

Please note that beginning with the 13 October 12 meeting, transcriptions of the WFPA Board Meeting Minutes will no longer occur. In place of the transcription the agenda, which appears below, will be augmented to contain a very brief description of each topic along with a Time Index. The Time Index points to the approximate location where the topic is discussed in the accompanying audio file. The audio file is a recording of the meeting. The entire topic can be reviewed by positioning to that Time Index using your computer.

AGENDA WFPA
Board of Directors Meeting

14 September 13

Board Members Present:

President:	Bill Loughrige
Vice President:	Chuck Bowers
Secretary:	Russ Courtney
Director:	John Ohanesian
Director:	Scott Stratman
Director:	Rudy Erdman
Fire Chief:	Roger Nusbaum

Board Members Absent:

Treasurer:	Vic Hencken
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9:00 a.m. **Executive Session**

9:15 a.m. **Begin General Session** – Time Index: 00:00

Approve Agenda – Time Index: 01:20 –

Additions to the agenda will include: Discussion on the grassy area/park, Potato Patch, and Signage.

Motion by John to approve the agenda with a second by Chuck. Vote: 6/0 Passed

Public Comments – (questions will be addressed at the end of the meeting) – Time Index: 02:51

No comments from the public

President Report – Time Index: 03:06 – Planning Committee, Fundraising are topics for the board. There was a discussion on the decreasing funds to the fire department which seems to be a national trend. Our budget is roughly \$120K with \$75K raised last year.

Pancake Breakfast was well attended with donations of \$700 in July and \$800 this past August. These will end in October.

Secretary Report – Time Index: 04:56– Minutes from the 10 August 13 meeting were distributed to the Board for review. The final version of the minutes will be posted on the website. There will not be an Audio File from the meeting as the conference phone was not in working order. The defective part was ordered and replaced.

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes was made by John and seconded by Rudy. Passed. 6/0

Treasurer Report - Time Index: 07:05 – Money is still coming in with a positive side on income from this past month. We will ask Adam for a monthly P and L Statement for posting along with the P/L statement.

Motion to accept the Treasurers Report was made by John seconded by Scott with the addition of a monthly P/L statement to be posted on the website. Passed. 6/0

Fire Chief Report - Time Index: 08:38 – **Calls** Two medical calls, one public assist **Fleet** Patrol 80, Patrol 85 have gone through servicing, Engine 86 servicing has also been completed. Biggest issues have been with the water tenders thus far. **Training** Annual station cleanup and mock mass casualty incident. Two more firefighters have gone through the training at the State Fire School. We are now up to 14 trained by the State classes. **PAWUIC** No report **Facilities** Completion of the helipad spot. Thanks to Rudy for spearheading. Mark Herrin was also a huge player in this project. **Prescott Basin Ops Group** We are still involved in this group and it may be grouped in with the Chiefs Association. **Western Yavapai Chiefs Association** The Granite Mountain Hotshot incident may have an impact on how fire departments are insured. Prescott Fire participates in a pool of departments who are insured. They are being threatened with loss of insurance. This could impact how we operate in the future. The county is also putting together a TICP (Tactical Interoperability Communication Plan) which is a database of communication information in which we will participate.

Scott asked a question regarding the medical call which went up the wrong road. This was a personnel issue which Roger will discuss with Scott outside of the meeting.

Chuck asked about other fire departments use of GPS. He was wondering if we could investigate. Roger informed the board that fire departments use a device called an MTS device. A Garmin type device might be effective and can be investigated. There was discussion about using a scavenger hunt to help with training fire fighters for the area – get them more familiar. Comment from the audience that LifeLine has had issues with the area – even in finding the fire house.

Bill mentioned that the WPFA sponsored a Pin at the annual golf tournament which benefits the National Fallen Firefighters. They have very low administrative costs. In Bill's view, this is a good place to place the private donations which are being collected. Roger had suggested an account that has been set up at Chase for donations. Other

events are also raising money. There is still an issue that some may not be entitled to benefits.

Motion to accept the Fire Chiefs report was made by Chuck and seconded by Scott. Vote. Passed 6/0.

Committee Reports – Time Index: 30:44

Fundraising – Vic is heading this committee. Chuck and Scott are having discussion on the medical side.

Bylaws – Chuck is working on the bylaws and will present them to the board, which will include some specific language on procedure and policy.

