

**Walker Fire Protection Association  
Board Meeting  
14 July 12**

**Board Members Present:**

<b>President:</b>	Bill Loughrige
<b>Vice President:</b>	Chuck Bowers
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Vic Hencken
<b>Secretary:</b>	Russ Courtney
<b>Director:</b>	Greg Stava
<b>Director:</b>	John Ohanesian
<b>Director:</b>	Scott Stratman
<b>Fire Chief:</b>	Roger Nusbaum

**Board Members Absent:** None

Executive Session began at 9:00 AM

General Session began at 9:19 AM

**Agenda:**

Call for additions to published Agenda. No additions received. Motion to accept Agenda from Chuck. Second by John. Vote: 7/0 Passed.

**Public Comments:** (questions will be addressed at the end of the meeting)

(Belinda Hornig) Had just stopped a person from dumping pine needles behind the firehouse. Person was told that it was not ok to do so. Roger went out to investigate.

(Victoria) Asked about the purpose of having Public Comments at the beginning of the meeting and at the end of the meeting.

Bill replied: Meetings tend to get out of control when conversations occur back and forth between members of the board and members of the audience. If you have a question to ask about what we're doing and how we're doing it, or a complaint about what we are doing or how we are doing it, these public sections are the place to bring that to the attention of the Board.

Last year people complained that they were not being heard even though the Public Forum was at the back. It was suggested to Bill that Public Forum be at the beginning. Having this at the beginning of the meeting allows people to offer input about what the board is going to talk about. We are not interested in having conversations between the Board and the audience during the business part of the meeting.

Communications for the board to discuss should be sent to the Board via email or discussed personally ahead of time, so that they may bring it to the agenda.

Last year's Board agreed that new items presented to the Board at a meeting would be tabled until the next meeting so that discussion amongst the Board could occur and a review of the minutes could occur, with that item to be addressed at the following board meeting. That would be for the New Business, anything in the Old Business would have been discussed prior so any new business which would come up would be accrued, with some exceptions, which is why we will do this at the beginning.

This process is followed at other meetings, such as at Mayer Fire, some City Councils; and County Supervisors do this at the beginning. Others do this at the end. As there seems to be interest in providing input, we do this at

both ends of the meeting. If this becomes too cumbersome for us, we may consider altering it again.

No additional questions.

### **Presidents Report:**

New directors of the board meet immediately after the Annual Meeting. Bill Loughrige continues as President, Chuck Bowers is the new Vice President, Vic Hencken is the Treasurer, and Russ Courtney is the Secretary. The Bylaws were also passed. The new board members were Scott Stratman and Russ Courtney. Chuck Bowers is also a new board member but has past experience on this board.

This process is that the Board meets for a few minutes prior to the General Session to discuss personnel items if needed and get a feel for what will be discussed at the General Session. Nothing is discussed in the Executive Session which is not discussed at the General Session. It is a few quiet minutes for the Board to layout the Agenda and be able to conduct the meeting in a professional manner.

Welcome to the new Board members.

Board members Bill Loughrige, Chuck Bowers, Russ Courtney, Scott Stratman and Fire Chief Roger Nusbaum attended the annual homeowners meeting at the Potato Patch on 7 July to present the possibility of constructing a Fire Station and placing equipment in The Potato Patch. There is interest up there and there are homeowners who would like more information on the impact of that decision. There is overwhelming support which resulted in a vote to provide \$10,000 from their HOA Budget, if it was needed to build a Fire Station.

Joyce Loughrige and Bill have been driving around continuing with the GIS (Geographic Information Systems) mapping. Joyce is finishing with the place which could not be reached in the winter because of snow. Joyce is mapping in driveways, gates, locks, and correcting errors in the County information and the Jeep Posse information. That activity should be completed in the next month or so. Chuck Bowers has expressed an interest in that; if Joyce comes to the meeting later that information can be viewed.

There is a transition period which occurs with a change in the Board. We will be discussing these items as we go along.

### **Secretary's Report:**

Minutes were presented to the board prior to the meeting. There was a call for any changes to the Draft Minutes or suggestions. None were received. A motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes was made by John. Second by Greg. There was no discussion. Vote: 7/0 Passed.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

There is no Treasurer's Report for this meeting. The Annual Report was submitted at the Annual Meeting on 30 June 12 and other than some deposits, there has been little change. Vic has not yet had the chance to have the QuickBooks transferred to his computer. The report will be tabled until next month's meeting.

### **Fire Chief's Report:**

Calls: one smoke call, one odor investigation, two medical calls (one that received a lot of media attention), one illegal burn at the campsites, one tree fire and one downed power line.

