

**Walker Fire Protection Association
Annual Membership Meeting Minutes**

9 March 13

Board Members Present:

President:	Bill Loughrige
Vice President:	Chuck Bowers
Secretary:	Russ Courtney
Treasurer:	Vic Hencken
Director:	Greg Stava
Director:	John Ohanesian
Fire Chief:	Roger Nusbaum

Board Members Absent:

Director:	Scott Stratman
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9:00 AM Meeting called to order by President Bill Loughrige. The Agenda was reviewed with the membership present. No changes were discussed or made to the agenda.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Report

Introduction of the Board for new members. Brief discussion of the workings of the Board for the past year. Planning committee to discuss the evolution of the fire department. Funding continues to be an issue. Aprox. 33% of the property owners contribute to the department. Volunteer hours and contributions are needed. Dan Hauk was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Public Question for the President

Dues letter/Newsletter was not received by a few residents. List is being worked on.

Secretary Report

Motion was made by James Lee to dispense with the reading of minutes of the 2012 Annual Meeting. The motion was seconded by Terry Piske. Vote Passed

Treasurers Report

Last FY contributions in kind was \$88,350. This year \$77,302. Difference of approximately \$20K. We cannot continue to operate the department without the membership's funding. Roger Nusbaum runs an efficient department and his expenses were below budget for the year.

A net loss for the year of \$3500 is projected. Expenses are going up and Roger will address these. We have \$115,000 in cash in the bank. Depreciation of the vehicles is not included in the stated numbers. With depreciation we lost \$33,000.

Q. Did the total contributions include contributions for the Big Bug Station?

A. No. These were not included as the donations for the Big Bug were kept separate.

Fire Chief Report

Recap of Incidents: Three wildfires. Three structure fires. A search and rescue and a search and recovery. Approximately 30 medical calls. Very typical of most departments. Several public assist or smoke investigation calls

Important trainings: Hazmat Awareness . NIMS 100, 200, 700, 800. This type of training was discussed a few years ago. Some were available on the internet others will require on site training by a paid instructor. Cross trainings with Prescott Fire, Groom Creek have been by for training. Training is a must have item. There will be more and more each year. It is important to understand that it will become increasingly expensive each year.

Medical: New AEDs. Steve Nathensen and Roger took a course and met a doctor who was able to supply 2 new AEDs. The department now has 4 AEDs on vehicles. These are very expensive devices at more than \$2000 per device. Paramedic coverage. During the fire season on the weekends, our Severity Patrol includes a paramedic on the truck. Mark Keegan new EMT brings us to 6.

Big Bug Substation: Completed and now housing Patrol 81 with one of the AEDs. There are firefighters who live close to the station. Many thanks to Mark Herrin and who were instrumental in getting that station established.

Further integration with neighboring departments: Basin Ops. Held each March which involves a simulated incident. This year it was held in Walker which offered us a huge benefit in making the other firefighting communities aware of the Walker area. New Western Yavapai County Fire Chief's Association (cross training and learning how other departments function). Involves 20 departments across the area.. We are in the middle of the pack as far as size. 2013 Basin Ops Drill held in Walker. PAWUIC (paid for us to attend the wildfire academy again)

Future needs and funding: Our size versus other small departments. Water Tenders. Tenders are 20 years old. One involved a \$5K expense for a transmission. We need to think of the fleet. They are old and working, but we need to think ahead. iPads. Joyce Loughrighe has developed the mapping for the Walker area. We can load 180 pages of the map on the iPad or Kindle. This can also be made available to other departments to have to respond to calls in the area. We can use you your old tables (iPad, Android, etc). O2 bottles for SCBA. Turnout gear. Fire shelters. Radios. Expense complying with various training and equipment requirements

FF recognition: All of the firefighters at the Annual Meeting were recognized. Recognizes for many of the fire fighters on their dedication to the department was provided by Chief Nusbaum.

