

Meeting Minutes for WFPA Annual Membership Meeting

Meeting held 5/23/09 9-11:30AM

Approximately 130 members in attendance

Meeting called to order at 9:07AM by Tim McFarlan, Treasurer/Acting President. Resignations of President, Vice President and Secretary left the Treasurer to run this meeting.

There are three new committees looking for members, interested members asked to sign up at information table:

- 1 By-Laws Committee
- 2 Web site Committee
- 3 ISO Compliance Committee

First order of business, Mark Keegan WFPA Board member addressed the membership to take vote on Board nomination and election process rules. The WFPA Board is currently operating under the 2001 Bylaws. Under these rules, a **member of the WFPA** is defined as any person owning property or residing in the Walker area. There are no specific boundaries in this version of the by-laws.

Ballots will be issued to anyone listed on our membership list or filling out a form testifying they either own or reside at an address in the Walker area. So if you haven't visited our Tellers to obtain a ballot, please sign in and you will be issued a ballot.

On the **ballot there are nine rules**, however, last night we received notice that rules 2 (B) and 3(c) violate AZ Statute Article 10 section 28 and should be stricken from our list.

We open the discussion on each rule, and had the membership vote as follows:

1 A One ballot per member – approved

2 B One vote per nominee per ballot– stricken

3 C Multiple votes per nominee on a single ballot count as one vote for that nominee – stricken

4 D Allowed to vote for 0 - 4 nominees – approved (also clarified any number of votes can be applied to a single nominee or combination of nominees but no more than 4 total votes)

5 E Ballots with votes for more than 4 nominees will be disqualified -approved

6 F Only members 18yrs of age or older – approved

7 G Nominees must be members of the WFPA – approved

8 H Nominees must be 18 years old or older to run – approved

9 I The nominee with the 4th highest vote count will be elected to fill the 1 year vacancy – approved

Tim McFarlan, Delivered President and Treasurer Report, (see separate summary)

the **treasurer's report** is available on the WFPA web site, a few hard copies are also available in the back of the room.

Highlights of the past year include:

Final truck payment made \$95k last July

Developed and signed a dumpster agreement

Remodeled Fire Station office area thanks to Chuck Bowers and Sharon Atwood

Second dues drive sent last Oct to people who did not respond to 1st call for dues netted ~\$30,000

improved minutes and documentation process

Not completed:

Updated by-laws

based on the 2001 rules we cannot bring them forward for 1 year (May 2010)

worked with attorney to develop draft and solicited input from membership. Will have to postpone effort into next year.

Thanks to Bob Neberman for his term and thanks to each of the board members ending their terms for their work: Bob Neberman, Joe Lupa, Dan Hauck and Carol Tocker

Becky Sirwatis has stepped down as web master after many years of great work for the WFPA, Jeff Morhous & Nick Wold are picking up the role

Orientation program for new board members is in development

Other Reports Given:

Jill Maisonneuve Fire Chief's report

Nick Wold – District Initiative Update

Betsy Bykerk, Jeff and Victoria Morhous – WFA (Walker Fire Auxillary) Update

Mark Keegan Facilitated the Board Nominations/Presentations/Election Process

Consistent with 2001 Bylaws, Article 8, Section 1 calls from the floor were made for nominees for the board from members.

Each person nominated will be given an opportunity to accept or decline. Once the list is finalized, they will be given 5 minutes each to present their “bio” and entertain questions.

Nominated & accepted include:

Glenn Heithold

Jill Maisonneuve

John O’hanesian

Greg Stava

Chuck Spears

James Lee

Via phone, Terry Piske asked to have his name removed from the ballot.

Leaving Names submitted and accepted earlier for consideration:

Carol Talker

Joe Rech

Ballots were cast

Tellers/Counters were selected for representation from various regions in the Walker community

Final count revealed our new board members as:

Jill Maisonneuve

Greg Stava

John O'Hanesian

Joe Rech, (completing one year term created by vacancy left by Joe Lupa's resignation)

Meeting Adjourned

New Board met following the Annual meeting and determined officers as follows:

Tim McFarlan – President

Mark Keegan – Vice President

Joe Rech – Secretary

Greg Stava – Treasurer