Participated in the Potato Patch meeting with a version of the report given at Walker annual meeting tailored to Potato Patch and engaged some of their discussion about whether they will build their own substation that would house one of the WFPA vehicles.

Stephen Golde wants to buy the slide in unit that used to be in the old Rescue vehicle; he and I agreed on \$150, there is no visibility for us using this piece of equipment. This is from the early 80's Ford Bronco which used to be part of our equipment. At Bill's request the price was agreed between Roger and Stephen.

Hazmat Training completed; half of our active firefighters now have either awareness or operations training. An "At Home" chemistry fire did occur a number of years ago and we want to be better prepared for this type of event.

Also hope to do some ropes/TRT training this year possibly with Prescott Fire

CYFD (Central Yavapai Fire Department) is leaving "Alarm" next meeting will be July 23. Financially, this is meaningful for WFPA but we will not know the full extent until after the next meeting with them on 23 July. We pay a prorated amount based on the number of calls. Prescott Fire is the largest followed by Central Yavapai. Losing them is financially meaningful. There is minimum dollar amount of \$5000. Based on our call volume we currently pay \$1100 (approx.). Impact remains to be seen.

S-130/190 class at the station means new firefighters-mostly smoke pine crew members which will be good if we ever have a large fire. Majority of this class is from Smoky Pines with 1 person from Breezy Pines.

AZ Fire School; three going we got two scholarships. Received two scholarships, which is the maximum given out. Cost will be \$130.

We've had a lot of contact with Breezy Pine. They are looking to integrate with our department for some training and possibly a truck. They have three part time residents interested in joining

Severity Patrols ending the weekend of July 14/15. This is normal as Severity Patrols typically end at the start of the Monsoon.

We now have five SCBAs-one for each seatbelt. This now gives us and SCBA for all primary responders on the truck for a structure fire.

The one purchased on eBay needs to be certified and a case purchased. Cost delivered was \$1125 saving approx. \$2000.

Going to the chief expo in Glendale on 7/26

Steady and hopefully relatively inexpensive outfitting of the structure truck and support vehicle continues, Dan Hauck, Jay Sumner, Jon Sumner and Michael Smith did a lot of work on it yesterday. Engine 86 has been equipped as need with additional suggestions provided by Mayer Fire.

A couple more EMTs have made personal go bags which might lead to a slightly faster response

Starting in August we will start the process of taking trucks in for annual maintenance service (offered as a heads up to the treasurer for expenses coming). Trucks will go in for their annual maintenance one at time, making it easy for us to work with the Central Yavapai garage.

Spoke to Doug Woods from Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (FEMA), we do not need to pay for Firehouse Software, we need to start uploading data to the National Database if we get a grant from them. There is software that would allow us to do this for free and we could also include the cost of software in a grant request. Grants through this avenue are possible but would not be easy for us to get. Mayer has been adding the training that they have provided us but have not asked for any additional training done outside of their supplied training, nor have they asked for any information on our calls. Cost of the Firehouse Software is \$2500 (license) with

annual maintenance of \$900. There is no requirement for this specific package and there are other packages which are cheaper or freeware. This is not something that we need now as we have not received any grants.

Other large near term expense; 2.5 inch gated wye about \$1100. This is part of the ISO test for the 200 gal in 20 minute test. Not sure that this is a budgeted expense and believe it requires a vote.

Questions on the Fire Chief's Report:

Russ: Regarding the annual maintenance; do we maintain a log for each of the trucks? (Roger) Maintenance is performed by the Central Yavapai garage and paper work comes back from the garage on the work performed. (Russ) Is there anything that we do regarding maintenance to the trucks? (Roger) For preventative maintenance, there is a notebook in each vehicle. This more along the lines of "topping off" things, which is maintained in a checklist situation.

Greg: Why is Central Yavapai leaving Alarm? What are they doing? Not crystal clear as to what they are doing other than they will have their own dispatch. Beyond that we will not have further information until the 23 July meeting. We may not know why they are leaving, but should have a better idea of how we move forward. There was a letter which went out to the other departments which we did not receive. Other than they will have their own dispatch, I don't know the answer. (Greg) We do get their bills? (Bill) Yes. Alarm bills us but Central Yavapai bill us for maintenance. (Greg) Right, I understand.

