



**Minutes – WFPA
Board of Directors Meeting – February 13th, 2021**

8:45am – Executive Session

Board members present for the meeting - Roger Nusbaum, Lance Gilbert, Bill Loughrige, Clyde McKay - Present in person for meeting, Shawn Murphy, Dan Dougherty and Rudy Erdman – Present via Zoom.

9:20am – Begin General Session

- The Quorum has been met.

1.0 – Approve Agenda

- Rudy Erdman motions to approve agenda – Would like to add community education to the agends and Lance Gilbert seconds the motion. Agenda has been approved.

2.0 – Public Comments

- Joe Sigrist – new resident in the area joined the meeting.

3.0 – Presidents Report

- We survived the recent heavy storm – we did help people in the area – we will further discuss issues relating to the storm later.

4.0 – Secretary Report

- The minutes from the last meeting have been posted to the website.
- We discussed making some changes and improvements to the WFPA website – navigation changes as well as on the site would be good. Clyde McKay will review and discuss with website host.

- Lance Gilbert – Makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes Rudy Erdman seconds. Secretary's report has been approved.

5.0 – Treasurer Report

- Signed Country tax exemption forms 2-5-21
- Lance Gilbert would like to make the motion to make changes to create a different bank account and to authorize Bill Loughrige, Clyde McKay and Lance Gilbert as users and signers for the account. Additionally, we will add Roger Nusbaum to provide names of people who will be authorized to use debit cards. Rudy Erdman seconds the motion.
- Walker WiFi will provide service for no charge. Thanks Nick and company!
- Bank change - Progressing, need to ensure Articles of incorporation are undated, still showing 2013.
- Side note – doc on website need updated also. Need to provide meeting minutes stating which directors will have authority over the account. See email from bank with final requirements.
- Reviewed and forwarded PayPal 1099-K to accountants
- W2 tax info notification was sent out notifying staff to retrieve from the portal.
- Donations for this month were \$15,740
- Expenses for this month were \$6,065.67

WTCS

- Total Liabilities and Equity is \$44,205.18

Note- can easily add 1-2 more dumpsters and still maintain budget.

- Clyde McKay makes the motion to approve the treasurer's report and Rudy Erdman seconds the motion.

6.0 – Fire Chief Report

Calls

- Public assist.

Training

- Truck PMs and SCBA refresher.

Fleet

- Brush 80 has doubled its bin storage capacity.

Facilities

- SCBAs and masks have all had their annual servicing.

Personnel

- Charlie Reyes will serve as primary engine boss for Brush 80, with Bobby Stewart as primary FF1. We have a couple of firefighters interested in being the FF2 when Brush 80 goes out. It also looks like we will have a back up engine boss and back up FF1.

Other

- More on Brush 80; The new storage bins have been added to Brush 80. If we do nothing else, the added functionality is a big upgrade.
- Something that I apologize for not thinking of sooner is that the truck will need Bendix King radios. These are expensive but we need radios that are compatible with what will be used on incidents for frequency programming reasons. Attached is a proposal. We do not need four handheld radios, we need two and a dashboard mounted radio. Taking off two radios takes the estimate down to a hair over \$6000. One of our firefighters has a lead on cheaper radios so it is possible the number above could be less.
- We are working on trying to renegotiate the daily rate for Brush 80 up but right now it is \$2000/day. Competitive pay for the guys on the truck works out to \$700/day for the engine boss, \$350 for FF1 and \$250 for the FF2. The department then would net \$700 a day if we can't negotiate higher before the next contract.
- Sending the truck out for 30 days, \$21,000 net to the department, would be reasonable for planning purposes. Last year would have been many more days than that but it could also be less.
- If after this summer, we decide we don't want to pursue this anymore then the money brought in would very likely cover the expense incurred and leave us with a much more robust Brush 80 and a couple of much better radios.
- Lance Gilbert would like to make a motion to approve an allocation of \$ 10,000 (not to exceed) to be used for purchase of new communications equipment Rudy Erdman Seconds the motion.

- Clyde McKay would like to make the motion to give the department a budget of up to \$ 30,000 for the purchase of a new wildland truck for the department and Rudy Erdman seconds the motion.
- Clyde McKay makes a motion to approve the fire chiefs report and Rudy Erdman seconds.

7.0 – Committee Reports

Corona Virus Response – We are continuing to support and do best efforts to be compliant.

Fire Station Parking Lot (Ice Around the Dumpsters) – We need someone to plow the dumpster area when they come and plow the fire station. We may need to pay for this to be done.

Educational Emails From WFPA Email – We will send out welcome packages from WFPA to the community as well as send out info to folks about WFPA to help better the community.

a) New Business

- Snow Rescue Vehicle – We will table this for the time being due to the logistics matters and the capital expense needed.
- WTCS Receipts – Clyde McKay and Lance Gilbert to change and improve process.
- WFPA Website improvements – Clyde McKay will work with Chris Alex to make changes to improve the WFPA website.
- Community functions – we are going to go ahead and look at doing community events.
- Newsletter – need to start writing articles for news-letter.

8.0 – Community Announcements

- Loren Bykerk – We need to make arrangements for the parking lot for the Chip and Haul – Loren would like to try and schedule it from March 13th, 2021 till the end of May.

9.0 – Pubic Forum

- None

10:36am – Adjournment

Rudy Erdman motions to adjourn Lance Gilbert seconds, and the meeting is adjourned.