Firewise – Loren mentioned that the area which was cleared yesterday is already being filled. The grinder may not be here early as the transport is down and the driver of the transport has suffered a heart attack. We just need to make sure we have room for the garbage truck to get in and out. Needles are the first roll-off but are still coming in. Chuck pitched the grinder at the Potato Patch Annual Meeting. There have been six properties mitigated on the State grant. Balance in that fund is roughly \$24K. One grinder month was \$7400 with another in progress. \$1600 in roll-offs from the last collection with less for this collection. PAWUIC is looking for a Chairperson. Do we have a good tracking method for the 'in kind'? Putting this on the website has not been successful. If we are awarded a new grant, tracking will become important. John suggested a booth at the Fire Fighters appreciation day. Right now we don't have a need to report any hours.

Planning Committee - Greg Stava has been heading this committee. They have come up with a document outlining the purpose of this group. The document will be published on the web site for 25 days with comments sent to the committee. Roger asked, who would direct the next step? John commented that he thought that the Planning Committee would provide input to the board with the board making the decisions. The document is meant as a guiding document for the board.

Volunteer of the Month Recognition – Time Index: 47:22– The board recognized Mark Herrin for his work on the construction of helicopter pad. The crew will also be given certificates and a \$40 Chilli's Gift Card.

Old Business – Time Index: 48:58

Landing Pad Construction (Final Report) – It's done and is sort of paid for. Full day of rain, mess, and mud – but a huge benefit to the community! Total cost was around \$5K and we were a little short on donations. Mark contributed \$3K for concrete. Home Depot donated rebar. Donations were in the area of \$2000. A contractor in Prescott did bid the project at \$9200, so there was savings in doing this with our community. Keith has offered to do some fine grading in the area. Some Alternate Base Course (ABC) will

be added which will compact nicely, similar to concrete. Chuck mentioned that Mark also mentioned putting some driveway gravel over the ABC. Roger asked that we obtain a receipt for tax purposes on the reimbursement. John suggested that we not put that financial burden on any one person and that we reimburse for \$2000 towards his expenses. Russ suggested that we reimburse for the full amount. Rudy suggests that \$2K is the correct amount. Scott agreed.

Motion was made by John with a second by Rudy, to partially reimburse Mark Herrin \$2000 of the expense incurred for the concrete for the extension to the helicopter landing pad. Vote: Passed. 6/0

Memorial Gift to the Yarnell 19 – Discussed earlier. John feels that taking donations for forwarding to an agency for disbursement is getting beyond our scope. WFPA will forward what has been collected thus far.

Monthly “Your Donations At Work” Newsletter – Chuck suggested that we again promote the Native Air program for their helicopter service. Rudy will add that for the next newsletter. The sign out front allows us to add specific messages. Thoughts that the sign needs to change towards “Your Donations Needed for”. John suggested that we paint the gable area to read Walker Fire Department or Station. John, Rudy, and Roger will discuss.

Welcome Information for New Home Owners – Chuck has met with Laura McEwen. They have consolidated the information from the board and the WCAA. The information will be rewritten. Distribution needs to be the community and not just new people.

Fire Fighter Appreciation Day (Fund Raiser for Paramedics?) – Roger asked when equipment needs to be moved. Training is that morning and cooking will begin around 8AM.

Grassy Area/Park – intention would be to place some chips in the areas where grass is not growing.

Fire Safety Education – should be included in the newsletter.

Dues Notice Sign at Fire Station – discussed earlier

Non-Profit Language for Operating Procedures – discussed earlier

Ads on WFPA Web Site – we just need to decide what we want to do and at what rate/how it would be charged. Roger suggests possibly charging for CPM (Clicks Per Minute)

Potato Patch – there are three people who are standing in the way of the fire station. Elections have been conducted. Their board is looking into the possibility of a station in the area.

New Business – Time Index: 01:21:00

Security – day and night cameras are active and we can see who is leaving oil and garbage in the back. Chuck will review the camera footage.

Community Announcements: (Firewise, WCAA, Others?) – Time Index: 01:22:56 -

Loren – mentioned that Firewise is conducting 6 reviews in the area of Breezy Pines. Some in the area are concerned that having Firewise in the area will increase their insurance and bring in big government. It is believed that there are roughly 75 homes in that area.

Public Forum (Two Minute Restriction) – Time Index: 01:25:56 -

Keith – asked if we wanted to post the Pig Roast, Pancake Breakfast, and Bingo on Craigslist.

Joe – Addresses in the Snow Drift Mine area are changing.

Sharon – The Breezy Pines area is not a homeowners association, they are a water association.

Brief Board Discussion if any about public comments –

Bingo would benefit from the ad. The ad for the Pancake Breakfast seemed to bring in a few more people. If it brings in an extra 15 or 20 people for the Pig Roast it wouldn't be bad juxtaposed with more people in the community. However the Pig Roast is for the community and our fire fighters.

11:00 a.m. **Adjournment** – Time Index 01:34:45 – Motion to adjourn was made by John and seconded by Rudy. Meeting adjourned at 10:57 AM.