



Minutes – WFPA
Board of Directors Meeting – February 10, 2024

8:45am – Executive Session

Board members present for the meeting - Clyde McKay, Marti Mahoney , Roger Nusbaum, Jeff Anderson; Rudy Erdman, Lance Gilbert.

9:15am – Begin General Session

- The Quorum has been met.

APPROVE AGENDA -

Jeff Anderson makes the motion to approve the meeting agenda. Rudy Erdman seconds the motion. Agenda is approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Bill Loughrige (not present)

No report offered.

SECRETARY’S REPORT – Marti Mahoney

Minutes from the last meeting have been sent. Marti Mahoney makes the motion to dispense with the reading of the December minutes.

Jeff Anderson makes the Motion. Rudy Erdman seconds. All in favor

TREASURER’S REPORT – Lance Gilbert

- Working in an AZ tax issue for \$50. Slow progress as AZ Dept of Rev phones just disconnect. I have been on contact through email but still slow. Issue is unknown, just received a notice we own \$50?
Also the notice was sent to the wrong address.
- Close to finalizing Fidelity account for high yield savings.
- Recertified our Benevity account for 2024 for donation matching.
- Finalized 1099 for vendors for 2023
- Paid VFIS installment for Q1 2024
- Donations this month were \$7,865
- Expenses for this month were \$4,635 not including payroll.
- WTCS cash on hand is \$49,948.35 (After rebalance to WFPA \$30,000)

Motion to approve Treasurer’s report by Jeff Anderson. Rudy Erdman seconds. All in favor.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT – Roger Nusbaum

Calls

Three medical calls including a helicopter landing.

Training

Winter PPE considerations, we finished hose testing, we had quite a few newer firefighters for whom this was their first incident involving a helicopter.

Fleet

Brush 80 had an issue with injectors that has been addressed at the dealership.

Personnel

Two new recruits showed up to Feb 3 training. One works for the Forest Service and the other is a buddy of Harrison Stephens who will be starting his first fire season with us.

Facilities

We rearranged the back of the main station house to create more space to work out.

PRCC

PRCC wants to move away from Active 911 to a service called IAmResponding/RapidSOS.

Notes from IAmResponding presentation

- Notifications by email, text and via the app. Can also receive the audio.
- Real time tracking when the end user authorizes.
- Mapping could be a huge more forward subject to Google maps information
- Seems to be more geared to VFDs so not sure if PRCC will want to actually move forward
- Calendar might displace certain emails, notice sent when events added.
- Chat via two way communication
- Messaging replaces non-emergency page
- Can retain records on training and incidents
- Can track expirations dates for quals and equipment
- Personnel can input emergency contact information and medical histories, end user permission based
- Can add documentation
- \$305 plus \$50 setup. (\$800 plus \$50 setup for more than 100 calls)

PRCC is expanding its service with more medical training for call takers which means YRMC would provide medical direction as they do with fire departments. If this all happens then that raises the issue of liability insurance for our medical director that PRCC would cover. There is an estimated cost of \$5000/yr. It is not clear though if we would have to take on a portion of that expense.

Other

Still waiting to hear on the Rural Capacity Grant. Last year we found out on Feb 28th via Twitter so should be soon.

The county Chiefs association is restructuring. Going forward dues will be waived. I am pushing for, and optimistic that the group will devote more time than it has in recent years toward small/volunteer departments like Walker Fire.

The wildand program needs an additional mini-striker pump. The way it is now, we need to remember to move it from one truck to the other before going on an assignment. We'd be better off not having to do that and take the reputational risk of showing up without one.

Engine Boss Reyes found one for \$1550 from Supply Cache. Not sure where we are in the budget for this but since it is a big item, if nothing else this can be a heads up.

<https://www.supplycache.com/products/water-pump-wick-100-4h-honda-mercedes-textiles? pos=1& psq=Water+pump& ss=e& v=1.0>

- Lance Gilbert: Currently there is \$5,000 available funds
- Vote to approve the purchase of the Pump.

