



Minutes – WFPA

Board of Directors Meeting – August 12 , 2023

8:45am – Executive Session

Board members present for the meeting - Roger Nusbaum, Bill Loughrige, Lance Gilbert, Jeff Anderson, Marti Mahoney, Rudy Erdman, Scott Phillips

9:15am – Begin General Session

- The Quorum has been met.

1. Approve Agenda

Jeff Anderson makes the motions to approve the meeting agenda. Scott Phillips seconds the meeting agenda. Agenda has been approved.

2. Public Comments

Loren Bykerk - Chip and Haul. Continued collections for slash on-going

- Jeff Anderson – He confirmed with Lucy Brown for 3 roll offs on week of 7/28; and to hold previous pricing. Conflicting info from Loren per his discussion with Lucy this last week on getting a pricing increase. Loren and Jeff to discuss and reconnect with Lucy to nail down costs.
- Loren had call from the County regarding the grinder. The machine is down due to over heating. It is currently in repair and the County cannot confirm the Aug 21st date on site at this time. Loren will do follow up and notify Board.
- Estimated length of grinding (1) week
- Cut off date for dumping – large Signs, saw horses, temporary fence are needed to close the area off after August 21st.
- Notification email (facebook) regarding Cut off date needs to be sent.
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3. Presidents Report – Bill Loughrige

Is there interest and would WFPA Board like to consider together with the WCAA auxiliary group? Does the Board feel there is a benefit to an auxiliary group to work along side for Walker Fire support ?

- Discussion regarding WCAA working together with stipulations: (1) requiring only one contact point person attending the WFPA board meetings; and (2) collected funds by WCAA being discussed for best needed support areas.

- Do we want to consider and start a separate auxiliary group (if WCAA is not interested) to work along side the WFPA board for the community on support, services and committees on events?
- Scott Phillips will be point person to talk with WCAA (Deanna Phillips VP) regarding new outlook, moving past hard feelings and new goals on forward progress to working together.

Jeff Anderson makes the Motion to approve the suggestion. Rudy Erman seconds. All in favor approved.

4. Secretary Report – Marti Mahoney

- Minutes from the last meeting uploaded, emailed to Board and Chris.

Jeff Anderson makes the Motion to approve the meeting minutes and waive the reading of the minutes. Rudy Erman seconds the Motion. All in favor approved.

5. Treasurer Report – Lance Gilbert

- Accountant contact Inek has left the firm and has been replaced by Rachel Smith. Main impact is that our accountant no longer wants direct access to the banking accounts. The accountant can print checks but we must sign. I also have Inek's full list of Payees and am setting them up under my login.
- Kid's Day was a great success. Expenses were \$301. Merchandise sales were \$624.
- Pancake Breakfast netted \$965. Merchandise sales were \$808.
- Bingo netted \$145.
- Signees for the accounts have been updated to Lance Gilbert, Bill Loughrige and Clyde McKay.
- Working on 990 tax questions in preparation for tax filings. With change in accountants we are doing a more thorough review this year. Rachel has sent Tax questions required; Lance will review and respond.
- Lance has payee's set up; information is provided to Rachel. Firefighter info forms need to be sent in to Lance to fwd to Rachel. Roger will follow up on this.
- Donations this month were \$5,731.04
- Expenses for this month were \$14,582 not including payroll.
- WTCS cash on hand is \$61,712.69

INSURANCE ... VFIS accident & Sickness, Property, Liability and Auto renewal premiums have been paid. Still need to resolve MFAP and Potato Patch coverage.

- Traveler's workman's comp audit has been completed.
- Bill Loughrige will be speaking to Jody regarding MFAP
- Potato Patch bldg. coverage – Clyde McKay is currently reviewing coverage by the PP board; checking the lease agreement.
Verification if WFPA needs to increase over the current \$3Mill coverage
- Rudy Erdman volunteered to provide a monthly check on the PP building, heater and the batteries to confirm regularly maintenance being performed for insurance.

- PP Contact info – Currently is Curt (info provided to Rudy). Roger’s suggestion for Mo as main contact for the PP building and any emergencies in PP. Roger and Rudy will follow up with this confirmation.

Jeff Anderson makes the Motion to accept Treasurer’s report; Rudy Erman seconds. All in favor approved.

6. Fire Chief Report – Roger Nusbaum

Calls

One smoke investigation in the last month. It’s been over 2 months since a call has been received.

Training

Simulated wildland initial attack and wildland fire scenario at one very complex spot in the Walker area.

Fleet

Engine 86 and Brush 80 have had their annual servicing, Engine 85 is next. Engine 86 needs repairs on the tank. Roger will be researching repair costs.

Personnel

Brush 80 is currently on its 2nd assignment of 2023 at the Diamond Fire and has not been extended.

Facilities

No report.

PRCC

There are a lot of tech enhancement coming related to how alarm can communicate with callers during an incident and plans for a meaningful upgrade in the number of people working at the dispatch center.

