



Minutes – WFPA
Board of Directors Meeting – September 9th , 2023

8:45am – Executive Session

Board members present for the meeting - Roger Nusbaum, Bill Loughrige, Lance Gilbert, Clyde McKay, Rudy Erdman, Marti Mahoney

9:15am – Begin General Session

- The Quorum has been met.

1. Approve Agenda

Clyde McKay makes the motions to approve the meeting agenda. Rudy Erdman seconds the meeting agenda. Agenda has been approved.

2. Public Comments

Loren Bykerk - Chip and Haul has been completed week of 8.29.23

- (36) rolls off were used; (9) loads were delivered locally.
- Loren is waiting on Invoice for total bill on roll offs.
- Grant reimbursement funds = \$8200; WCAA funds available \$4000;
- Loren will provide invoice total and balance due funds required to WFPA
- There is a pile of chips left on the lot. Decision if these will be moved to the park area, or to offer to community.
- Gravel – Rudy Erman is investigating the costs for gravel; as well as the labor to have the gravel spread at the dumpster locations.

WCAA is planning a chili cook off in October. (No calendar date or info has been provided to date to community to date). Donation funds will go towards the chip & haul.

3. Presidents Report – Bill Loughrige

- Discussion and concerns over WCAA and any joint meetings or working together. Agreement that no other auxiliary group is needed currently.

Clyde McKay makes the Motion to approve Presidents Report. Rudy Erman seconds. All in favor approved.

4. Secretary Report – Marti Mahoney

- Minutes from the last meeting sent and received by the Board. Clyde McKay 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

- Accountants now have a view only login to bank accounts
- Pancake Breakfast netted \$653 Merchandise sales were \$2,010.
- Bingo netted \$90.
- Working on 990 tax questions in preparation for tax filings. With change in accountants we are doing a more thorough review this year.
- VFIS MFAP premium paid.
- Now getting donations through Blackbaud fund. This is a donation matching from a resident's employer.
- Donations this month were \$3,656.65
- Expenses for this month were \$23,404.89 not including payroll.
- WTCS cash on hand is \$59,483.90

Lance is researching a "Black BOD" option for donations. A current resident is using this program with an employer that matches funds and is paid monthly to WFPA. The opportunity for this will be passed along to the community emails / FB when Lance gathers the rest of the information.

Fund Raising – Lance is researching options for different ways to gather and breakdown the fund raising donations.

Lance comment he is continuing \ research in to Savings interest percentages and best returns.

Clyde McKay makes the Motion to accept Treasurer's report; Rudy Erman seconds. All in favor approved.

6. Fire Chief Report – Roger Nusbaum

Calls

Two medical calls.

Training

Implementing ICS in an initial attack and a deeper dive into the ICS structure.

Fleet

Only water tenders 81 and 83 need annual service. Engine 83 went to Phoenix for some repairs most of which are covered under the warranty. One expense will be for an airhorn. Waiting for an estimate on that but the current horn sounds like one for a small car and not adequate.

Personnel

We have a new recruit who has come to two trainings in a row so far and another person who is a full-time resident and expressed interest at the FF Appreciation. Due to lack of personnel availability it is unlikely that we'll send a truck out again.

Facilities

We did a thorough cleaning of the station ahead of the FF appreciation event. The lighting system in the bays was replaced – Completed by Rudy Erdman.

PRCC

No report

Other

Grant info left here as an intentional holdover. We talked 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. Three different price points. Continued research in to Grants available by Roger Nusbaum

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

7. Committee Reports

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

- Great turn out by the community. A Thank you for Roger Nusbaum for his talk and the presentation of all the fire fighters.
- Bill Loughrige said leftovers were taken to Sojourner Center and much appreciated.
- Thanks to Jeff Anderson and his team for the cooking; and the volunteers for set up, serving and clean up.

