

**AGENDA WFPA  
Board of Directors Meeting**

**12 April 14**

**Board Members Present:**

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| <b>President:</b>      | Bill Loughrige |
| <b>Vice President:</b> | Chuck Bowers   |
| <b>Treasurer:</b>      | Vic Hencken    |
| <b>Secretary:</b>      | Russ Courtney  |
| <b>Director:</b>       | John Ohanesian |
| <b>Director:</b>       | Rudy Erdman    |
| <b>Fire Chief:</b>     | Roger Nusbaum  |

**Board Members Absent:**

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| <b>Director:</b> | Scott Stratman |
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8:45 a.m.      **Executive Session**

9:15 a.m.      **Begin General Session** – Time Index: 00:13

**Approve Agenda** – Time Index: 00:17 – Motion by John to approve the agenda as is, with a second by Chuck. Vote: 6/0 Passed

**Public Comments** – (questions will be addressed at the end of the meeting) – Time Index: 00:46

No comments received.

**President Report** – Time Index: 01:34 – No report.

**Secretary Report** – Time Index: 01:37 – The minutes from the March 2014 Board Meeting were distributed to the Board members for review and posted on the web site. I received a single update to our data from Sharon Bencze. That has been applied to our files. On 2 April I received a complete set of data files from Yavapai County. Duplicate records were removed and the file was sent to Greg Stava to be used for the Newsletter mailing.

Motion to waive the reading of the minutes was made by John and seconded by Vic. Passed. 6/0

**Treasurer Report** - Time Index: 02:22 – Due to a technical issue the report will not be available until Monday.

Motion to table the Treasurers Report was made by Chuck and seconded by John. Passed. 6/0

**Fire Chief Report** - Time Index: 05:30 – **Calls** Sundance Fire which was well communicated during the week. I would only add we had a great turnout including three who responded from Phoenix (they were turned around when we got to the fire and saw what we had. **Personnel** No report **Fleet** Pump on Patrol 83 needs to be replaced. We have a pump onsite. **Training** We completed the pack test for most firefighters, we continue to practice for ISO, we completed RT-130 which is the annual wildland fireline refresher. We also had seven firefighters takes classes at the AZ Wildfire Academy and seven participate in the 2014 Basin Ops drill. I worked at both events. **PAWUIC** We will be at the expo April 12 on the square. Patrol 80 is at the event manned by 4 firefighters. **Facilities** A ground squirrel got into the pump house and ate a wire. Pump Tech came and fixed it, there is an invoice in the treasurer

slot **Western Yavapai Chiefs Association** The association may apply for a SAFER Grant for firefighter retention and recruitment. I have the paperwork and have started to fill it out. This would provide benefits to the firefighters – such as health insurance benefits, or possible 401K payments. **PRCC** No report. **ISO** We continue to practice. We have a 3<sup>rd</sup> training each month until we hear back ISO in July. **VFD Grant** We have begun ordering items stipulated in the grant. The grant had to be submitted two more times even though we have been approved. We have begun to order/receive the grant items. Could still be months away on the SCBA grant. **Water Tender** There is a tender for sale here in Walker. 1996 Truck, 2200 Gal. capacity with the ability to push water from the front and side. It would be an improvement over the tenders we currently own. We may want to consider keeping the old tender (Tender 81) and place that at Big Bug to save time (30 minutes) in getting water up to that area. This is a manual transmission truck.

There was some discussion amongst the board on keeping, storing, purchasing, selling a vehicle if we decide to pursue this opportunity, and ISO standing. The item was tabled until next month to allow the board to discuss the possible purchase.

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

#### **Committee Reports** – Time Index: 14:14:09

**Fundraising** – Walker Day, 28 June. Bingo starts next month. Pancake Breakfast begins this month (26 April). Pancake Breakfast is the last Saturday of the month which could conflict with the extra training day we are implementing. Cash from these events should be tied to our chart of accounts and given to Vic. Please do not leave cash in the Treasurers mail box.

