

WFPA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 1, 2011

3:00 p.m. Executive Session

3:20 p.m. Begin General Session

Board Members in Attendance

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

Agenda

Greg Stava moved to accept the Agenda as presented, John Ohanesian 2nd, motion passed by unanimous vote.

Greg Stava moved to approve the minutes for the September meeting as presented and to dispense with the reading of the minutes. John Ohanesian 2nd, motion passed by unanimous vote.

Treasurers Report

There has not been an invoice from Mayer yet. We had a net gain for the month of \$1500.00.

Greg Kozlowski Moved and Greg Stava seconded to approve the expenditure over \$500.00 for the new computer.

Chief's Report

The Fire Chief provided the following written report which was accepted by the Board.

We had four alarm calls for the month of September. Two fire calls and two medical calls. The Mohawk Training Fire and the King Pin Fire were lightning strikes that burned about 1/10th of an acre each.

The ISO committee report shows we have lots work to do to maintain our 8-B rating. The committee scored WFPA on the 100-point test and has e-mailed the board with the results. James Lee met with Glen Brown and went over the material.

Other issues will be presented to the WFPA Board in the upcoming executive session planned for the near future.

1. Training
2. Pagers
3. Purchase of a Truck
4. Satellite Stations
5. Mapping
6. Purchasing of Used Equipment

Walker's FDID number is 14201

This is the number we need to apply for federal grants. Glen Brown applied for this number for us in the joint SCBA grant.

Time Lines

1. Glendale Fire is willing to train us on attacking wild land fires with foam. They are tentatively planning on coming on the 5th of November.
2. The Corona High School Key Club has volunteered to paint our station. The painting will take place that same weekend as Glendale's training.
3. Glen Brown stated that we would have the SOP's and SOG's before the November Board Meeting.
4. I checked with Glen Brown as to when we should start training on the SCBA's. He feels we need to proceed with structure training before learning how to use the SCBA's. We need to know how to be safe mitigating structure fires before we learn how to use the equipment for entry into a burning building. He said he would help us with the training schedule. It will take place in the spring of 2012 is my best guess.
5. Structure Training the Beginning Structure Class S-130 to be held in Jan. or Feb. we need at least six Firefighters to attend at \$200.00 each.
6. Pumper – Mayer hopes to have something for you at or before your board meeting on October 1, 2011
7. Response – which unit to which type of call – Mayer hopes to have something for you at or before your board meeting on November 1, 2011.
8. Inventories – Mayer will meet with and train members of your department (to be determined by us you) prior to the end of October.
9. Radio Tech – Mayer is still working on setting it up – will get a date and forward to us you soon.
10. Firehouse – NFIRS – data entry – we will have this set up by the end of October.
11. SCBA grant – Was filed September 23, 2011
12. Task books are not a requirement for ISO. We only need them if we are going outside to fight a wild land fire. I am working with the Forest Service to bring us up to date.

13. Mutual Aid/water contracts with sources and other tenders, we have the contracts from Mayer. We need to make a minor change to this contract. We are checking to see if we can drop the phrase that allows us to use the water supply at any time. It should read only in an emergency.
14. Roller table #84 is stored in Prescott Valley.
15. The fuel tank on 84-estimated value of \$450.00 was traded for toolboxes, miscellaneous parts and labor valued over \$450.00. The new toolboxes cost \$170.00. The striping of the old truck, toolboxes, roller table, and tank cost well over \$500.00. With this trade, we did not have to come out of pocket with more money to convert P-84 from a chase truck to a fire.
16. Maintenance logs are stored at Central Yavapai and I have a copy in my office. The squads assigned to each truck keep monthly logs.
17. Purchase of new tank, I need Board approval to purchase a new 2500 gallon spring tank or a pumpkin.
18. Sign out agreement for equipment SCBA's: For now this equipment is not going to be signed out. This is based on input from both Todd Bentley and Glen Brown. Mayer will help us with training and sharing program (See time line item 4).
19. Progress of data base effort (database received from Groom Creek): The inventories and the run reports are in the new program. We are starting to add the training.

Other Issues I am addressing

1. All burning in Yavapai County needs to be permitted. Everyone can apply on line for a 30-day burn permit. We have a link to the burn permits on our web page. The permits are issued by Zip codes so we would file under Prescott. This does not give WFPA jurisdiction to enforce any laws. It just let us know where the burning takes place and when a burn takes place. The Yavapai County Sheriff will enforce this law.
2. I am working on venting the gases from our station. Air Scrubbers will cost \$20,000.00 or more. I think we could get by with fans mounted in a way to drive the air out of the bay doors for a few hundred dollars.
3. I am working on adding storage at the fire station. I am talking to Yavapai County. This process is just starting.
4. The satellite stations on the Big Bug and the Potato Patch are still in the works. These are being built by our neighbors with their own donations.
5. A new driveway for the trash containers, and maybe a fence to hide them.
6. A new sign to inform and to address community concerns.

In addition to his written report Bob Loughrige reported that General Dynamics was downsizing its on campus fire department. They have several SCBA's and Turnouts they might make available to the WFPA without charge. They might have pagers as well to donate.