Greg: The software you mentioned? I thought that Bob (Loughrige) had got some software from Groom Creek and he was loading that... do you recall that? It was donated to us, and I thought there was some work done with regards to the calls and maintenance, and we were going to load in some employee information as well. (Roger) What they gave us was a database file; they made something with Microsoft Access which does not upload to the national database. It's great tracking for us, and we load information into it; but in terms of uploading ... I was able to export all the information and send it to them but it doesn't look anything like the information that gets uploaded to the national database. I don't know what the problem is exactly, but it doesn't look like anything else. It's also not an issue until we get a grant. (Greg) So is there any utility in what Groom Creek gave us? Any point in keeping it up? I understand that for the grant we can always get information for the grant, but is there any utility in keeping that up to date? (Roger) Short answer is Yes. We had a situation where we had a medical call involving someone who had taken pills. Lifeline decided that they didn't take any pills - but we enter that information in our database. Things like that are good to cover our behind; also it is prudent to keep track of training, calls, the bigger equipment maintenance issues. While it doesn't upload to anything, it is good information for us.

Greg: You are recommending that we acquire the gated wye? Correct.

Chuck: Just as a new board member; you have nine people trained in structure, and three more going through that training; is that correct? What is the ultimate goal? Is that just for 12? Basically the class in September that the three of us are attending, the AZ Fire School, is one. If we have a bunch of turnover we can always set up a class, similar to what did in February up here. We have trained those who have indicated an interest in getting structure training.

Chuck: I'm not familiar with the software you were discussing. Is that a robust program (Groom Creek software) and something we can use to upload into Microsoft Excel and use to go into the Firehouse Software? (Roger) So are you asking if there is a compatibility with the database and the software we might have to buy? (Chuck) So the Groom Creek Access database keeps track of all of our training, maintenance, calls; is that correct? (Roger) It keeps track of the calls and the volunteers. I keep the training records on an Excel spreadsheet. (Chuck) So that leads to my question. Would it be prudent for us to look at something that would include all those things instead of separate databases? In other words Access, and Excel... looking that the Firehouse Software? Would it be a benefit to have ... maybe not the Firehouse one, but something less expensive which would capture all of

our information in one place? (Roger) Short answer is maybe... anything is possible. I wouldn't rule anything out but it is all easily found now. If we can enhance the way we do things going forward, great. But it does work and it all easily accessible.

Vic: The board needs to know how the information is tracked. As an example: We are creating a Fundraising Committee to start getting some additional funding. The people we approach will require information and it would be great to have that information on the website showing all of the things we have done. Right now I don't think the residents realize the types and amount of things you go out and do. In order to raise the money, the case needs to be clearly made as to why we need the money. Not only is needed professionally, we just need to get the information out there. Thank You for the report where we can really understand what is really going on.

Scot: Reporting would decrease our liability, if we have good records on why we did, what we did. From a liability standpoint, whether that is a fire or medical situation we need to make sure that is well documented.

Bill: From my understanding of the computer programs the fire industry has requirements for these programs. NIMS is one of the firehouse programs, the Firehouse Software is another. The group cobbled together for their own purposes for tracking, which was offered to us. It does not necessarily translate into the other requirements of the fire industry. These are not so much requirements, as what they expect to see when they come - something they are familiar with seeing. The Firehouse program is not the requirement, but what people are used to seeing, so when they come they want to see that or something similar to that program.

Bill: We need to report back to the Treasurer that we did approve an amount for equipment that was outside the budget which was \$1100. That would normally be part of the Treasurer's Report; that we authorized the purchase which saved us money and that it was taken care of. The second thing mentioned was the gate valve. When we get to the end of this section a motion should be made to approve the purchase of that valve.

John: How do we currently manage our incidents? Is there a person designated to write up a report? As a matter of procedure we need to record what happened and who went. When we get back from an incident, maybe right then we get the statistics from Alarm which is the run number and the various times associated with responding and getting there. So we get a page that's a form which we fill out. The work involved is 2 minutes and contains who was there, times and narrative of what happened. (Vic) How is that kept? Electronic format or paper, folder? (Roger) It is on the computer in Access which backed up to my Gmail account from time to time.

Greg: Access and Excel are both MS products. The Access which you received from Groom Creek is customized? So consistently we are using the Access database. What I heard, was that there was a conflict with Mayer, saying that was software which had to acquire, which was not the case. It doesn't matter what we use, as long as we can extract the information later. (Roger) For general record keeping that is correct. If we ever get to a point where we do need to upload to this national database, we will need some software. There are choices that are free, they may stink - I don't know. There are various types which cost money. Also Doug Woods mentioned that we can include the cost of software that is compliant into the grant. It is not impossible for us to get a grant. There is a thing there that looks like you must have written mutual aid. We are probably not going to get that because there is nothing between us and Prescott Fire - there are gaps between us. While it will be difficult for us to get a grant, it is not technically impossible.

Chuck: Purpose of the question was to look at this from a group. If we are going to continue to grow this community, maybe it would be worth our while to investigate.

