

WFPA ANNUAL MEETING

MINUTES

June 30, 2012 (Postponed Because of the Gladiator Fire)

9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by President Bill Loughrige

Pledge of Allegiance

President Bill Loughrige reported on the status of the WFPA and the ongoing efforts to improve recruitment and training of Volunteer Fire Fighters and the purchase of the Type 1 Structure Fire Truck. A sub-station has been planned, monies raised and construction started on a substation on the Big Bug. Efforts are underway to do the same in the Potato patch and there has been discussion about one in Breezy Pines. Board meetings have a disciplined agenda with time for all public comments, but no allowance for arguing and cross talk during the business meeting.

Bill also read the 2011 minutes, as there was no Secretary for the year.

Greg Kozlowski gave the Treasurer's report. Deposits were \$106,352.73 Debits \$134,039.14 for a net loss of \$27,686.41. (This included the purchase of the Type 1 Structure truck and the Training contract with Mayer. These balances did not include the monies donated for the Big Bug Station which were \$20,000.00). Final bank balance (all accounts combined) \$120,000.00 estimated (Year end reconciliation not yet finished)

Fire Chief Roger Nusbaum reported there were 24 active Volunteer Firefighters. The department answered 4 lightning fire calls and had been in communication with the Incident Command regarding the Gladiator fire. The WFPA answered 17 medical calls. He said there had been a larger emphasis on structure training with help from the Mayor Fire Department.

There is a constant need to upgrade our equipment and he thanked the community for their past support, saying it is very important that we continue to find the way to keep up with our equipment needs.

He advised that the fire service industry is evolving very rapidly demanding more time and training for our firefighters. We will need to find a way to ease the burden these requirements take on our Volunteers time and energy.

Bill Loughrige presented the proposed By-Laws and there was a discussion by the membership both pro and con about the proposed By-Laws.

Vice-President Mark Keegan presented the slate of candidates for Board Members who had filed nomination papers for the Newsletter. They were Russ Courtney, Bill Loughrige and Ed O'Clair.

Chuck Bowers and Scott Strattman were nominated from the floor.

There were four Board Vacancies to be filed

Each candidate made a presentation and answered questions from the Membership.

The election committee retired to count the votes.

The new By-laws passed by a 86 to 42 margin (67% of the ballots cast exceeding the 2/3 majority required to pass)

The vote tallies for Board candidates were

Chuck Bowers	110	Elected
Scott Strattman	95	Elected
Russ Courtney	91	Elected
Bill Loughrige	84	Elected
Ed O'Clair	79	

The new Board retired to select Officers.

The New Officers for 2012-13 are;

Bill Loughrige	President
Chuck Bowers	Vice-President
Russ Courtney	Secretary
Vic Hencken	Treasurer
John Ohanesian	Board Member
Greg Stava	Board Member
Scott Strattman	Board Member

Adjournment