

**Walker Fire Protection Association
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes**

10 January 15

Board Members Present:

President:	Bill Loughrige
Vice President:	John Ohanesian
Secretary:	Russ Courtney
Treasurer:	Steve MacIntosh
Director:	Rudy Erdman
Director:	Terry Piske

Board Members Absent:

Director:	Vic Hencken
Fire Chief:	Roger Nusbaum

9:00 AM Begin General Session

Approve Agenda - Time Index: 00:22

Add Kids Camp to the agenda.

Motion to accept the agenda as amended by John seconded by Terry. Vote. Passed 6/0

Public Comments (questions will be addressed at the end of the meeting) - Time Index: 00:55

None

President Report - Time Index: 01:08

I went to the Groom Creek Board meeting on Tuesday to address the annexation process. Todd Bentley said he has only received a dozen emails other than those originally received. They are still in the feasibility study phases but feel s the annexation is a good deal for them. They will report their study next month and then have a hearing. So, they are on the road to start this process.

We spend \$150 to remove some dying trees from around the firehouse. A few others are not in good health.

Secretary Report - Time Index: 03:15

The minutes from the December Meeting were distributed to the Board members and posted on the website along with the Audio file from the meeting and the Treasures report.

Motion to wave with the reading of the minutes was made by John and seconded by Terry . Vote. Passed. 6/0

Treasurer Report- Time Index: 03:46

December results were distributed and posted on the website. Adam has been on holiday so we have not reviewed them. The questions regarding receipt and depreciation have been addressed by Adam. The balance sheet, after the account had done the taxes, has been addressed correctly.

There was a discussion with Adam about the Walker Trash money and the results of the last mailing. Adam has not yet been able to address those items as of yet. The contributions via PayPal are coming in, but the administrative end of PayPal has been difficult to deal with in getting Vic's name off the account and Steve's name on the account. In the last 45 days there has been roughly \$1000 come in via PayPal.

Adam is very open – very transparent – and easy to deal with. Can't say enough about him.

The trash numbers are not in the report as they will come in the May time frame. John saved us \$1500 on the insurance this year. We do need to review the Bond that we have on Adam.

A motion was made to accept the Treasures report by John and seconded by Rudy. Vote. Passed 6/0

Fire Chief Report- Time Index: 12:28

Calls One call; medical. **Training** We continued our EMS module. **PRCC** No report. **Fleet** Annual servicing complete. **Chiefs Association** No meeting until late January **Basin Ops** The planning process is still under way. **Annexation** I have had no official communication from Chief Bentley on the issue **VFA Grant** I checked with the State Forestry office and information for this grant, which we received last year, is not out yet. **FEMA grant (through the chiefs association)** Equipment is in, training on it will be February 7th. There are excess funds which we are using to buy cases for the SCBAs and additional masks. Our 5% match will be approximately \$350.

The chief's position is being covered while Roger is out of country

Motion to accept the Fire Chief Report was made by John and seconded by Terry . Vote. Passed. 6/0

Committee Reports (Fundraising, Firewise, etc) - Time Index: 14:31

- Nomination Committee – time to forward that committee. The committee will have five people starting with John and Rudy. There are three positions open this year. Anyone who would like to serve on the committee may contact John or Rudy.
- Firewise – nothing this month.
- Fundraising - Walker Day will be 27 June 15. Firefighters Appreciation Day will be 26 Sept 15.

Old Business- Time Index: 16:16

- Welcome Information for New Home Owners – some changes were forwarded to Terry in the form of bullet points. The File of Life is a registered trademark so we are not able to add our logo to the material. Purchasing these would be \$1.00 each. Information on the Jeep Posse could also be included.
- Facility Maintenance – Dan Docherty is a retired police officer from Phoenix who has expressed an interest in assisting on this. Rudy supplied a short list of items which we will take care of as the weather changes. The only hot item on that list is the generator. Terry asked why we are using a gas generator .v. propane generator. Gene has been working with the generator. If the small propane tank is not needed any longer we can have it removed. There are questions as to whether it is owned or leased.
- Fall Newsletter – we need to start talking about the spring newsletter which should be out by April. It will contain both Bylaw and Nomination information.