Vic: Is there an ISO based, line requirement? No. The hurdle was overcome by the purchase of the E-86 truck and its ability to manage 200 Gals over 20 minutes.

Scott: We will at some point be doing a long-term plan for the department; at what point will be need to have the

ability to integrate with whatever might happen in the future. As we form that planning committee we can take that into account.

Motion to accept/approve the Fire Chief's Report was made by Chuck. Second by Vic. No further discussion.  
Vote: 7/0 Pass

### **Volunteer of the Months Recognition:**

Certificates were available but none of the recipients' attended the meeting. Thank You to the people who helped at the Annual Meeting and counted the ballots.....

Steve and Leanna Dvorak  
Fred and Carolyn Isley  
Chris and Terry Piske  
Laura Reader

They all stepped up to do that for us. We have certificates which will be sent to their homes.

### **Old Business:**

**Budget Committee:** (Bill) Vic had suggested that we have a meeting after the General Session to settle the budget. Those that are interested in staying, the meeting will occur immediately after this board meeting to go through the budget. The Budget Committee consists of Vic, Greg, Roger, Joyce Lyman came in, and that's it. Without Objection the Budget Committee report was tabled until next month.

**Audit Committee:** (Bill) Committee consists of Joyce Lyman Hyman, (who had received nothing as of yet). The Budget and Audit Committee will discuss this at the Budget meeting to follow. Adam Rutherford is preparing the Year End information for Joyce. (Vic) Arriving back last Tuesday after being elected to this position, I started on this and knew that we had some structural change that we need to look at that need to be looked at. I've created another committee made up of the past three Treasurers - Greg Stava, Greg Kazlowski, and Tim/Christie McFarland - along with Joyce to look at how we are doing business. We are getting the job done, but it is leaving some holes that should not be there. We will meet in the next month to review that information.

### **New Business:**

**Medical Response SOG/SOP:** (Bill) We have decided to table this until we have a further review. Scott has an interest in this and the one that Roger has forwarded to the Board is very comprehensive. If you want to make suggestions to us Scott, with your medical experience, if you'd come back to us in the next month or so with some suggestions for that. (Scott) Absolutely.

**Committee Formation:** (Bill) Committee names were not included in the Agenda but we do have some in place.

**GIS Mapping Committee:** Joyce Loughrige

**Fundraising Committee:** This committee would include things like Walker Day, with any other fundraising events occurring as subcommittees under this committee so that they will have direction from the board.

Whoever chairs this committee, and it should be someone on the board, they will then solicit members of the community to help with the different events that are designed to produce income. The structure would be a committee chair with subcommittees.

**Social Committee:** Will handle events such as the Firefighter Appreciation Day - this is not a fund raising event, it is an event where we provide a Pot Luck - Bingo also is not a fund raiser as it doesn't really raise enough money, however it does produce some income, however not the kind of income that will affect our budget. Same thing with Pancake Day. These are Social events that the people would like to have.

**Planning Committee:** Headed by Greg Stava. This is the third year in a row for the Planning Committee which has been headed by three different chairs.

**Facility Committee:** Headed by Russ Courtney. Which will provide input to the Budget Committee for planning purposes. Things such as planning for when the roof will need repair/replacement on the building, so that we can have long term planning for budgeting for these expenses. Other repairs such as water heaters, painting, etc.

**Vehicles Committee:** To discuss the state of our vehicles and repair/replacement. Roger to possibly chair, although he has a lot on his plate at this time.

(Vic) I believe that the last two items (Facilities and Vehicle Committees) should fold back into the Planning Committee as that group cannot plan if they do not receive that input. (Bill) Any thoughts on that? John? (John) You talk about a Social Committee of sorts; where does the WFA fall into this? It seems like that is what they do. (Bill) Yes. I met with the **Web Committee**, which is comprised of several people in the community, and there was confusion on WFA, WCCA, and all the other names and nomenclatures. So since the WFA is a fund raising committee, we should just call it a fundraising committee as part of the WFPA so there is a clear line as to where it belongs. Its functions are still there, but we just won't call it the WFA - we start putting all these acronyms on the website and everyone just rolls their eyes back saying who are we dealing with and why do we do it this way. That's my suggestion. If there is another vision of how that should be done, then we can do it. (John) Is it Judy or who is handling the person handling the WFA right now? (Bill) John Horvat has been the primary person involved. Judy had some personal issues which are taking her back/forth to Massachusetts, so she is not available. (John) With the caveat of having the subcommittee, maybe we could have the Fundraising and Social Committees and John Horvat could handle the Social Committee and I could handle the Fundraising Committee. (Bill) Yes. We can define the structure here and later decide who will handle what.

