

WFPA BOARD MINUTES FOR 8/14/2010

Meeting called to order at 8:05 a.m. by President John Horvat.

President's Report: John commended everyone for no outbursts at the last meeting. He asked for everyone to hold their questions and comments until they had been asked for. He also stated that only one question / comment per person on a particular topic would be allowed so that the meeting could move forward on schedule.

Secretary's Report for the 7/10/2010 Board Meeting was read and accepted.

Treasurer's Report was read and accepted. Treasurer Greg Stava reported that there was a decrease in income in July, and that it was one half of the June income revenue. Our cash position declined by almost \$2,300 but remains strong at \$150,465 as of EOM July.

Fire Chief's Report was read and accepted. Interim Fire Chief Bob Loughrige reported that in July that there were five events that included an electrical pole fire on Golden Fleece that Patrol 80 put out using foam. A request by YSCO was made to assist in locating the residence of a deceased patient. Rescue 81 provided that assistance. A fire on Snow Drift Mine Rd. in Forest Service area. F.S. did not notify the WFD, but their call was monitored and Chief Loughrige had WFD fire fighters standing by at the fire station incase our assistance was needed. There were two false calls.

Inventory revealed that 14 SCBAs and 16 breathing air tanks cannot be found.

Trucks P-81, P-83, and WT-81 were serviced by Central Yavapai. WT-81 required new brakes. P-81 was unsafe to drive, needing a new fan and serpentine belt.

Chief Loughrige commented that due to excessive maintenance costs, P-81 may need to be considered for replacement.

Board Member Paul Nies stated that the SCBAs were removed from the trucks by the previous board and disposed of as the tanks were beyond their hydrostatic test dates and would not meet Federal guidelines.

John Horvat stated that the Board minutes from that time do not reflect that the tanks were to be disposed of, and that approximately \$15,000 in WFPA equipment is missing and we need to know where the equipment is.

Paul Nies stated that he doesn't think that anyone knows what happened to them.

John Horvat stated that if the equipment has not been found by the next Board meeting he will ask the Board to take appropriate action.

Greg Stava stated that there was no formal vote by the last Board to dispose of the SCBAs, only to remove them from the trucks.

Board V.P. Bill Loughrige requested that a committee be formed to determine what happened to them and if there was any monetary loss to the department in salvage value.

Fire Chief Selection: President John Horvat called for a vote of the Board on the selection of a new Fire Chief. With the 'Fire Chief Selection Committee Report' having been read and commented upon by the Board members, the vote choices and results were as follows.

- 1) To Hire a Fire Chief; **2 in favor - - 4 opposed**
- 2) To make volunteer, and interim F.C., Bob Loughrige the Fire Chief; **4 in favor - - 2 opposed.** Based on this vote, Bob Loughrige was named the new Fire Chief.

Motion # 081410a: To approve the payment of a fire fighter's pay for June and early July for \$523.50 for severity patrol *and* approve payment for payroll taxes in the amount of \$503.56 to the U.S. Treasury. **Passed 6-0.**

Motion # 081410b: To recommend the approval of the FY 2010 WFPA budget. (Amended: Remove the \$3,500 from the budget for the fire district committee.) **Passed 6-0.**

Motion # 081410c: To recommend the approval of the Audit report and findings for FY 2009. **Passed 6-0.**

Motion # 081410d: To recommend that the board of directors;

- 1) Approve the Fire Chief Selection Committee's recommendation for the Fire Chief job description.
- 2) Approve the Fire Chief Selection Committee's recommendation for the Fire Chief minimum job requirements. **Motion Failed 2-4.**

Motion 081410e: To recommend that the Board of Directors approve the Fire Chief recruitment process to include employing or retaining on contract a candidate acceptable to the Board and who meets minimum requirements as recommended by the Fire Chief Selection Committee.

Motion Failed 2-4.

Motion # 081410f: Approve the adoption of a policy for handling and disclosure of personnel records, (with provision that the WFPA President, Secretary, and Fire Chief be added to handle these files. WFPA personnel file review log to be adopted and stored in the locked file cabinet in the fire station office.) **Passed 6-0.**

Motion # 081410g: To recommend approval of the following committees;

- 1) **Planning Committee** – Identify a 1, 2, and 3 year plan for the WFPA - Chair Chuck Bower. **Passed 4-2**
- 2) **By-Law Review Committee** – Review and make suggestions to change by-laws – Chair Mark Herrin. **Passed 4-2.**
- 3) **Fire District Committee** – [*Defer to the 9/11/2010 Board Meeting*] Evaluate reasons and potential for success to form a district. Chair (not identified) **Passed 4 Y – 1 N – 1 not voting.**

- 4) **SCBA Study Committee** – Determine requirements to implement SCBA equipment, make suggestions for implementing that equipment. Chair Dan Hauck. **Passed 6-0.**
- 5) **Volunteer Coordinating Committee** – Identify and announce volunteer projects, track volunteer hours, develop award program for volunteers and make recommendations for those awards. Chair (not identified). **Passed 6-0.**
- 6) **Fire Wise Committee** – Continue the 2009 Charter to determine the potential for becoming a Fire Wise Community. Co Chairs Matt Parrack and Dan Sullivan. **Passed 6-0.**
- 7) **ISO Preparation Committee** – Chair James Lee. **Passed 6-0.**

Agenda Item: Fire Fighter Recognition Day. Vice President Bill Loughrige proposed that a Fire Fighter appreciation dinner be held for all WFD Fire Fighters and Fire Fighters from surrounding departments. This would be a pig roast, and would be held in conjunction with the Chili Cook Off. After discussion, the date of the pig roast will be held at a different time than the chili cook off. This item was approved

Agenda Item: Mount Lemon Perspective. Board Member John Ohanesian, citing his experience living within a fire district on Mount Lemon, asked to have a fire district consultant, Joseph DeWolfe speak at the 9/11/2010 Board Meeting. This item was approved.

Request by a community member to change the starting time of the monthly Board meetings to 9 a.m. from 8 a.m. was approved by a 4-1 vote with one board member not voting.

Agenda Item: Inventory Control – Lock & Keys Changed was deferred to the 9/11/2010 Board meeting due to time constraints.

Meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.