New Business- Time Index: 24:23

- Walker Trash Insurance – Insurance coverage was modified to provide a reduction in the premium. Toxic Waste coverage was removed.
- Kids Camp – suggestion from Keith Barwick came in that we sponsor a Kids Camp to include such things as a hike to the Kiln, Gold Panning, hike to the old grave site, hike to the old mine entrance, and even an art lesson from Rudy. We'll take this on to see if we can organize some of these 1 day events for inclusion in the newsletter. We might even want to do some of these for adults. We will move forward with the Kids Day. Suggestion was to pick a day shortly after school lets out. Looking at weekends in June – the last weekend is covered by Walker Day, second is the board meeting – but this could start around 11AM the weekend of the 13th. The 13th would be two weeks before Walker Day. Another suggestion would be to have it after Walker Day to offer a bit more time to publicize. Will give this some thought during the month and decide before the next board meeting. Table this item for a July date.

Community Announcements: (Firewise, WCAA, Others?) - Time Index: 33:50

WCAA requested some dates for the Sundae Saturday. No problem. This will raise dollars for Chipper Day! WCAA will provide a copy of their policy with WFPA named, to limit liability.

WCAA has a meeting after today's board meeting.

Public Forum (Two-minute restriction)

Betsy Bykerk – when you do your newsletter it would be nice for you to be more onboard with items for the newsletter. It was stated in the newsletter that we had successful chipper events in the summer when there were no chipper days this last summer. So it would be nice if you were more onboard; just be more aware of what's going on.

Victoria Morhous– A couple of things. Pancake Breakfast starts in April. I noticed that at a number of Pancake Breakfast dogs were allowed in the eating area. There should be signs posted as to no dogs allowed. That is a violation of the county health ordinance. Glad that you finally announced the Walker Day and Pig Roast dates. Those were not on the website. It was also nice to get the minutes out yesterday. I'd like to address the board's position on neutrality on the annexation process. According to what was said at last month's meeting by Bill, "we will remain neutral and not support or oppose the annexation process. Remaining neutral does not mean that we are not available to answer questions" And at the two minute summary point in the meeting you said "as a board we will keep this neutral. As a board we will remain neutral and keep this process as civil as possible. " Yet in your letter to the Groom Creek Fire Department, Bill states that "our board is unanimous in our position that we will not support the efforts to annex Walker should you choose to move forward with an annexation attempt. ". That hardly sounds neutral to me. That all I have.

Brief Board discussion, if any, about public comments

Bill – Chipper day: I don't remember what we had in there. Sorry that what we wrote offended you. In terms of neutrality; to me that means we are not going to support it or oppose it. The board may be shifting its thoughts on that as a result of conversations, but I don't want the board to get involved in this. There is no support on the board for this annexation at the same time I don't want us to be involved in active communications as a board against it.

Steve – there was a perception in last month's meeting from Kevin who made the comment that we were taking too soft of an approach.

John – Gary Thompson made the point that we were not to the point that we would be a push-over. WCAA made it known that they were not in favour of Groom Creek ; Potato Patch folks have said they were not in favour. It should be clear to Groom Creek that we are not interested, but as an organization we do not want to be caught up in the politics. I would not call it neutral – I would think it is very clear.

Vern – you could be neutral, and still be against the process itself.

Betsy – in relation to that; I'd like to be able to trust that fact. I think now, that it is evident that the WCAA did not know anything about this, nor did any member. No member of the WCAA had any contact or notice about it. But my problem is that you managed to put out a letter to the entire community indicating, or indicting the WCAA. You as the President of the board of the WPFA, how are you going to take that back? I think that lie should be taken back with an apology. .. a letter that indicts or indicates that lie, then you ought to be big enough to put out another email that apologies for it, because you now know, and I believe you knew at the time... I think that's a very serious trust issue.

Bill – if anyone want to talk to me about that letter feel free to after the meeting.

11:00 AM **Adjournment**- Time Index: 00:00

Motion to adjourn was made by John and seconded by Terry . Vote. Passed. 6/0 Meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM

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