(Vic) We are throwing these things out, but the Board is going to have a retreat where we will sit down to discuss these in detail, gather what we are going to do, and then report that back out at a Board Meeting. (Bill) I'm just laying out my suggestions and allowing each of you to make your suggestions as to what you might think should be added.

No other comments from the Board on this topic.

(Bill) Now, Scott, you have a topic that you'd like to add? (Scott) Sure. What I'm proposing is that we do a feasibility study on how we might get a community centre done. Would be an a WFA project, or a WCAA project, an association vote, or possibly a separate entity, what are the options on financing it, public or private, maybe getting the City of Prescott to possibly help. Getting community sponsors, tax benefits, land swaps, etc. I'd like to have a WFPA member on it and I would like to do that. I'm sure WCAA could supply someone and then get one or two members of the community who are well respected, to explore the options and then after a 90 day standpoint make some options, and at that point we would get further direction of where we would go if we are indeed going to do this. So I make a motion that we start a feasibility study with a 90 day window on it. Second from Vic. Discussion: (Vic) the motion is for this board to supply a member to a committee which is not a function of this Board. (Scott) That is correct. (Bill) Other comments: (Russ) As long as it doesn't affect what the Walker

Fire Board is here to do, and then I'm fine. Vote: 7/0 Passed.

(Bill) Other new business? (John) I'd like to talk about Firefighter Appreciation Day.

Motion by Chuck that we accept Roger Nusbaum as our Fire Chief for the next coming year. Second by Greg. Discussion. (Bill) Doesn't the Bylaws state that the Fire Chief selection is done mid-year, like September? So I think this is a Vote of Confidence in Roger; Is that your meaning? (Chuck) Exactly. Vote: 7/0 Passed. (Roger) I'm not sure if Thank You is the appropriate response.

Motion to approve the sale of the slide out for \$150 from John. Second by Vic. Discussion: (Bill) Greg brought up that the Bylaws contain a \$750 limit for spending. We should probably adopt a resolution, possibly another motion, that the Fire Chief can sell items valued at less than \$750 no longer used by the department as necessary. Motion by Vic to allow the Fire Chief to sell equipment valued at up to \$750 without Board approval. Second by Greg. Discussion: (John) Is \$750 an appropriate amount? (Vic) Yes. As this must be documented and reported to the Treasurer. Amendment to the motion that the sale must be documented and the sale price must be researched. Amended Motion reads: The Fire Chief, at his discretion, has the authorization to dispose of unneeded equipment up to a value of \$750 based on sound research/documentation given to the Treasurer. No other discussion. Vote: 7/0 Passed. (John) Sales would appear on the Treasurer's Report for the following month.

Motion to purchase the 2.5 inch gated wye made by Greg for +/- \$1200. Second by Chuck. Discussion: (John) Will check eBay for current prices? Vote: 7/0 Passed.

(Bill) Recognizing Bill Curosh over there, one of our committees needs to be a revision to Articles of Incorporation. The Board needs to authorize Bill to draft proposed Articles of Incorporation so that they are in compliance with the current Bylaws. If there are changes to the Bylaws which need to be made to bring the two in compliance, we can discuss those later. This is not an issue for Bylaw changes, although there are people asking for changes to the Bylaws already. But we need to start the process now to get the Articles in shape. Motion to form that committee to draft proposed Articles of Incorporation made by Vic. Second by Scott. Discussion: None Vote: 7/0 Passed.

### **Community Announcements:**

(Victoria) WCAA is starting their 3rd Annual Coat Drive. We did 85 coats the first year and 75 last year. These coats will benefit Catholic Charities and the Coalition for Compassion and Justice. We could use children's coats, so check with your grandchildren about coats they may have outgrown. At this point the WCAA and the Morehouse House will donate \$1 for each coat collected. I will take any public pledges also from anyone here, for the Thanksgiving Dinner Program that Catholic Charities will be doing with their Program of Hope. I would like permission to gather coats here, at the Pancake Breakfasts, and at the Board Meetings though mid-October. (Bill) I don't think that will be a problem. That is something we did last year. (Vic) I'm up for a \$1. Anyone else here?

(Betsy) Last weekend we had a very successful Sundae Saturday. Plenty of Parking available. 50 to 55 people attended. Next scheduled Sundae Saturday are Saturday, 4 August and Saturday, 1 September.

(Loren) Last Chipper Day was 2 June. 36 known participants. 14 volunteers. Total cost was \$2174.48. County Supervisor Tom Thurman and Gary Royston got together and found, possibly, another \$1000 which will reduce the total cost. The WFPA has volunteered to pay 1/2 of the cost. There is the possibility that we may \$1600 back. If so, it will reduce our costs considerably.

