

WFPA Board Minutes For 3/12/2011

8:30 a.m. Meeting was called to order by President John Horvat

- Director Paul Nies attended via conference call.

President's Report: John asked everyone in attendance for courtesy and civility when addressing the Board and each other during the meeting.

Secretary's Report: Read and accepted as amended to reflect a typo in Motion # 021200a changing the word 'could' to 'would'.

Treasurer's Report: Read and accepted.

Fire Chief's Report: No calls during February – P-81 had the carburetor rebuilt – We have five new volunteers – The Pack Test went well with 11 people passing, another one will be scheduled for March 27th – Bob met with Gary Roysdon of Pawuic who will be using DOC prisoners for cleanup of designated areas. Bob said that Commissioner Thurmond reported that Firewise funds will be paid directly to the DOC by his office. Pawuic is donating a dump trailer for the cleanup process.

Newsletter: Bill Loughrige will be doing the newsletter.

Nominating Committee: A Nominating Committee form will be posted to the website in a few days for those who wish to run for the WFPA Board of Directors.

Grant Committee: John Ohanesian stated that they are pretty much on track with both groups cooperating, but the information about Commissioner Thurmond now taking charge is new.

Consultant: John Horvat reported that the Consultant Committee continues to try to find a qualified person to act as a Consultant.

Recordings: The purpose of the recordings of each Board meeting was discussed, as well as the need for a policy regarding the retention of the discs once the Secretary has finished with them to transcribe the Board meeting minutes.

Vehicle Purchase: Chief Loughrige provided information on purchasing a “Snuffer” (compressed air foam) unit that was discussed last month. A new unit costs \$30,000; we can buy this unit for no more than \$8,000. The unit will mount on one of our existing trucks. Bob stated that this will give us two CAF trucks.

Discussion was held on whether this unit was of immediate need and whether the Board should vote on it today. The decision was yes, provided that the unit is mounted on existing truck Chase -85. Chase-85 will be re-branded as Patrol 84.

Motion to purchase: Bill Loughrige

Seconded: Terry Piske

Motion passed 5 yes 1 no

WFA: John asked for volunteers to help staff the WFA following the resignation of Toddie Hauck due to employment relocation.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:50 a.m. to accommodate a guest speaker that will discuss Bark Beetle infestation in the forest.