

## WFPA BOARD MINUTES 6-12-2010

Meeting called to order at 8:03 a.m. by President John Horvat

Thanked past Board Presidents Tim McFarlan and Bob Neberman for their service. All of the fire fighters, medical staff and volunteers were also thanked for their contribution. Myra Nathanson was singled out for special thanks for all of the Walker Days and pancake breakfasts that she has organized and worked so hard on for so many years.

John apologized for calling an emergency meeting of the Board on 6/5/2010 and for the temporary appointment of John Sumner as acting Fire Chief. John said that he didn't have the authority to do so.

Secretary report for the May 29, 2010 Annual Meeting. Read and accepted.

Treasurer report read and accepted.

No Fire Chief report.

Board Vice President Bill Loughrige read the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of 6/5/2010. Report accepted.

Tim McFarlan had requested an agenda item for the approval of \$3,500 in anticipated funding for the formation of a Fire District in Walker during fiscal year 2010-2011. These were remaining funds from an original \$10,000 authorization by the previous Board. Bob Neberman made the presentation to the board for these funds to be held for future use. Discussion followed.

Motion # 061210 was the result of that request. \*\* MOTION DENIED 4 - 2

Motion # 061210a: To approve the following expenditures over \$500 for the month of May and authorize the Treasurer to make payments accordingly.

\*\*PASSED

(1)

Motion # 061210b: To approve the formation of the audit committee chair to perform the annual audit of the association's year end funds pursuant to section 6 of the May 2001 WFPA Bylaws, and further to approve Joyce Hyman as the primary reviewer of the books and records preparer of the WFPA fiscal year-end 2009 tax returns. \*\*PASSED

Motion # 061210c: To approve the formation of the Budget Committee and Greg Stava as chair. \*\*PASSED

Discussion on Fire Chief position. Motion was made to adjourn to Executive Session for further discussion.

ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 9:30 a.m.

General Meeting reconvened and called to order at 11:35 a.m. by President John Horvat.

Two motions had been written and voted on in Executive Session:

Motion # 061210d: To (1) appoint Robert Loughrige as interim Fire Chief at the leisure of the WFPA Board. (2) The primary charge of the position is: To create and maintain a cohesive environment within the Fire Department and the community. \*\*PASSED

Motion # 061210e: To authorize a continuation of the Fire Chief Selection committee. The charge of this committee will be: Evaluate options for a: Full Time Paid, Volunteer, Consultant or Combination and to present their findings to the Board. \*\*PASSED

11:45 a.m. John Horvat proposed that due to time constraints, that the other agenda items be forwarded to the July Board meeting. Mona Feige objected, stating that her SOP-SOG agenda item could not be postponed. She has a complaint re a telephone message left on her answering machine by WFPA Board Vice President and Fire Fighter liaison Bill Loughrige siting sexual harassment. She read from the EEOC workplace safety guidelines and distributed WFPA Policies and Procedures Policy # 14.0 "Sexual Harassment".

(2)

She asked that Bill be reprimanded by Board President John Horvat.

ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION 11:55 a.m.

General Meeting reconvened and called to order at 12:00 p.m. The Board agrees that a poor choice of words was used. An official reprimand has been issued. Bill Loughrige has been relieved of his duties as Fire Fighter liaison. Mark Keegan will assume those duties.

Interim Fire Chief Bob Loughrige was introduced to the membership and gave a brief talk about his qualifications.

Remaining agenda item – NIMMS Committee report by Board Member John Ohanesian was forwarded to the July WFPA Board meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 12:12 p.m. \*\*PASSED