Volunteer of the Month

Roger Nusbaum and Mark Keegan were recognized for their volunteer efforts on behalf of the Walker Community.

Roger has been omnipresent at all the activities, answering calls and generally just being available helping where needed.

Mark in addition to his Board of Directors duties has been on all the recent Lighting caused fires.

These two men walked 3 hours into the Cattle Guard fire. Then had to walk out.

Thanks to both of them.

Old Business

Fold A Tank

During the Public Forum of the August 1, 2011 Board Meeting a member identified that fact hat a Fold-a-tank that had been purchased last year was no longer in the station. There was no indication of its disposition in the Board minutes.

Bill Loughrige reported that the Board Members had discussed and approved the sale of the Fold-a-tank. That decision was based on input from Groom Creek, Mayer and Central Yavapai Fire Departments. The WFPA received a check for \$1500.00 for the Fold-a-tank. (the cost was later identified in this meeting as \$1800.00)

ATV

The Yamaha ATV has been identified as being unsafe. In addition the cost of insuring the ATV for commercial use is prohibitive.

Bob Loughrige has received two appraisals for the Yamaha ATV. They are both similar. \$1500.00 in good condition ours in the dangerous condition it's in about \$850.00.

We have an offer to buy the ATV for \$1005.00. A suggestion has been made to hold a silent auction for the ATV. That auction would close at the beginning of the recognition program at the Fire Fighter Appreciation Pig Roast.

Greg Stava moved and Greg Kozlowski 2nd to hod the silent auction. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

MVD Checks

Greg Stava moved and Greg Kozlowski 2nd, to run MVD driving record checks on all volunteers that drive our equipment. The records will be run by WJL Investigations, Inc. That company is owned by Bill Loughrige. He will charge \$5.00 for the record checks. The cost to run these records from MVD is \$4.50.

Mark Keegan will sign the agreement on behalf of the WFPA since Bill Loughrige has a fiduciary interest.

A standard Operating Procedure in compliance with the requirements of VFIS guidelines will be established before beginning this program.

Evaluation of the Mayer contract.

Greg Stava said we should discuss that with Glen Brown when we meet on October 8, 2011, focusing on measurable items and timelines.

Vic Hencken said it would be a good opportunity for the Fire Depart to learn from Mayer. It also ties in with the long range planning committee so the FD can know what to expect in the coming years.

Community Announcements

Nick Wold reports he is very near to having high speed WIFI available in Walker. His web site is Walkerwifi.com. Full service will be \$30.00 a month. Hardware will be roughly \$200.00 with a buy back program if you are not satisfied.

Victoria Morhaus reported that 60 coats have been donated so far. She will be at the October Pancake Day to accept additional donations. There is a special need for children's coats.

Vic Hencken asked if she would accept cash donations and she said she would.

Victoria reminded us that to consider buying coats to donate next year when they go on sale this winter.

Public Comments

Glen Heigholt provided the Board Members with a pamphlet and estimate for an electronic sign for the Fire Station. The estimated cost of the sign is \$3100.00 plus installation.

Victoria Morhaus asked;

Why the Fire Chief's report could not be posted on the web prior to the Board Meetings?

How much did the Fold-a-tank cost?

What condition the SCBA's offered by General Dynamics were in?

Was By-Law Committee going to just use the By-Laws that were defeated last year? If so could they be posted on the web so people other than those at the meeting would know and be able to make comments?

She said that while the electronic sign is a nice idea, putting the sign on the Fire Station misses all those people who don't go that far into the community. A better place would be at Blue Jay.

Myra Nathenson asked how much the Fold-a-tank had cost.

Bill Loughrige advised the cost to have been \$1800.00.

Gene Tomac asked if the By-Laws could be split into sections at the Annual Meeting so some of the less controversial sections could be passed.

Bob Naberman asked if the business section of the meeting was completed.

Bill Loughrige replied that it was.

Bob Naberman then said he had stayed away attending the Board Meetings for 3 months and it seemed to him the Board was no doing anything.

Joyce Hyman asked when the questions asked by the public in the public forum would be answered.

Bill Loughrige responded that the Public Forum portion of the Agenda was to allow anyone that wanted, to make comments without any answer, pushback or criticism. It is his preference that there is no conversation with the speaker at the time of their comments. While seemingly innocuous, that kind of exchange is rarely just one exchange. Often there is push back and cross talk that can make others not involved in the conversation uncomfortable.

The object is to let everyone speak without fear of confrontation.

After the members have made their statements the Board Members can discuss the topics raised and even answer them in 3rd person narrative, without addressing the speaker directly. If members want a better answer they can hold private conversations with individuals most knowledgeable.

Board answers to Public Comments.

Vic Hencken said the By-Laws should be posted and the community given the chance to have input. He said there is no money for signs and that the Board has addressed many issues and uses committees to address them.

4:05 p.m. Greg Stava moved to adjourn, Mark Keegan 2nd, motion passed by unanimous vote.