

WFPA Board Minutes for 12/11/2010

9:00 a.m. Meeting was called to order by President John Horvat.

Member in attendance via conference call: Paul Nies

President's Report: This Board has been under attack since June by the same few people. Beginning today, comments from the members will be allowed at the end of the meeting.

Secretary's Report: Read and accepted.

Motion # 121110 to note emergency approval (President's authority) for expenditures over \$500 or anticipated non-budgeted expenditures over \$500.

1. Report of emergency approval of payment to SCF of Arizona, check #4119 dated 11/15/2010 and in the amount of \$1,041.00 for the payment of the annual Workman's Comp insurance premium.
 2. Approval of reimbursement of webmaster expenses to Jeff Morhous in the amount of \$753.34 for expenses related to domain name acquisition, renewals, equipment upgrade and monthly service fee costs incurred since April 2009.
- Motion made by Terry Piske – Seconded by Bill Loughrige

Motion Passed: 6-0

Treasurer's Report: Read and accepted.

Fire Chief's Report: Assistant Chief Roger Nusbaum gave the report for the absent Chief Bob Loughrige: There was one call this month, on Thanksgiving night that was an odor complaint. Nothing was found...Three volunteers will begin fire school...Work continues taking excess weight off of the trucks...Thanks to Dan Hauk & Dan Sullivan for all of their help in cleaning up and reorganizing the station...A request to the Board for a community meeting on Bark Beetle kill & what we can expect in the near future to be presented by Bob Celaya of Arizona State Fire on Mar. 12, 2011 from 11 – 12 following the Board meeting.

John Horvat asked the Secretary to record any insulting or derogatory remarks that are made towards the Board or community member(s) in the Minutes for posting to the web site.

Bill Loughrige read a proposed email draft to be sent out to the community, stating that the WCAA used WFPA email addresses that the WCAA was not authorized to use. Bill said that this creates confusion in the community over which organization does what.

Mark Keegan asked for proof that the WCAA emails have disparaged the WFPA

Greg Stava said there is no conclusive proof of who misused the WFPA mailing lists.

It was agreed that Bill's email will be tabled until it has been word-smithed and submitted to the board for opinion and comment. A final vote to agree or disagree will be conducted via email...Approved 6-0.

John Horvat suggested getting together with the WCAA to try to find common ground.

Victoria Morhous reported that the coat drive was a great success with more than 85 coats and 30 blankets having been donated by the community.

John Ohanesian reported that Fire Wise documents were submitted on time and that another grant is due to applied for by January 14, 2011.

James Lee reported that the ISO Committee has not yet formally met. James asked the Board to consider signing mutual aid agreements with community members who have water trucks. Request approved: 4 yes – 1 no – 1 abstain.

Mark Herrin reported that the 2011 By-Laws Committee had its first meeting with attendees including 2 community members who are attorneys and 3 past Board presidents. Attendees were Mark Herrin, James Lee, Sean Murphy, Bob Corbin, Bill Curosh, Dan Hauck, John Horvat, Howard Norman, and Terry Piske. The committee will be taking direction from the attorneys first and addressing the Articles of Incorporation as well as the By-Laws.

John Horvat asked for a map of the WCAA proposed fire district boundaries. Loren Bykirk stated that the map can be found at the www.walkerfiredistrict.org web site.

Community Discussion – Open Floor

Betsy Bykerk responding to questions about the WCAA stated that she goes to the walkerfire.org website for email and telephone numbers of the members. Betsy accused Bill Loughrige of making false accusations, stating that the WCAA has emailed nothing about the WFPA and that all emails come from individuals and not the WCAA.

Kristi McFarlan complained that Board members do not respond to her emails. **John Horvat** stated that he is happy to speak to anyone in the community.

Victoria Morhous stated that the webmaster has not used the WFPA email address list.

Meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

- Secretary's Report is amended to reflect that the Victoria Morhous led coat drive was sponsored by the WCAA.