(Loren) On 21 July, from 10 AM until 3PM, there is a Wildfire Expo, downtown on the plaza between Goodwin



and Union Streets. This is a good opportunity to learn more about FireWise and interact with the US Forest Service, and State Forestry. There will be vendors there from various landscape companies; local fire departments will be available to answer questions and show some of their equipment. All are invited. WCAA will be assisting at the event. This is at the same time as the Williamson Valley Art Show.

(John H) BINGO this coming Saturday at the Firehouse.

(John O) I wanted to ask about the Firefighter Appreciation Day. We need to carve out a date for that so there are no conflicts. Question to Roger; if we did this the 3rd Saturday of October - is the 3rd Saturday, for some reason a typical training day? (Roger) Yes. (John O) So maybe the 2nd Saturday makes more sense - we have a Board Meeting typically on the 2nd Saturday. (Bill) Let's look at the calendar and see what we come up with. There might be an extra Saturday. (John O) Or maybe we can make it the 4th Saturday - but that could conflict with the Pancake Breakfast on the last Saturday of the month. We need to look at the calendar to see which Saturday is available.

### **Public Comments:**

(Betsy) I would like to know; in putting Big Bug up, and looking towards The Potato Patch, and eventually Breezy Pines; as we put equipment into those facilities that are built, do those facilities come into any type of asset issue, in bringing them in as an asset of the WFPA. And in bringing it in as an asset, is there any insurance liability there and any agreement being established for how the equipment that belongs to the legal entity of the WFPA. How are we dealing with it?

(Bill) OK. The answer is yes to all those things. We have the agreement which Bill (who had left) had drawn with Mark Herrin, was like 38 pages. He did a commercial lease agreement which is standard boilerplate for a lease agreement with arrangements and details stating that we would pay \$1 per month for the rent up there. The building will be leased by us from Mark Herrin, it would be built by us, for a period of 10 years with a renewal of the lease if we needed it. In those 10 years, there may be the possibility of building a station on our own land. This station would then revert to Mark Herrin for use as a garage, I suppose. The money was donated for the purpose of that fire station by people, not only on the Big Bug, but from down here. Yes, we do have to insure it. This is part of the agreement. We have to maintain it, which is part of the agreement. it cannot lie fallow and we are agreeing to place a piece of equipment in that firehouse. There are a variety of reasons for doing it; Roger is probably better at explaining this, but you get faster response time as guys can get up there faster on their ATV's than their cars; there are people between here and the station that would have to drive this way, turn around, and drive back... Tim (McFarland) is one of those. So it is easier for them to jump on their horse, get up there, and go, and, just the fact that we were talking about putting a fire station and truck at The Potato Patch... there must have been a half dozen guys at that meeting that asked Roger how they could get qualified to become firefighters, so it attracts volunteers - not that they would meet the qualifications - but it does attract interest. So those are all part of the discussions we had with Mark, in the detail of that - we would build the station, we have equipment to put up there - not that we have more then we need, we probably have more equipment than a firehouse our size normally has - some of which is older now and needs to be replaced, we need to talk about doing that. But, there will be professional agreements written with the land owner, Mark Herrin on the Big Bug. The Potato Patch may have a different situation as it's the homeowner association that would build the building. They may own the building and rent us the space and that would be on a long term basis. Our commitment is that they build the station, and that we will put a piece of equipment up there. Breezy Pines, they have expressed an interest. We don't know if we can get there for a fire - it's a little different, but it's a real possibility that we could have a piece of

equipment up there. It will all be funded as it happens. Nobody would take any funds away from the operating expenses of the WFPA. It has to be rational for us to do these things. It vastly improves our response time, and believe me if they have a fire in The Potato Patch and it gets out of control, Walker's going to be in trouble. Same thing on the Big Bug, if something gets out of control up there - I'm not saying that we can stop it - but we have a much better opportunity to do so. So, all those things that you brought up have been discussed. This agreement with Curosh. I don't know that it will end up being 38 pages, but it will be substantially detailed when we do it. So I believe that answers all of your questions. If anyone has any other.

(Betsy) In good sense, from my point of view as an investor, the rational exists. I am a business person and have been involved in a number of leases and there is no sense to a 30-some page agreement for the Big Bug. That number of pages is not impressive, it's actually on the dumber side. The fewer pages in a simple, direct lease ... is there a time frame set for that, such as the time the equipment goes up there, will there be an agreement and insurance and all... and then that will become part of the business accounts and so forth of the WFPA?

