



Minutes – WFPA
Board of Directors Meeting – October 21, 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. Jeff Anderson seconds the meeting agenda. Agenda has been approved.

2. Public Comments - None

3. Presidents Report – Bill Loughrige

No report from Bill Loughrige at this time.

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

4. Secretary Report – Marti Mahoney

Minutes from the last meeting sent and received by the Board. Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

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

5. Treasurer Report – Lance Gilbert

- Pancake Breakfast netted \$1,762.97 Merchandise sales were \$681.

- Bingo netted \$90. Total proceeds for the year were \$600.
- Taxes Due in October. Working on 990 tax questions finished and submitting to the accountant.
- Firefighter Appreciation Day brought in \$2,085 but expenses were \$2,390.71 for a loss of \$305.71.
- Donations this month were \$2,348.40
- Expenses for this month were \$20,999.40 not including payroll. NOTE: \$5K may be incorrectly accounted from the Wildland Program and under investigation.
- WTCS cash on hand is \$59,648.96 but will change to \$48,831.43 after expenses paid by WFPA for BestPick and Painter Excavating.
- Autopay for BestPick was set up but under the WFPA account. This will get corrected in Oct.
- Brick Sales need to be logged in.
- TO DO list... Continue to research Money Market account info and set up.

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 medical call and one public assist.

Training

Station cleanup and incident staging.

Fleet

Engine 83 came back on 10/20. It was gone for six weeks for various repairs and diagnostics. These were things covered by the warranty plus an oil change that we will get billed for. Six weeks is frustratingly long. We may want to consider paying for smaller work even if it would be otherwise under warranty. It would be out of service for a few days not a few weeks.

Tender 81 is the only vehicle that still needs annual service at CAFMA.

Personnel

The signups for the Wildland Fire Academy should be opening up soon. As of now I don't believe we will exceed the number of scholarship days but will provide an update once confirmed.

New Engine Boss discussion – Charlie is good to continue thru 2024. By 2025 the need to consider new person for the position.

Facilities

The pumphouse upgrade has an issue that might be with the float. The pump turns on every now and then and pours water out the back and floods inside the pumphouse.

PRCC

The basin is starting the process of switching to P25 Digital radios. Some of our radios are compatible for this change, most are not. Many of the mobile radios in the fleet and the portables are not compatible. All the BK radios (the very expensive ones) looks like they will be compatible. This will rollout slowly over the next couple of years and there was talk of a regional grant for everyone to get compatible radios. I am still working to understand the financial scope of this project.

Consideration for funds to buy 3 to 4 radios each year that are updated and compatible. Make this a grant item request; and WFPA budget fund item set aside yearly.

The current mobile radios in specified trucks are older and would not be compatible to the new systems.

Other

We might be due for our ISO review in early 2024. I don't know if the pandemic altered the schedule like if they didn't go out into the field for a year or two and I don't plan on asking.

GRANTS –

Jeff and Roger continue to research in to grants and grant writers. Roger to provide a list to Jeff on the “Small, Medium and Large” request equipment needs to present to grant writer.

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.

To save some time; this link was high up on the search results and had nothing for us.

<https://www.africanamericangrants.org/private-grant-fire-department.html>

This list as a lot of grantors that I haven't dug into yet. Help would be very much appreciated <https://www.causeiq.com/directory/grants/grants-for-volunteer-fire-departments/>

Carbon monoxide oximeter <https://www.masimo.com/technology/co-oximetry/spco/#:~:text=Measuring%20Carbon%20Monoxide%20with%20SpCO&text=Purchase%20CO%2Doximetry%20is%20a,on%20the%20fingertip%20for%20adults.>

Air system <https://www.bauercomp.com/products/breathing-air/filling-purification-storage/cfs-55>

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

7. Committee Reports

Walker Merchandise Committee –

Marti Mahoney – the Merchandise Team is planning on a Holiday Sales day Dec 9th, Saturday at the Fire station. (This would follow the Board Mtg) from 11 to 1.

Roger confirms there are no Training sessions planned for that day.

OLD BUSINESS:

INSURANCE for the Potato Patch Bldg/Truck

Clyde is continuing to look in to the insurance coverage for the bldg. and truck. Clyde has asked for back up info from Bill Loughrige on the BigBug conditions to complete the info on PP coverage.

PARK RENOVATION – GAZEBO request by Rudy Erdman

Rudy Erdman – Continued research in to the costs for new tables and benches. And costs on a gazebo option; as well as community outreach and support.

- There is still concern for parking and usage. Intent is primarily for Walker Fire events.
- The park area was worked on last month. Wood chips from chip and haul and leveled out areas.

CHIP n HAUL follow up:

Rudy Erdman confirms that the gravel has all been spread at the parking / dumpster locations.

Bill and Lance confirm that there is no additional costs required from the WFPA funds on the Rolls offs.

NEWSLETTER – Currently Clyde McKay has been overseeing the completion of and getting the newsletter sent out. He has received most of the reports from Board members and committees for the Newsletter.

We are low on the number of Ads purchased for the Newsletter

Schedule for Newsletter – Planning on completion and mail out in November 2023

SECURITY CAMERAS –

Currently our security cameras for the dumpster areas are very low resolution and Clyde McKay is working with Simon and Amy (residents) and a hard wire CCTV security system has been decided on.

Confirmation on purchase and installation information will follow in November.

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.
- Clyde and Chris are still working on this. No date for completion at this time.

CLEAN UP DAY -

Merchandise Team completed the closet clean up and organization. Jeff Anderson provided much needed assistance for sealing up the conditions of the closet.

Balance of Fire station clean up – Roger Nusbaum and crew cleaned the station floors prior to the F.A.D. event.

Lance Gilbert and Clyde McKay have already tackled cleaning old and unused items in the outside Storage Shed.

CALENDAR – Calendar provided by WFPA item has been dropped at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on Scott Philips resignation.

Options to fill vacancy discussed and bylaw requirements. 1.) leave the Board with six current members; 2.) request community new vote, 3.) wait for vote until 2024.

Discussion with six members, no tie breaker vote.

Rudy Erdman makes the motion that we remain with six members until 2024 Annual Session and Voting. Lance Gilbert Seconds. All in favor.

8. Public Comments

None

10:15 – Adjournment

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

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