

WFPA Board Minutes for 7/9/2011

All Board members were present.

09:00 – 09:15 a.m. An executive session was conducted in the Chief's office with all Board members present.

09:15 a.m. General meeting was called to order by President Bill Loughrige.

President's Report: There was no president's report.

Secretary's Report: Reading of the June Board Minutes were dispensed with, and approved as written and emailed to all Board Members.

Treasurer's Report: Read and Accepted.

Fire Chief's Report: There were seven medical calls, one illegal burn and one downed power line.

Chief Brown of Mayer had talked about the need to buy a Type-1 fire engine to help with our ISO rating. In that spirit, Chief Loughrige is looking at a truck that will increase our ISO rating by 150 points and will carry 6 firefighters, with storage space for all of our SCBA's, ladder storage and a high pressure nozzle. The purchase price is \$15,000.

Satellite stations are being proposed for the Big Bug and Potato Patch areas. This will cut response time to those areas by twenty minutes.

Vick Hencken commented that we should not build extra buildings nor buy any trucks until everything has been thoroughly investigated.

Report Accepted

Committee Reports:

WFA – Judy Wherer – Judy expressed thanks to all who assisted with the Walker Rummage and Bake Sale. The next big event is the Ice Cream Social followed by the Fire Fighter's Appreciation Day and Fall Festival. There will be a Volunteer Recognition Dinner in April or May of next year. If anyone has any suggestions for fund raisers please let Judy know.

Audit Committee – Joyce Hyman reported she is half way through the audit. There is \$180 that needs to be reconciled in accounts receivable for the Trash container account.

Firewise – John Ohanesian reported that the chipper day has been moved to August 6th. He suggested that a chipper be placed in Potato Patch due to the large amount of downed timber there.

Budget Committee – Greg Stava reported that the committee should have an outline by the next Board meeting.

Planning Committee – Committee Chair, Mark Keegan reported that the committee members are; Mark Herrin, Vick Hencken, James Lee, Bob Loughrige, Greg Kozlowski and Bud Mellor. The first committee meeting will be in July.

SCBA Update – Asst. Chief Roger Nusbaum reported that the cost to outfit each SCBA qualified volunteer is about \$3,000. SCBA / Structure Fire costs are \$155 for training in Mesa, and \$300 at the Mayer F.D. Mark Keegan said that he wants the Structure/SCBA training and wants to take it in Mesa.

Volunteer of the Month – Theresa Juaregui spent days collecting and sorting items for the rummage sale, which netted \$2,793.

Jodi Stark is also the Volunteer of the Month for her work behind the scenes as an informal liaison with Potato Patch.

Old Business

FLSA – Bill Loughrige - Atty. of Record, Bill Whittington is out of town. Table this until next month.

Committee Formation:

ISO Committee – Vick Hencken wants the committee to report back to the Board monthly.

Legal Committee – Bill Loughrige reported that Walker area homeowners and attorneys Bill Curosh, Dwayne Pickens and Bob Corbin are willing to help. Bill has one more to talk to (Bob Allison). Utilizing these attorneys should help hold down our legal bills.

Mayer Consulting Committee – Bill Loughrige met with Mayer Fire District Board Member Mike Rose regarding an agreement between the W.F.D. and the Mayer F.D. It was agreed that the agreement be broken into three segments. Consulting, Administration, and Training. The committee will utilize the bullet points in Chief Browns report to the WFPA Board. If everyone concurs, the agreement will be sent back to Mike Rose and Chief Brown on how to assess a value to it. We must have some method of assessing value to know what we are getting for our money.

New Business

Steven Nathenson – OmniFlight (Native Air) medical helicopter demonstration will be held on July 23rd at the Fire Station from 10 – 12 a.m.

Community Announcements

Betsy Bykerk – Firewise – The WFPA and the WCAA meet regularly and are working together on all Firewise planning.

Beginning on 7/14 and going for about eight weeks, the WCAA is sponsoring CERT training at the Highland Center. Training includes triage & disaster response. There is no charge. The WCAA has applied for another Firewise grant. Walker is number one in threatened forested areas. The grant amount applied for is \$200,000.

Victoria Morhous – Coat Drive – Last year’s WCAA sponsored drive took in 85 coats for the needy. The coats benefitted Catholic Charities. For this year’s coat drive will benefit Catholic Charities and the Coalition of Compassionate Justice. WCAA will match \$1 per coat towards the Salvation Army Needy Family Thanksgiving Dinner. Several audience members said they will also match \$1 per coat. Last call for the 2012 calendars. These are available for \$12. Contact Victoria Morhous.

Public Forum

Steven Nathenson asked if we have a community calendar to advise the community of upcoming events.

Mike Burns asked if it’s possible to erect a sign designating the “Walker Community” for the 2012 Arizona statehood centennial.

Betsy Bykerk - The WCAA applied for a Community of Walker historical marker through Yavapai County’s ‘Arizona Centennial Preservation’ program. It would be a ‘monument in a box’ sandstone monument in the shape of Arizona. The cost will be \$500. The WCAA will pay half & asks if the WFPA for half. The suggested monument location would be near the mailboxes at Big Bug Mesa Rd., pending the property owner’s permission.

John Ohanesian volunteered to be the WFPA liaison with the WCAA on a Historical Committee.

Glenn Heithold recommended that a paramedic be hired for the high activity summer months.

Steven Nathenson responded to Glenn Heithold's summertime paramedic request by stating that paramedics cost about \$25 per hour and that there would be liability issues to the WFPA to consider.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:10 a.m.