

**Walker Fire Protection Association
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes**

11 October 14

Board Members Present:

President:	Bill Loughrige
Vice President:	John O'Hanesian
Secretary:	Russ Courtney
Treasurer:	Vic Hencken
Director:	Steve MacIntosh
Director:	Terry Piske
Fire Chief:	Roger Nusbaum

Board Members Absent:

Director:	Rudy Erdman
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9:00 AM Begin General Session

Approve Agenda - Time Index: 00:59

Motion to accept the agenda as amended by John seconded by Steve. Vote. Passed 6/0

Public Comments (questions will be addressed at the end of the meeting) - Time Index: 01:21

John A – it might be helpful if it was on the agenda to review the size of the membership – how many there are, properties, how many are actual members, etc.

President Report - Time Index: 02:04

The construction project is now completed. We were not aware of scheduling the Fire Fighter appreciation day on Yom Kippur. The firehouse has been cleaned up and items placed in the new areas. Some older/unused equipment was taking to the Cherry Fire Department for their use. The \$800 spent for the parking area was also well spent. The county arranged to have the apron paved to the helipad. The phone line has been cut to the emergency phone outside as well as the second line in the office (green phone). Phone company will be called for repair

Secretary Report - Time Index: 05:32

The minutes from the September Board Meeting were distributed to the Board members and posted on the website along with the Audio file from the meeting.

We have received additional returns from the recent mailing. I've not had a chance to go through those to review the issues with those addresses. In total we have received approximately 25 returns.

Motion to wave with the reading of the minutes was made by John and seconded by Vic . Vote. Passed.
6/0

Treasurer Report- Time Index: 06:55

Cash is back up to \$135K. Results of the special ask for that who have not given, has raised \$7400. Against budget that is a \$5K increase. YTD we budgeted \$18K for the construction project. Actual was \$28K. Bottom line is that we are \$9K ahead of budget with the additional \$10K budget overage for the construction project.

Rudy has provided a spreadsheet which is in \$100 of the amount spent. We received a great deal on getting that project done. Rudy did a great job on getting this done.

John – Can we reduce the amount of our checking account to less than \$50K? This will keep us from having to raise our insurance bond. It would be \$1K per year to cover our accountant. Vic – Yes.

John – Do we want to continue with the bond at \$1K per year? Vic – Yes, we should also shop the bond to see if we can receive a better price for the fidelity bond?

A motion was made to accept the Treasures report by John and seconded by Terry. Vote. Passed 6/0

Fire Chief Report- Time Index: 14:46

Calls One call for the month – Medical in nature. **Personnel** The group enjoyed the FF appreciation immensely, thanks to John and Bill and everyone else who worked hard to pull it together. **Fleet** 85 and 84, and 80. 86 and the Tenders still need to be completed. 80 will need a couple of tires to be taken care of this week. **Training** Structure training and moved into new storage, purged items no longer needed and donated a lot of older PPE to Cherry Fire. **Facilities** Defer to Rudy for any comments about the new storage shed. A lot more room due to the shed. **Western Yavapai Chiefs Association** We will be asked to deliver what looks like will be a check for \$1443.46 for our 5% matching on the SCBA grants. The winning bid was far less than what we were awarded (about \$70,000 less). Once the bid has been executed the Chiefs Association will then work on being able access the additional amount awarded. If successful I would estimate needing another \$400 or so but final numbers are yet to be determined. **PRCC** The dispatch center has made some changes but the impact on us will be negligible. The center services both fire and law enforcement so there will be one person available to address any escalated issues; on the fire side will be Darrell Willis. **Additional** We have received all monies owed from fires. I have not seen a check from the 50/50 grant that we were awarded from State Forestry. In June the expectation was 5 to 6 months to receive the check.

Vic/Roger – mentioned that a check was received from the Az State Fire School.

Question– Bill: Do you want to address the water tenders now? Roger: Yes. The tenders are old. This year there has been little to no as far as repairs. We did spend \$5K last year for one clutch. They are old and we should look to replacing them. Bill: We did miss the one tender which came up as we did not act quickly enough. While we are not searching for a replacement t, it would be a good idea to shop for

one and present that costing to the board for consideration. Vic suggested that we begin to look for funding now. Roger mentioned that he has talked with Jack Smith about a Community Block Development Grant which we can pursue for funding. The scope of the grant would be a brand new truck. John asked how many tenders would we send to a house fire or forest fire? Roger responded with all we have. Steve asked about military surplus. Roger said that we have State surplus which does have some military vehicles. Tenders do come up from time to time. Bill said that we just want to get this on our agenda, even if it is for 2016.

Motion to accept the Fire Chief Report was made by John and seconded by Terry . Vote. Passed. 6/0

Committee Reports (Fundraising, By-Laws, and Firewise) - Time Index: 31:44

- Fundraising – FF Appreciation Day was great. We put about \$500 in to the bank after all expenses.
- By-Laws – will be discussed at the end of business.
- Firewise – Loren said that they just finished a State grant and we are now awaiting reimbursement. A new grant should be finished in the next week. This is a \$71K grant with Loren asking for \$38K for chip and haul. State said this was too much. They like to measure in acres which would provide for two events. It will be too late for this year for a successful event. Possibly in April if it does not impact the bridge project. There are three other communities in this grant along with PAWUIC.

Volunteer of the Month Recognition- Time Index: 37:55

None received for this month.

Old Business- Time Index: 38:10

- Welcome Information for New Home Owners – a few things were added to the ALERT. Also a medications 5x7 magnet was created list medications.
- Facility Maintenance – talked with Rick Baker and Bob Strieawalt. We have people who will do the work to create a plan for us.
- Bridge Project – January is the expected time frame for a start.
- Storeroom Project – (Closing Report) – Rudy is not here today. The project has had a huge impact. The Break Room will receive some cabinets.
- Walker Road Paving – (Closing Report) – It took two days and looks great. The \$800 spent on the paving for the parking area and apron was well spent.

New Business- Time Index: 47:18

Water Tenders – See comments earlier.

Fall Newsletter – Bill has talked with Greg Stava. This should be out by mid-November. Another thought is just a spring newsletter. The newsletter seems to be growing in size and needs to be kept short. Thoughts are that it should be created and sent. It should reflect a year in review.

Community Announcements: (Firewise, WCAA, Others?) - Time Index: 50:06

Loren – There are two PAWUIC signs which will be moved. One to just before Big Bug Mesa and the other just before Bannie Mine Road. County will do the relocation.

Victoria – last opportunity to donate your \$1 per coat.

Victoria – WCAA Annual Meeting later today.

Victoria – Coast Drive: last chance to donate is the Pancake Breakfast.

Public Forum (Two-minute restriction)

Steve – Feel hurt about the scheduling of the FF Appreciation Day on Yom Kippur.

Victoria – re: What the board is putting together for medication, the hospital offers the File of Life which we may want to consider.

Victoria – for the newsletter; we may want to reference the bylaws that state the requirement to vote (3.2.6) in the annual meeting.

Brief Board discussion, if any, about public comments

11:00 AM **Adjournment**- Time Index: 56:05

Motion to adjourn was made by John and seconded by Steve . Vote. Passed. 6/0 Meeting adjourned at 10:20 AM

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