Items to consider:

- More tables are needed. Several families left as there were no more places for people to sit and eat.
- Additional easy-up's / pop ups may be needed.
- Rudy Erdman will research costs on (6) 8ft tables; and costs for pop ups and option for RV type awnings at front of fire station doors.
- Roger Nusbaum would like information on the awning option size and location to review for any impact it may have to Helicopters using landing area.

OLD BUSINESS:

PARK RENOVATION – GAZEBO request by Rudy Erdman

Rudy Erdman – presented options on gazebos and tables, benches last month. He will be reaching out to community for input and possible donations towards installation.

- There is still concern for parking and usage. Intent is primarily for Walker Fire events.
- Bill Loughrige request that grader spreading gravel (for chip n haul) also come in to the park area to level off areas for tables. Rudy Erdman will check in to this.

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

- Clyde McKay (and Marti Mahoney) have been looking in to services that will both print AND mail out newsletters. A check on local printers do not do mail out.
- Newsletter will be color printed; and multiple pages. Largest donations yearly are received after the Fall newsletter.

Schedule for Newsletter –

- Sept 11th – email sent requesting articles, ads and photos
- Sept 22nd – deadline for articles, ads, mailing list and photos
- Sept 29th – Send layout to Board for review, comments and approvals
- Oct 3rd – Complete newsletter and send out to printer
- Oct 18th – Newsletter flyers hit the mail
- Oct 25th – Flyers should be received in the mail

NEW BUSINESS

SECURITY CAMERAS –

Currently our security cameras for the dumpster areas are very low resolution and Clyde McKay is working with a resident on options and best camera for the job.

- Simon and Amy Simpson (?) have been purchasing different cameras and sets up (donating these funds) to see what will work and give the best results.
- Clyde McKay makes a motion for approval on a hard-wired CCTV camera with a \$2000 budget for a new system. Lance approves the motion. Rudy Erdman seconds and all approve.

WEBSITE –

Clyde McKay and Lance Gilbert are working on the improvement and updating our Walkerfire.org website page. Chris will be providing the actual work and design after getting the info from Clyde and Lance.

- Community outreach for photos of old Walker townsite, mining locations, etc.
- Marti Mahoney suggested that people purchasing ads for the newsletter could possibly have an 'ad section' on the new web page design (to run for 12 months). Clyde will be checking in to this.

CLEAN UP DAY -

Merchandise Team will be planning a clean up day on Sept 23rd 9 to 12

- Plan is to fix, replace and add shelving as necessary. Complete an inventory. Items not merchandise currently in the closet will be stored in garage or tossed.

Balance of Fire station clean up – Bill Loughrige suggests that this is done in Phases as necessary. Roger Nusbaum and crew cleaned the station floors prior to the F.A.D. event.

- Sept 30th (Pancake Breakfast) – Bill Loughrige will be asking his team to remain after the event to do a cleaning on the kitchen areas.

- Lance Gilbert and Clyde McKay have already tackled cleaning old and unused items in the office and storage areas during the last pancake breakfast.
- Shed and Garage still need to be cleaned; items donated or dumped.

SIGNS –

Signs for promoting Walker events will be updated by Jeff Anderson and Clyde McKay. Still in review for changing for next year. Old Signs (in shed) need to be trashed

CALENDAR –

Marti Mahoney asked Loren Bykerk (WCAA) regarding the info, thumb drive with the WCAA calendar set up as referred by Mona Feige.

- The Merchandise group would like to sell this at our tables and during the events.
- Marti will be working with a team to choose theme, set layout and 2025 calendar, print and have ready to sell by April 2024 events.
- The calendar can be sold at the Merchandise table as well as online, and FB comment for sales.

Walker Calendar / Event Days.... Marti Mahoney asked Clyde McKay about when we set up the calendar for 2024. This info would be needed on the Calendars as well as the Walker Fire website.

8. Public Comments

None

10:25 – Adjournment

Clyde McKay makes the Motion to adjourn and Rudy Erdman seconds. Everyone approves and the meeting is adjourned.

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