

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

**14 March 15**

**Board Members Present:**

<b>President:</b>	Bill Loughrige
<b>Vice President:</b>	John Ohanesian
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Steve MacIntosh
<b>Director:</b>	Terry Piske
<b>Director:</b>	Vic Hencken
<b>Director:</b>	Rudy Erdman
<b>Fire Chief:</b>	Roger Nusbaum

**Board Members Absent:**

<b>Secretary:</b>	Russ Courtney
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9:15 AM        Begin General Session

**Approve Agenda** - Time Index: 00:25

Motion to accept the agenda as presented by John seconded by Terry. Vote. Passed 4/0

**Public Comments (questions will be addressed at the end of the meeting)** - Time Index: 00:58

John Allision – where are we with the Welcome Information Packet and if the Firewise information was included in the packet.

**President Report** - Time Index: 02:18

Nothing to report for this meeting.

**Secretary Report** - Time Index: 02:20

The minutes from the February 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 dispense with the reading of the minutes was made by Vic and seconded by Terry . Vote. Passed. 4/0

**Treasurer Report**- Time Index: 03:04

On the negative side, contributions are not where we would like them to be. On the positive side, Roger has done a good job managing expenses. As a result we are in good shape. The question was asked as

to where we are in comparison to this time last year. Those figures were not available at the meeting. The budgeted amount is simply divided into 12<sup>th</sup>. There is no uplift/down-lift for certain months. Regarding contributions we are about \$19.7K behind .v. budget. A large portion of this could be because we did not send out a hardcopy of the last newsletter, rather opting to email.

Motion to accept the Treasurer Report was made by John and seconded by Terry . Vote. Passed. 4/0

#### **Fire Chief Report**- Time Index: 06:16

**Calls** No calls. **Training** CPR/First aid and engine operations. We've also had four firefighters successfully complete their pack tests in an off week get together including a new recruit. Wildfire Academy March 7<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> concluded and we had several firefighters attend including one new recruit for the basic class. The new recruit has also passed their pack test. **PRCC** No meeting. **Fleet** Been looking for a water tender. I believe we are in the right price range for late 1990s but finding vehicles from this period is not easy, most are much older or much newer. Ten year old vehicles tend to be in the low \$100,000 range. (same as last month). With some contacts from Bill Loughrige we are going to reach out to the State Surplus to gauge value and see what might be available. **Basin Ops** The planning process continues. **Annexation** As we discussed during the month Chief Bentley told me that the numbers from the valuation study were less than they expected which ends their due diligence process. **VFA Grant** We have applied for this grant, ten fire shelters and two practice shelters as we discussed via email during the month. We should hear if we were awarded this grant by late March. (same as last month) **FEMA grant (through the chiefs association)** The overage that we were granted permission to spend was held up during the FEMA shutdown. The shutdown is over but we are still waiting to learn what this does to the timeline for completing this grant. **Facilities** So far so great with Dan. The one heater in the garage was replaced smoothly. We decided no/not now on replacing the garage door on station #1.

Additional discussion was brought up regarding the Propane Tanks and billing verification, station lighting, and further discussion regarding the garage door on Station #1.

Motion to accept the Fire Chief Report was made by John and seconded by Steve . Vote. Passed. 4/0

#### **Committee Reports (Fundraising, Firewise, etc)** - Time Index: 14:44

- Welcome Information for New Home Oners – In response to the questions from the Public Comments section above. The magnets have been printed and are now in shipping. 100 were created. Terry Piske and Bill Loughrige are working on the letter.
- Nominating Committee – The committee is made up of board members with Vic Henken agreeing to Chair the committee. Rudy and John are both seeking re-election. Three positions are available and three candidates already. Bios will be published in the newsletter.

- Firewise – Looks like a good stack is starting for the Chipper Day, behind the Firehouse.
- Fundraising - Walker Day: John O. is looking for someone to host the Art Show. We are looking for suggestions as to how this could be a larger event.

#### **Old Business**- Time Index: 24:45

- Welcome Information for New Home Owners – In addition to what was discussed above; Terry Piske has talked with Loren about obtaining some additional Firewise literature. Currently we have enough for approximately 30 folders. We also need to make a decision about printing the “Animal/Pet Alert”. Terry is also looking at what to put on the cover of the folders. John O also suggested that we also let people know that reflective house numbers are available at the Firehouse.
- Spring Newsletter – Bill Loughrige will contact Greg Stave to see if they are still willing to coordinate the Newsletter again. The bylaws will be published. No additional suggestions have been received regarding including the alternate lifestyle discussed at the past meeting. After that discussion no changes will be included for these bylaws. Whatever was changed from the previous version should be highlighted for the new version. The original form would be posted on the website with the changes included in the Newsletter.

#### **New Business**- Time Index: 34:12

- Bridge Project – construction was due to begin January, we are now in March. APS was out this week to replace a pole. The survey marks from last year are gone. At this point – nobody knows.

#### **Community Announcements: (Firewise, WCAA, Others?)** - Time Index: 35:20

Chipper Day collection is going on now.

#### **Public Forum (Two-minute restriction)**

**John Allision** – are we in-sync with the bylaws regarding the election?

#### **Brief Board discussion if any about public comments**

**Bill Lougirhge** - There were non-specific complaints about not following the bylaws related making people register as members, that people had to sign up by 31 December. If you read the bylaws it shows that those complaints were not correct. Bill Curosh was also consulted and said that we were correct. One other person wrote directly to Bill Curosh regarding these complaints and received a written reply that their interpretation was incorrect. Their assessment of what was happening was not correct. Bill Curosh also added that he did not agree with how we are doing these things, are the way they should be done, but that we are within the bylaws as they stand. The reason for the changes are to simplify the process so that there is no requirement for registration and that simply being a property owner attending the meeting and requesting a

ballot allow you to vote. Bill Curosh does not feel this is the way it should be done, but that it is allowed by State statute and it has been our process in the past. If these comments are still occurring, we'd like to know who is making the comments so that we can address them and if changes are needed, make those changes.

The GIS Mapping continues. Joyce Loughrige is creating the maps, in some areas without the aid of existing maps. She does question whether they can be used without copyright. There is very little left to do. Fences, gates, driveways, and buildings are being added and some have been viewed by the fire department. Vic Henken asked if that information can be fed to Garmin (etc)? Joyce is feeding her information back to Yavapai County who does the verification. Terry Peske mentioned that there is a road across from their home which started out as a driveway. They had referred to it as Nibley Lane as it was owned by the Nibley family. The county has now given that road a designation as Snow Drift Mine Road. There are now two roads which loop. In talking with the property owner, Snow Drift Mine Road is his mailing address. The county has not yet installed a sign.

11:00 AM **Adjournment**- Time Index: 45:12

Motion to adjourn was made by John and seconded by John and Terry . Vote. Passed. 4/0 Meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM

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The meeting agenda is used to contain a brief description of the discussion for each topic on the agenda. Please refer to the audio file for an exact replay of the meeting.**