



Minutes – WFPA
Board of Directors Meeting – April 13, 2024

8:45am – Executive Session

Board members present for the meeting – Bill Loughrige, 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

Discussion over a busy month in Walker with several different projects planned for today (Clean up day) and upcoming. Bill notes the emphasis on communication between Board members and items that are priorities, to support each member and the projects that are being done. Our focus as always is the Support of Walker Fire and financial resources.

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 minutes.

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

TREASURER’S REPORT – Lance Gilbert

- Paid new WTCS liability policy premium. There are more subscribers every month; adding to the bank account monies.
- WTCS cash on hand is \$44,361.55
- Donations this month were \$5,435
- Expenses for this month were \$5,165.41 not including payroll.
- Lance will be shutting down the Venmo account. Only Paypal and Zelle to be used.

A zoom call is going to be schedule with RAMP / Accountant regarding the credit cards for Wildfire crew usage. Lance requests that Roger is available. Time/date to be scheduled.

- The RAMP discussion with our accountant is to confirm the card's usage; amount of cards; limits; stop/start options; and who controls the credit cards.

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

FIRE CHIEF REPORT – Roger Nusbaum

Calls

Vehicle accident, snowboard injury and medical call.

Accident call with fatality occurred last Thursday. Attended by Walker Fire, Prescott Fire, YSCO and LifeLine Ambulance.

Training

Engine 83 inventory for the ISO review and simulated wildland fire initial attack. 23 firefighters plus two nonrostered recruits have successfully packtested.

We expect (8) to participate in the first day of the basin ops drill and (4) on the second day.

Fleet

Correction from last month. Brush 80's rate cutting in half starting in 2026 turned out to be an exaggeration. The actual hourly rate will drop to \$78 versus the now \$98. At \$78 I don't feel our hand is quite as forced as we thought. Obviously we should pursue grants for this but we have more flexibility now.

Personnel

Brush 80 (update as of 4.13.24 – Pump issue needing repair); Engine 83 only is available for out of area assignments, only one will go at a time.

Facilities

Met Rudy and Clyde at the potential build site. It would be a complicated project due to the terrain, possible but complicated. We kicked around the idea of a new garage behind the main station house. The high level idea is to keep one reserve engine, probably current Brush 80, and an ATV if we ever get to that point.

Update information for 4.13.24 Executive Session review : Offer of new build site has been vetoed down due to the site and costs for this location.

Rudy will be looking at current Walker Fire lot location for size and costs for a new pre-fab building option. The consensus is to allow for 1 to 2 trucks to be parked in this building, allow for WFPA usage on small events (i.e. Bingo), workout area and/or meeting area for Fire department crews.

PRCC

No report

Other

All items from the Rural Capacity Grant came in. We have not been invoiced yet for our share.

The fire season in Arizona is off to a late start. We've often seen fires start in Southern Arizona by now but not this year. The cold/wet late March and early April has not changed the Forest Service's prediction of a normal fire season.

Update week of 4.12.24 – a new fire in Pinal County "Hidden Fire" broke out this week.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

Insurance –

- Bill Loughrige – The Insurance coverage has been completed for the WTCS coverage.
- Bill working on the Bond Payment and coverage.

Trash –

- Clyde McKay – Continued new contracts and subscriptions are coming in for the Trash
- There is one dumpster with a broken lid. No response from Service on when this will be repaired. Bill will be calling to follow up on this.

Security Cameras –

- Clyde McKay - Simon will be onsite today with installation of wiring and cameras. Estimated working condition and access expected in the next 3 to 4 weeks.

Station Clean up –

- Marti Mahoney – scheduled today, with several people volunteering to assist .
- Rudy will be picking up the additional new tables this next week.
- Decision to not buy the chair rolling carts approved; asses all the existing chairs and to dispose of damaged chairs.
- Jeff has bins for the Kitchen clean up. And Lance has materials for new shelves in the shed.
- Rudy and his team have already addressed the park. One table was completely repaired with new wood, and one was sanded and painted. His team cleaned out the gutters.