Jeff Anderson makes the Motion to accept the Fire Chief's report. Rudy Erdman seconds. All in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

Potato Patch SubStation Insurance –

- Clyde McKay has received a copy of Herrin's insurance at Big Bug Station; limits, coverage, etc; Clyde will be reviewing this and discussing with the PP station (property owners).

Insurance –

- Lance Gilbert updated... Bill Loughrige continues to review the premium costs for the WTCS coverage as well as the Bond Payment. Premium is due in January for WTCS.
- Bill is still waiting on call back from Lori to provide the info on the VBIS insurance.

Security Cameras –

- Clyde continues to work on set up and recording for cameras and security.

Trash –

- Subscriptions are coming in daily.
- Lance is working to get update on names to Clyde.
- Lance comment that WTCS has adequate funds and moving monies to Savings acct.

Station Clean up –

It is agreed that this item will stay as a Committee report item to the Agenda.

- Clean up will be scheduled for April / Spring prior to any of the WFPA events.
- Shawn Talley was able to remove all metal items to Prescott scrap.

Station Maintenance – Rudy Erdman

- Suggestion to do further clean up in the Office of the Station house. Go thru file cabinets and dispose of all old or unneeded files; remove file cabinets if possible. Remove large shelving unit on South wall.
- Consideration to move the folding tables in to the office (on South wall) in lieu of garage area. Rolling carts being investigate for folding chairs. Dispose of old or bad chairs and reduce qty.
- Purchase of (6) qty / 8 ft folding tables to add to stock.
- Discussion that only Fire crew members or Board members have access to office to move out tables for events.

- Walker Fire Substations. Rudy Erdman has checked on the Big Bug station. Power remains on and area around station was plowed.

- Rudy has not checked the Potato Patch station. Discussion that Moe and Matt have checked this. Discussion who is responsible to this station and plowing for access on equipment, as well as maintenance of this building is WFPA accountability.

WalkerFire Webpage –

It is agreed that this will remain as a Committee report item to the Agenda.

- Clyde McKay has produced a basic layout for a new WFPA/ WalkerFire web layout. He will continue to work on this with Chris and Lance.

Grants –

It is agreed that GRANTS will remain as a Committee report to the Agenda.

- Jeff Anderson continues to research available grants and grant writers, with Roger assisting.
- Jeff will be sending out a community outreach email for anyone interested in assisting, or that is or knows of a grant writer.
- Per the contact Jeff is currently talking to, all grant requests need to be sent out in March.
- He is looking into the rates for paying Grant Writers.
- The information is repetitive and could be copied over and over for most grant applications.
- Lance Gilbert has noted he will be able to provide any/all financial information required when making the applications as necessary.

Spring Newsletter –

- Clyde McKay will be working on the Spring layout, information, etc.
- Dead date to turn in reports, photos, etc is MARCH 15th to Clyde.
- Newsletter needs to be sent out by APRIL 15th (prior to Annual Meeting even)
- Info / bio reports for new candidates needs to be included in Newsletter

Wildland Report – Loren Bykerk

Loren obtained a new grant for \$10K for 2024 Chip and Haul. He is working on an additional grant application to add to this.

OLD BUSINESS –

Annual Meeting –

This is scheduled for May 25th, 2024

- Email and FB notifications were sent out. Further info will be included in the Spring Newsletter

NEW BUSINESS -

Election of Board Members 2024 –

- Three (3) board members are up for re-election: Bill Loughrige, Clyde McKay and Jeff Anderson.
- Fourth position open (for Scott Phillips resigning in 2023).
- Proxy forms are being updated b Clyde McKay. New Candidate bio forms are being updated as well.

Golf Tournament – Jeff Anderson

Jeff is working with Stoneridge Golf course. Suggested date of August 30th for tournament to coincide with the weekend of the Fireman's Appreciation day event.

- Jeff will be working on sponsors and prizes
- Suggestion from Rudy Erdman for non-playing participants – offer a “ride-along” donation to include a wider range to the community.

Motion to approve the new date suggested and move forward with tournament – approved.

10:00 – Adjournment

Jeff Anderson makes the Motion to adjourn and Rudy Erdman seconds. All in favor and we are adjourned.

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