Gene, Gary, Larry, Stephen 10th anniversary

Mariah Fire Science degree

Loren Bykerk has been providing all the direction on Firewise. He has obtained grants to help remediate property

Community Announcements

Lifeline and Native Air Insurance. Talk with Stephen to see if it makes economic sense to have the additional insurance to cover ambulance

Water Use about 20 so far hope to get more

Expired prescriptions/medications can be taken to the local police departments.

Question for

Q. If we rent a paramedic, what does that cost?

A. Paramedic is \$19 hour the Firefighters is \$12 hour.

Q. Agreements in place with other

A. Automatic aid is unlikely as we are no

Q. Assessment of the forest from last year.

A. The forest service assessment is "normal" which is very dry. Stage 1 restrictions are in effect. This is the same conditions as when the Gladiator Fire started last year.

Q. What started the Green Gate fire?

A. It was human caused however the homeowner was not at home.

Public Comments

Q. Victoria: How many people voted via proxy.

A. Russ: Roughly 10 or 11. (All proxy votes were validated against the membership list and placed in the ballot box for counting. An exact number was not available.)

Chuck: If you have not signed up for Firewise, please do.

Presentation Regarding Proposed Article Change.

In reviewing the Articles of Incorporation it was discovered that over past years there items which were placed in the Articles which should not have been placed there. Bill Whittington (Attorney to the Board), in conjunction with the board, was asked to address the Articles of Incorporation. There is a

requirement that a 2/3 vote of the membership is required for further changes. These are now in compliance with IRS regulations and are as simple as possible.

Q. Joyce Hyman. What defines the membership? Does the 2/3 vote involve the members present or total membership?

A. Bill Loughrige. You are eligible for membership if you live within the three mile radius and extended area of the fire station. The vote would be 2/3 of those present at the meeting.

Q. Victoria. You just mentioned that it would be 2/3 of the members at the meeting? Article 10 states 2/3 of all of the members of corporation.

A. Bill Loughrige. For changing the Articles it is 2/3 of the members at the meeting. For dissolution of the organization (Article 10) it is 2/3 of the membership.

Q. Tim. Was there a legal issue with the 501(c)3 which is why this is changing?

A. Bill Curosh. Yes, this change does have to occur to be compliant.

C. Betsy. We must be working under compliance of the 501(c)3. If we don't have the dissolution article in there we need to be in compliance. Also we have to have a voting list of who can and cannot vote.

Presentation of Candidates

3 openings are available on the Board this year.

The three candidates presented to the membership. They candidates were Vic Hencken, John Ohanesian, and Rudy Erdmann

Nominations from the Floor

Call for nominations from the floor was made 3 times.

Motion was made by Bob Loughrige to close nominations. The motion was seconded by Joyce Hyman. Vote. Passed

Vote

The WFPA Secretary and three non-board members left the meeting to tally the votes and report the results to the WFPA President.

Firewise Presentation

A presentation and question and answer session was held by representatives from Firewise.

Community Announcements

Coat Drive – please check your closets again. Donations will be accepted and new coats will be purchased. Coats for donation may be brought to the fire station.

Walker Days – slated for 22 June 13.

Election Results

The WFPA Secretary reported the results of the vote:

There were no "Write-In" Candidates.

Published Candidates

Vic Hencken	83
John Ohanesian	77
Rudy Erdmann	75

Articles of Incorporation: Votes For/YEA 63 Votes Against/NEA 19
The new Articles are adopted by the membership with the appropriate 2/3 vote.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by James Lee and seconded by John Ohanesian. Vote.
Passed Meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM

Immediately following the Annual Meeting the newly elected Board held an Executive Session to elect the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The results are:

President: Bill Loughrige
Vice President: Chuck Bowers
Secretary: Russ Courtney
Treasurer: Vic Hencken

The full audio file which these minutes represent is available on the WFPA website
<http://www.walkerfire.org> In place of a transcription, the agenda is used to contain a very brief
description of each topic along. Exact wording may be found in the audio file.