Station Maintenance and Grounds – Rudy Erdman

- Garage door opener at one of the truck bay doors needs to be repaired.
- It is agreed that no awnings will be installed over the truck bay doors. It is agreed that (1) awning (approx. 12' wide) will be installed over the West wall over the Kitchen door.
- Suggestion for a larger concrete pad outside the Kitchen door for additional set up area for volunteer crews cooking at big events. Rudy will be researching costs.
- Gazebo – Motion approved for Rudy to continue researching the costs for an approximate 12' x 18 (or 12' x 20') size gazebo type feature for the park area. Including a slab and power, and permitting costs to the location.

Walker Fire Webpage –

- Clyde McKay continues to work on this project.
- No date on when this will be completed currently.

Fund Raising –

Golf Tournament – Jeff Anderson

- Stoneridge Country Club option is out. Their budget costs provided exceed what is feasible for Entry fees.
- Jeff had reached out to Antelope Hills in Chino Valley as an option. He and Marti will be meeting with their staff regarding costs and date options this week.

Discussion for other Fund raising events include Movie Night; a Corn Hole tournament; and Walker Merchandise team wants to present a “Buy and Bench” memorial option.

- Any ideas need to be researched as well as “open” dates on the Walker calendar. Presented to Board for approval and moving forward.
- Approval given for Merchandise to move forward with the “Buy a Bench (or table) similar to the buy a brick campaign. The merchandise team is still looking for someone to engrave bricks. Monies collected for a memorial plaque to be installed on a bench (or table) and placed in the park. The extra monies would be going in to WFPA or considered towards the gazebo fund.
- Roger suggested that a “pre-movie” u-tube video (10 to 15 minutes) be considered for a Movie Night that applies to Walker Community or History.

Kids Day –

Clyde McKay suggestion offered from his son Matt McKay regarding Smokey Bear attending that day. A costume that could be borrowed from Prescott Fire possible.

- Roger will verify; and Bill will check with Alison

Grants –

- Jeff Anderson continues to review options. Currently he has found (6) grants that we can apply for (2 large value / 4 smaller values).
- Applications need to be sent in August to qualify for the grants. Notifications are received by the end of year if we have been selected.
- Roger’s suggestion to Jeff that many of the applications are redundant for information needed. And that the applications can be sent in earlier than stated.

Wildland Report – Loren Bykerk

- May 4th – WCAA Firewise Preparedness meeting at the Fire station at 1p.m. Loren requested Roger to be available for a short talk to include that day.
- April 20th - Firewise Expo being held in downtown Prescott. Focus is on preparedness.

OLD BUSINESS –

Annual Meeting –

This is scheduled for May 25th, 2024

- Email and FB notifications need to be sent out in April.
- Spring Newsletter includes Proxy forms; and bios for current board members running again and new candidate.
- Clyde has an agenda drafted up for the day and meeting.
- A notification SIGN needs to be put up at the Fire Station prior to the meeting. Jeff will take care of that.
- Marti Mahoney notes the potluck portion of the meeting and the minimal amount of food items that have been brought the last couple years. Suggestion that the Board members might contribute additional or main dish (crock pot) items and Jeff has offered to oversee that.

Election – Bill Loughrige

- A quorum needs to be met with Minimum of (75) people attending the meeting; and Minimum of (75) proxy forms.
- Proxy forms must be signed and printed names.

Spring Newsletter – Clyde McKay

- Rough draft newsletter (email) was sent out this week for everyone to review.
- The information will be sent to the printer this next week. Approximately (2) weeks for printing and mail out.

NEW BUSINESS -

Walker Days – Clyde McKay

- Clyde will be utilizing his lists from last year in regards to volunteers that assisted and the different parts that make up the day's events.
- He will be reaching out in a group email to these volunteers regarding the upcoming event to confirm time, work needed, and lead person for each area.
- Approved discussion to increase the lunch charge to \$10 adult / \$5 kids to cover the increased costs of food.

Upcoming 2024 events –

Bill suggested that the events that are planned for the April thru September 2024 season be added to the Committee Report area on Agenda. It is approved.

10:15 – Adjournment

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

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