(Bill) You're correct. And you're right, 38 pages for me... are two paragraphs and we're done. We promise... and You promise. That makes sense because a 38 page thing will go to court and everybody's going to tear it apart. Those things are only important if you're going to end up in a courtroom some place. Hopefully we're not going to do that. We will sit down with Mark, somebody on the Board or me, and with Curosh and/or someone else to draft up something that really fits our particular circumstances. But there will be insurance... before we put a truck up there we have to have insurance up there. There is no sense in putting something up there that is going to expose us.

(Betsy) So long range we are dealing with an individual, or a family trust or whatever, to lease a facility. For Potato Patch, that could be with another 501(c)3 Corporation and then we would have the typical insurance that would cover the liability and equipment. I just wanted to look at a long range ... the community wants to know and a lot of us recognize those elements that would become part of the WFPA.

(Bill) Sure. I think that those are all part of our discussions that we need to have done in a professional way. Russ, first thing out of the gate, is talking about long term costs of maintenance, not only for this building, but for the new buildings that are coming forward. So he brings to us that particular question that we hadn't really discussed openly before. These are the things that we have to consider and have to be part of this Planning Committee that everybody understands that we need to have. Does that answer those questions?

(Betsy) That answers that question. I have one other.

(Betsy) As most of you know, before we even incorporated the WCAA our reasons were to look at all the extenuating things that can be done for this community with the fire department. I am so thrilled with the changes that are being made and how Roger is complimenting that. But you have so much detail to focus on, and one of the first things we thought of was that this community needed a Community Centre. Even as we incorporated, that was all a part of our planning. As Scott and us have talked, and other, this is a very good place where we can work together as far as funding for this community, both that and the absolutely wonderful people from the FireWise community. (Several Board members) Agreed. Ok. Yes. Thanks. Well spoken. (Bill) Anyone else?

(Victoria) Yes, I have one maybe three or four points.

(Bill) Sure.

(Victoria) At last month's Annual Meeting during the reading of the 2011 Minutes, there was a recap of the votes that the nominees received. I'd like to know where those numbers are taken from, because they are not part of the 2011 Minutes. My other point; I do use the website a lot and we need somebody to be updating that. Nothing has been posted since March of the Treasurers Report. Nothing since April of the unapproved Board Minutes,

and this is now July. So I'd like to have that addressed. At this point today, I think that I recap that you have formed seven committees. I think this was asked for last year, that all the committees be posted on the web with the members and the chairperson, so that if people are interested in it, they might join or get involved. Last but not least, I don't understand what the problems are, with the acronyms that you mentioned - WFA, WFPA, and WF meaning Walker Fire. I think we seem to know what they are. So I don't understand the problem.

(Bill) What was the first point? Recap of the Annual Meeting..... Terry Piske did the Minutes for the Annual Meeting last year. As an addendum to the Minutes he had a list of the vote tallies. So it wasn't necessarily in the paragraphs but it was attached as to what the vote tallies were.

(Betsy) I looked at the Minutes and they were not posted there so that's why I was asking.

(Bill) Whether or not the vote tallies were posted, I don't know that. I just know that I had an addendum to the back of the Minutes that included the vote tallies. Do you question the accuracy of those particular numbers?

(Betsy) No, I was wondering where you got them.

(Bill) Oh, ok... they were part of his record and his Annual Meeting record still had the actual ballots.

(Bill) The web. I met with the guy who operates the website - I am the face of the website to absorb these types of complaints, so that the guy who runs the website doesn't have to deal with it. He makes 30 entries into the website a week, based on trying to get it cleaned-up and backed-up from what was happening behind the scenes with the website. I don't know why he is behind in loading the information up, he has the information. He is in the process, with a group of five other people now, rebuilding the website. It will have a total different look. I don't know quickly that will happen. Russ is one of the people who are helping. There are a variety of people who are professional website people who will help with content. We've asked Roger for his updates for his structure. I don't know when that's going to happen. You're right. The website is lagging in that type of information. This is why I've been sending the Minutes in an email to the community for the past several months. Same with the Treasurers Report that is reported out here... and becomes part of the Minutes for the next month's meeting. So it is not on the website, but it has been distributed. I understand that's probably not the best, but that's basically what is happening. I'm the guy who is responsible for that Victoria; I just haven't held his feet to the fire for that.

(Bill) The Committees. That's part of the website, making sure that there is information on what the committees are. That's part of the planning for the website... what are the committees; and requests for volunteers will be part of what the website asks for.