**Bylaws** – These are set and are being forwarded to Greg for the newsletter. The quorum remains that same as it was not discussed at last month's board meeting. After re-reading the current bylaws, they are well written and very comprehensive. Thanks to Bill Curosh. The paragraph to discuss the change will simply be that they members must donate (\$20). The second change of one vote per property was also an item for the ballot per last meeting. If this is to be removed, it must be done by motion.

Motion by Vic to remove the one vote per property from the ballot, seconded by Vic. Vote. Passed 6/0

**Firewise** – There is a new WHF Grant that is being looked at by Loren. The Grinder Day is a good project and could be funded by the department if we think this is a worthwhile project. This might be a topic for the 26 April meeting with the WCAA.

**Volunteer of the Month Recognition** – Time Index: 53:38 – No nomination this month.

#### **Old Business** – Time Index: 53:47

**Welcome Information for New Home Owners** – No report.

**Non-Profit Language for Operating Procedures** – We have posted our non-discrimination poster as part of our recent State grant.

**Facility Maintenance** – No additional discussion on this issue of who could/would be responsible. Rick Baker has offered to construct a checklist of what needs to be maintained. We would then have to do the follow through. Possibly contact Larry Sheppard who is a Facility Engineer. Vic will follow up with him. If neither is available, Rudy said he would be willing (with help from his assistant – Mark Herrin).

**April Newsletter** – Being constructed. Mailing list is done and to Greg. Chuck is getting his final item to Greg. Hopefully this will be in the mail next week.

**Lettering for Fire Station** – Looks great! Very professional. Project is complete. We may, at some time, want to extend the conduit to add lighting.

**Bridge Project** – They have been surveying that bridge. There are some people who would like the bridge to remain the same. The county is doing this project. The bridge is a work project from the WWII era and has been deemed a historic project. The county is apparently purchasing right-of-ways for this project.

**Storeroom Project** - Plans are in the work. Structural detail is not yet complete. Preliminary plans to be submitted on Monday or Tuesday. The suggested kitchen will now just be a storeroom/utility room. There will be a review fee (\$100 approx) before the final plans are submitted. There are some corporate grants that we can apply for to apply to the project. Entire project should be in the \$20K area.

#### **New Business** – Time Index: 01:01:00

Additional comments on the bridge project were added to the topic above.

**Annual Meeting** - Vote counting is typically the job of the Secretary. Russ is setting up a separate team to do the counting since he is a candidate. Historically we have had a pot luck which will remain for this year. The Sheriff's Office and the Jeep Posse will attend that meeting. They would like to talk about the area's evacuation plan, what should be done at your home to indicate you have left, and additional routes out of Walker. Any items for the Agenda should be sent to Bill.

#### **Community Announcements: (Firewise, WCAA, Others?)** – Time Index: 01:28:09 -

**Mark Herrin** – the awards for the Big Bug gravel have been made. They will receive \$92K in funding. There will be about 250 truckloads. This was originally approved at \$150K but was cut back by the government. The holdup right now is that there is no local certified person to oversee the grant. An additional grant for \$60K is also expected to be awarded.

**Chuck** - General question regarding the address change: The address has been officially changed per the county and we have changed the address on the station. There are some mailing lists that have 5881. We will also add a note to the newsletter regarding the address change for the bylaws.

#### **Public Forum (Two Minute Restriction)** – None

**Mark Herrin** – as an alternative to the tender, there is an owner on the Big Bug who would be willing to set up a separate well who would be willing to set up a 5K tank up there for the Fire Departments use. We do have some inline pumps that can draft the water from a tank.

**Chuck** – update on the EPA project from Sheldon. They have dug up the bad stuff – but the ponderosa's have died and the grasses have not grown. The EPA has some learning to do.

**Steven** – the Mayor of Prescott had signed an agreement to allow the Hot Shots to come up to the area. Their first fire was the Sundance Fire.

**Mark Herrin** - Update on the Sundance Fire was great. Some private land sales will be forwarded to Russ. There have been some explosions at the Money Metals Mine on Big Bug. The Sheriff is now involved as there is no permit drawn.

#### **Brief Board Discussion if any about public comments** – None

11:00 a.m. **Adjournment** – Time Index 01:38:53 – Motion to adjourn was made by John and seconded by Russ. Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:27 AM.