Station Pump –

Pump repair and update is currently on-going. Rudy to confirm dates. Quote for costs approved.

Other

Roger Nusbaum – Discussion previous about trying to do more with grants. Not sure whose plate that fell onto. We have three needs; carbon monoxide oximeter about \$2000, system to refill our SCBA air bottles in the \$30,000 range as of a few years ago and a used Type 1 Engine \$150,000. Current Needs to review with grant firms:

- Carbon Monoxide oximeter
- Air system to fill tanks onsite at the station, in lieu of off site.
- New/Used Type Engine #1.

Jeff Anderson and Roger Nusbaum will continue researching grants as well as grant writers necessary. Roger provided links to several sites in his email on 8.9.23.

Scott Phillips request if the current ALS bag at the station is being used; and if he can take it and give to Davin. Scott will review the bag supplies and update as necessary. Roger gave approval for him to take the bag.

Scott Phillips and Roger Nusbaum will be reviewing the current coverage for insurance on our firefighters and wildland fighters.

Rudy Erdman makes the Motion to accept Fire Chief's report. Scott Phillips seconds. All in favor approved.

7. Committee Reports

Firefighter Appreciation Day - Saturday Sept 2nd; 4 to 6 PM

Jeff Anderson is overseeing the cooking and meat purchases.

- Fiesta menu planned with Carnitas. Approx 300+ people estimated.
- This is a Walker Fire training day. Trucks will be moved out and left out
- Set up for tables; food; Merchandise to begin at 2:30
- Announcement email and FB posts to be sent for the event; Potluck sides and desserts.
- Jeff Anderson to schedule (2) port-a-potties delivered
- Bill Loughrige to pick up condiments; plates; drinks; pans for serving.

Event day Agenda Schedule.... Bill Loughrige to give opening / greeting;

- Roger Nusbaum to update community.
- Gift cards presented by Roger Nusbaum to Doug, Charlier and Laura;
- Gift card and brick award to Johnny O for his service by Bill Loughrige

OLD BUSINESS:

Bill Loughrige will be contacting Jody to review insurance items and coverage.

- Verification for Workman's Comp and premium costs.

PARK RENOVATION – GAZEBO request by Rudy Erdman

Rudy Erdman – overview of gazebo options provided and picnic tables with cost sheet.

- Discussion if this should be a separate fund drive for the park upgrades and consensus that the funds are not taken from the WFPA funds that are intended for Walker Fire support.
- Parking still a concern for the usage of park and gazebo from Roger Nusbaum
- Discussion agrees the intention for gazebo used for Walker events, band set up, Annual meeting.
- Board vote – Rudy to continue to get budget costs for concrete pad and gazebo kit costs. In Favor (5); Abstain (2).

Jeff Anderson makes motion to accept this agenda. Marti Mahoney Seconds. All in favor

CLEAN UP DAY -

Merchandise Team will be planning a clean out of the closet in August.

- Items in closet not used, or items that can be moved to different location. The items and decision on storing, donating, or going to dumpsters requires BOD or Fire Chief.

- Suggestion that a clean up day is scheduled in October (tbd) to go thru the Fire station storage areas, garage and sheds and kitchen areas.
- Lance Gilbert and Jeff Anderson to check the existing grills. Trash the small grill that is not working.

Lance Gilbert makes motion to accept this agenda. Jeff Anderson Seconds. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Newsletter – Currently Clyde McKay has been overseeing the completion of and getting the newsletter sent out.

- Marti Mahoney volunteered to assist Clyde with newsletter
- Bill Loughrige would like follow up on pricing; Printer options; printing copies / quantity; color vs no color; and getting more ads in the newsletter.

8. Public Comments

Karen Gonzales – Walker Merchandise Committee

Suggestion for a Salsa competition for the Fireman’s Appreciation Day event.

- Add this info in to the upcoming announcements

Suggestion box for community comments on events and merchandise.

- Bill Loughrige agrees good idea and best to be placed on Merchandise tables where it will be seen by more people.
- Comments to be reviewed and provided to the Board .

Loren Bykerk – WCAA

- Update comments on Chip and Haul provided. (See earlier public comments)
- Interest and agrees with WCAA partnering again with WFPA board.

10:40 – Adjournment

Jeff Anderson makes the Motion to adjourn and Rudy Erdman seconds. Everyone approves and the meeting is adjourned.

End

ADDENDUM added 8.14.23 from Bill Loughrige

After the Board Meeting had adjourned, President Bill Loughrige realized the Board had not formally adopted the MFPA Insurance (a benefit for FF Volunteers and their families) that had been discussed during the meeting. He contacted the Board Members and received support for adding the MFPA by a majority of the Board. A formal motion will be included in the September 11th BOD meeting.

Also in the Insurance section the MFPA was a decided issue, the Potato Patch was where we were needing additional information.