

Chuck Bowers asked about the possibility of restrictions for the equipment used for Chipper Day.

The Board believes that the Fire Chief can issue a variance for that purpose.

Betsy Bykerk thanked the Board for working with the WCAA to fund the Chipper Day. She said the Fire Wise Committee is working well together.

The WCAA has a three-mile section of Walker Road that they have periodic clean-up days. They have removed a large amount of trash and the road looks better for it.

Victoria Morhous reported that the WCAA fund raising dinner was set for June 15, 2012. The cost will be \$25.00 a person. The function starts with an Art Auction and hors d'oeuvres at the Morhous residence from 3:00-4:30 p.m. The dinner will be at the Highland Center starting at 5:00 p.m. with a Western Theme, no loaded firearms.

John Horvat announced that Pan Cake Day's were starting up again and that Bingo was doing well. He said that has 35 people at the last Bingo game. He said the prizes will grow as participation grows and pointed out that a \$4.00 ticket allows you to play all night.

Public Forum

Joyce Hyman asked if Proxy votes were going to be used at the Annual meeting because they were going to be gone.

Victoria Morhous complained that there was a Red Flag at the Fire Station, but no Red Flag at Blue Jay so people that do not come past the Fire Station would know when there was a Red Flag warning.

Chuck Bower said that John Horvat did not include in his report that one person won \$100.00 at the Bingo night. He reiterated the Bingo is a lot of fun.

Chuck also said that it would be a good idea for the Fire Chief to showcase the new Fire Truck and to talk about the ISO.

Chuck also spoke about the "Barn Raising" for the new building on the Big Bug. There will be a cold cuts and a great time.

He also said the road clean up is a good project and a lot of fun while at the same time hard work.

Brief Board discussion if any about public comments

President Bill Loughrige advised that there was no procedure for using proxy vote at this time. There have been discussions about this topic with legal advisors. State Statue allows for proxy votes if not address in the Bylaws, but the WFPA has never used them.

The new Bylaws will include language about proxy voting and the Board will have to come up with guidelines if the Bylaws are passed.

Fire Chief Roger Nusbaum said that the use of the Red Flag at the fire station is not the deciding factor in assigning Red Flag conditions. He puts the flag out when there are public announcements for things like windy days. He does not always get the flag back in and will try to make the Webmaster aware of the Red Flag warnings so they can be announced by E-mail.

Victoria Morhous interrupted and said that does not address why there is no Red Flag at Blue Jay Road.

President Bill Loughrige interrupted the disjointed conversation that followed.

Greg Stava suggested that a resident on Blue Jay could take responsibility for placing the Red Flag.

There were no volunteers.

10:40 a.m. The Board adjourned by unanimous motion, second: Passed