(Bill) As far as the acronyms... this is something that came directly from that committee. People that are new didn't understand what WCAA was... what WFA was... what WFPA was... there was just confusion within. It's simple for us not to do the WFA. WCAA is what it is. WFPA is what it is. We will just have a Fundraising Committee. If the community wants us to establish the WFA again, we can do it. So this isn't anything that is a different name or a different function.

(Scott) Most people understand what the acronyms stand for. They don't understand what the WFPA, is. For instance; Is it in charge of building a Community Centre? That is yet to be decided. What is the WCAA? Loren, you heard me talking to someone the other day. What they didn't understand really, was that WCAA was good... but they didn't understand that the dollars you bring in doesn't stay within the community. Again, that not bad, but they didn't understand what your charity is. So there is, a partial understanding ... they might talk WCAA and understand what it means, but they don't understand what your responsibilities are and what you are doing. So we want to define what you do, what we do, what every other charity that we are involved with, do. Maybe make a mission statement, but not every person understands each organization and what their parameters are.

(Victoria) Well with the WCAA we simply state that in our Bylaws. (Scott) But they don't read the Bylaws.

(Victoria) No, but at every one of our meetings we have information that is put out that is available for them. I don't know that the WFPA has anything on the website that clarifies that

(John) I just have a couple of comments. I agree with the situation that with FireWise, and the work that we can do together... the WFPA, WCAA to get the community involved here, lets all of us work together for the common good... it's what we're about. The Board obviously had functions and responsibilities that for the fire department. If we can work in tandem, that's a great thing. One of the things that I'd like to ask, if we could is that if you (WCAA) have an auction... I think it was on a night were we (WFPA) had a Bingo... we might want to look at that and see if we can work together on that. Don't forget the cherries next time.

(Bill) Anything else? Tim?

(Tim) I have a couple of questions. Along the scope of the Planning Committee... is the intent of that committee to essentially prioritize the list that WFPA wants to do? Is it also going to look at funding options? I was wondering if I could get more information on that. The second question is with the new Bylaws, I understand essentially that there are no members of the WFPA until we get that consent process lined up. I wanted to know if that is something in the works.

(Bill) I'll answer the second one first. The consent process is that, if someone comes down and registers and wants a ballot, they have consented that they will become a member of the WFPA. If somebody donates money or donates time, that is a consent process to be a member of the WFPA. So I don't know that the Board needs to finalize that in some formal way. The Bylaws simply say that anybody who donates time, donates money, and comes down and requests a ballot is a member eligible at that time.

(Tim) Maybe I misunderstand the Bylaw, but the date of record before a valid membership meeting; the Board has the leeway to basically establish the time window of when that date of record is. At that point in time, freezes the list of members for a subsequent membership vote. So I think that if the Annual Meeting is the only time when we have a membership vote, I'm not a lawyer but.... My understanding again is there are statutes that are related to the date of record that you can go no closer to the Annual Meeting than ten days prior. So the Secretary has an administrative burden of establishing a process to capture that information.... again Bill's not here.

(Bill) Ok. Thanks Tim. Anything else? Oh, the first question was what is the scope of the Planning Committee? All those things you mentioned are part of the Planning Committee

(Vic) We are going to have a retreat shortly to discuss just that. So we would be shooting from the hip to answer that question right now. We all recognize that we just can't plan two months out. We have all this equipment, we have buildings, we need fundraisers.... so they all have to tie together with a master plan so that we are all working in sync. That's really what I think this retreat is all about, is to define the missions for these various committees. And also, this is Vic speaking not the Board, is that obviously each of these committees needs community members as part of it, so as we come back with this stuff... it isn't going to work of people don't raise their hands and get on these committees and really dig into the issues and help us.

(Betsy) I'm concerned, as a member of the community and for the WFPA. You're new Bylaws.... ATTETV (At That Time Eligible To Vote) sets the date for the beginning of the year, of the beginning of this new year, that you have... and I don't think its right... that your membership has to be stated by that time. You have to have your membership list, you read your Bylaws, stated by that time. We kept trying to bring it to your attention... look at them carefully; you don't want to do this... But your Bylaws require you to... you have to know every damn person that is going to vote at the Annual Meeting by around the 1st of January. You're restricted yourself even over the 10 day period that's require by the Arizona Revised Statutes. I'm sorry, but please look into this.

(Bill) Thanks Betsy.

(Vic) We have a good Secretary now.

(Bill) Russ, anything to add? (Russ) No. Not until I am able to go back and review the Bylaws again. I've read them four times and don't remember those limits, but will re-read them again.

(Bill) I was looking for comments for the whole meeting as we wrap this up.

No further comments from the board.

Motion to Adjourn offered by Greg. Second by Scott. Discussion: None Vote: 7/0 Passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:53 AM