



Minutes – WFPA
Board of Directors Meeting – October 19th, 2024

8:45am – Executive Session

Board members present for the meeting – Clyde McKay, Bill Loughrige, Marti Mahoney ,Jeff Anderson, Lance Gilbert, Louie Reale

9:15am – Begin General Session

- The Quorum has been met.

APPROVE AGENDA -

Bill Loughrige makes the motion to approve the meeting agenda. Jeff Anderson seconds the motion. Agenda is approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Clyde McKay

No new comments. The last two months of end of year events as well as the golf tournament had a great turn out and comments from the community.

Jeff Anderson makes the Motion to approve report. Bill Loughrige seconds. All in favor.

SECRETARY’S REPORT – Marti Mahoney

Minutes from the last meeting have been sent. Bill Loughrige makes the motion to accept the minutes from last month and dispense with the reading of the minutes. Jeff Anderson seconds. All in favor

TREASURER’S REPORT – Lance Gilbert

Pancake breakfast

123 adults 13 kids; Donations \$1513, expenses \$399.34 net \$1113.66

Merchandise sales \$873

Firefighter Appreciation Day

Donations \$3549, expenses \$3671 = net < -\$122 >

Bingo – \$420 (\$130 proceeds +\$290 donated)

Golf Tournament – 60 players and 16 hole sponsors. Net \$8831.

\$5253 in prizes were donated by many local businesses.

Chip & Haul – Parking lot rehab was \$7977 (gravel – increase this year);
\$2,224.57 Check to WCAA for 2024 short fall;
\$329 in misc. dump fees for illegal items in pile.
Total cost was \$10530.
Well head repair/replacement (TBD)

Merchandise Mid year review
Sales YTD - \$10698 (total budget \$10000)
Expenses YTD - \$2626 (total year budget \$5000)
Karen to work on midyear / quarterly inventory status.

Donations this month were \$1710. YTD \$20581 - Total year budget \$70000
Donations are trending down year over year. Comment for newsletter to be added

Expenses for this month were approx. \$10217 not including payroll or Ramp liability \$3492

WTCS cash on hand is \$39835 (note Chip N Haul was funded out of WFPA this year)

Misc. – Reviewed PRCC cost report. Their costs from 2023 through August were \$204349.
2024 costs through August were \$293440. Approximately 40% increase. Do not know if we will be affected but would suspect our bill may increase.

Discussion regarding budget and decreases in donations. Lance will be revising his newsletter article to include info on the lower Donations vs the expenses on the fire station/maintenance, etc.

2023 Budget was \$100,000 = monies not received to meet that budget

2024 Budget is \$ 70,000 = to date approx. \$20,000 receive.

Community awareness is needed on expenses and budget information in newsletter, emails and FB.

Motion to approve Treasurer's report by Jeff Anderson. Bill Loughrige seconds. All in favor.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT – Roger Nusbaum

Calls

3 total. Two medical and one smoke report.

Training

Inline pumps operation and engine pumping refresher.

Fleet

Engine 86 had to go back in for repairs and it is taking a while to complete.

Personnel

The Arizona Wildland Fire & Incident Management Academy for 2025 will open registration on November 1st. For now, only one firefighter has expressed interest in a class, a new recruit needing S-130/190. We usually get scholarship days from the Academy otherwise the expense would be \$425.

Facilities

I believe we should finally get a Cascade air system to fill out SCBA air bottles. This appears to be a low-mid four figure expense. We refill now by Davin taking bottles to another station house. <https://www.breathingair.com/all-products/cascade-systems?page=1>

PRCC

No report.

Other

N/A

Discussion regarding the air bottle filling equipment. Grant monies (being researched by Jeff Anderson) need to be considered for this equipment. Costs range from \$1800 – 6000. This will alleviate someone going to another station to fill, and also time if the needs for re-filling crew tanks is in the community.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

Trash – Louie Reale and Clyde McKay

- Discussion to increase the subscription costs : \$250 / 12 months; \$175 / 6 months approved. Information to be added to newsletter and to webpage for 2025
- Change to Electronic lock system. Locks to be attached to the dumpsters (welded, chain, etc to be determined). EL lock app on phones with Bluetooth; allows for tracking on customer usage (and or prohibited usage dumping).
- Clyde will be picking up a second EL lock for a trial with the board members. And to get a video made to provide to subscribers on how it works.
- Louie will be researching new companies and costs for the start of 2025 contracts. Goal is to keep costs similar to what we are currently paying Best Pick.

Insurance – Clyde McKay and Lance Gilbert

No new changes. Insurance currently paid up to date

Station Maintenance – Rudy Erdman (email info sent)

Additional remotes are coming this week for the garage doors.
Well head repair and surround was completed two weeks ago

Station Improvements – Clyde McKay

No new updates

Walker Fire Webpage –

- Clyde McKay has been working with Chris for webpage. No new date for release provided.
- Chris has requested a head shot and short Bio from each board member to add to the new webpage information.

Fund Raising –

Golf Tournament – Jeff Anderson

Great turn out for the day. We had 60 players and 18 hole sponsors as well as numerous prize donations received. Each Player received something as a take away.

Net take on the day was \$8800+.

Goal is to have yearly golf tournament event and grow in players and donations.

Grants –

- Jeff Anderson has narrowed down the available grants to (2) two that WFPA can apply for. He is working on that application that are Due December 15th.
- Roger comments regarding new “used” truck be considered in 2025 / 2026 to replace Engine 86. Possible grant monies to cover half to 2/3 of the costs.
- Donations are way down (as discussed earlier). Community outreach to utilize the red sign at the fire station for large sign posted on Yearly operating costs and please donate. Jeff Anderson to work on getting signs installed.

Firewise Report – Loren Bykerk (not present)

Merchandise – Clyde McKay / Marti Mahoney

The merchandise team met with Clyde McKay, Jeff Anderson and Lance Gilbert last month to review budget, expenses, inventory and ideas.

- Karen will be working on quarterly inventory updates for Lance
- Lance provided yearly budget information with the committee agreeing any overage requests to be reviewed by the Board before purchasing.
- Clearance / old inventory will be reviewed often and a clearance rack put out for events.
- F.A.D event idea for Hawaiian shirts to have donations and bump for that day. Shirts to be sold early to volunteers and Board members and pre-sales offered prior to event.
- Support shirt and new logo design discussed towards 2025 fund raiser on truck replacement.

OLD BUSINESS –

Newsletter – Clyde McKay

Marti has rough draft for the newsletter.

- Lance to modify his article to include some of the expense info and donation info discussed earlier.
- Deadline to send to printer is Nov 1st; and a mid November mail out
- Clyde is tracking the advertisements / businesses and payments

NEW BUSINESS -

2025 Calendar. - Clyde McKay

Clyde has sent email for Board review. Discussion to consider switching some of the events (example Bingo vs Movie Night); and add (TBD) for October Golf Tournament and new event "Fish Fry".

- Push for volunteers for events to avoid burn out on the Board members doing a lot of work. Comment on Winter Newsletter and Spring Newsletter
- Please watch for email (from Clyde); review and send any comments.

Public Comments –

None

10.52 – Adjournment

Bill Loughrige makes the Motion to adjourn and Clyde McKay seconds. All in favor and we are adjourned.

End