

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

**11 April 15**

**Board Members Present:**

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| <b>President:</b>  | Bill Loughrige                                  |
| <b>Secretary:</b>  | Russ Courtney (attending via conference bridge) |
| <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:**

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| <b>Vice President:</b> | John Ohanesian |
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9:15 AM      Begin General Session

**Approve Agenda** - Time Index: 00:37

Motion to accept the agenda as presented by Vic seconded by Terry. Vote. Passed 5/0

**Public Comments (questions will be addressed at the end of the meeting)** - Time Index: 01:04

No comments

**President Report** - Time Index: 01:20

Nothing for this month.

**Secretary Report** - Time Index: 01:21

The minutes from the March Meeting were distributed to the Board members and posted on the website along with the Audio file from the meeting. A Treasures Report was not yet available.

I have received the April data from Yavapai County and prepared the data for the Newsletter mailing. Data recently received from Sharon Bencze, representing real estate transactions, were applied to the data so it is the most accurate data available. These transactions were not reflected in the Yavapai County data. I will be using this latest data pull from the County to print the property owners list for the Annual Meeting.

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes was made by Terry and seconded by Vic . Vote. Passed. 5/0

**Treasurer Report**- Time Index: 02:59

Report was not available. As this is tax season our accountant was just behind the 8-ball in getting us the report for this month. We will be transferring roughly \$7000 from the Walker Trash Collection Service to the WFPA account.

Motion to dispense with the reading of the Treasurer Report was made by Rudy and seconded by Terry . Vote. Passed. 5/0

**Fire Chief Report**- Time Index: 04:21

**Calls** One call related to the prescribed burns. **Training** S-133 training (basic level class) and pack testing. We are halfway through getting the group pack tested. **PRCC** No meeting. **Personnel** This spring we are adding two engine captains/paramedics who are to retire very soon, one from Central Yavapai and the other from Glendale Fire who owns a house in Walker. While they have a lot to offer us, we have a lot to offer them in terms of facilitating various post-retirement, fire related activities. The one from CYFD is already active with us having attended several trainings and pack testing with us. **Fleet** No report **Basin Ops** Will have six firefighters participating in this year's drill. We are the only fire department who participates each and every year. **New from other departments** Both Mayer and Chino Valley fire districts are having serious problems. Without engaging a new discussion here, I believe we should remain informed on district comings and goings as the issue could come up here again at some point in the future. The district "business model" is very complicated and regardless of where we might ever go with this, it is important to not lose sight of its complicated nature. Darrell Willis has retired from Prescott Fire. He has done a lot for us including having been the IC for the Green Fire in 2006 (near mile marker 5 on Walker Road) and devising our structure protection plan in case of a large fire here (this was done during the Gladiator Fire in 2012). **VFA Grant** We were awarded this grant again. There are many steps to the process and we are simply working through the steps as outlined. This is a 50/50 grant and this year we put in for fire shelters and practice shelters. **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** Dan is investigating a solution for the generator situation to make sure we have a reliable backup. **Procurement of a Tender** Just waiting for some information regarding State Surplus, which also includes equipment from the Federal Surplus.

Additional questions regarding readiness for a generator were raised by the board. The new addition is ready to accept a generator with propane already piped and electric plug-in (transfer switch) already installed.

Motion to accept the Fire Chief Report was made by Terry and seconded by Rudy . Vote. Passed. 5/0

**Committee Reports (Fundraising, Firewise, etc)** - Time Index: 10:19

- Walker Day – A single flyer for both Walker Days and the Mountain Arts Festival has been prepared and is being circulated with various vendors.
- GIS Mapping – Joyce Loughrige discussed the GIS mapping. New maps are now ready in PDF format for our use. The Jeep Posse is now reviewing their data, matching to both county and our data for accuracy. They are updating their maps with driveways that are not indicated in their data. We are still working to map some areas of Millsite Village. Lake Drive in that area is not mapped in any organizations data. One of the gates might have forest service locks on them but getting a key from the forest service is a lengthy process. All of Walker and Potato Patch are complete in our maps. This represents roughly 95% of the area. We may want to consider replacing the map on the WFPA posting board at the entrance of Walker. Those residents who have agreed to
- Album – Several early pictures of the WFPA founding, the Poland Tunnel, and Charcoal Kiln. We may want to consider having this at the Annual Meeting.
- Annual Meeting – will we be collecting additional emails at the annual meeting? Suggestion that we ask Chris to come to the meeting and collect that information.

#### **Old Business**- Time Index: 22:02

- Welcome Information for New Home Owners – the magnet showing evacuation routes has been completed was available for review.
- Spring Newsletter – Roger and Bill will be making some adjustments to the newsletter. It will go to the printer on Monday. The data for mailing has already been prepared by Russ.
- Budget – Steve, Vic, and Roger have been looking at the budget. They will be using information provided by Adam to gain a more realistic monthly figure. Vic suggested that we also look at the average per month and review the 5 month by category figures offered by QuickBooks.
- Annual Meeting Agenda – We are well done with the meeting by lunch. Some people do not stay around. A suggestion was to just have a pot-luck continental breakfast – donuts, coffee, etc. The agenda format / topics were discussed by the board. Annual Meeting will begin at 9AM. Proxies can be delivered at 8AM.

#### **New Business**- Time Index: 36:52

None

#### **Community Announcements: (Firewise, WCAA, Others?)** - Time Index: 37:00

**Victoria** – the Coat Drive is continuing this year. This will be the 5<sup>th</sup> year and we have collected more than 600 coats. Also, we are accepting \$1 per coat pledges which will go towards Catholic Charities Thanksgiving Dinner and the Salvation Army Christmas Angel program. Last year we

provided over 30 dinners. Coats will benefit the Collation for Compassion and Justice as well as Catholic Charities.

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

**Joyce** – suggested adding the website to the red meeting boards so people know that there is a website and to the side of the fire house

**Victoria** – could you clarify if there will be Bingo in May?

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

**Bill Lougihge** – need to look at the calendar to see if there are five Saturday's in May which would accommodate a bingo night. It looks as though are five Saturday's so Bingo would be on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Steve** – asked who is the responsible person for the Bingo that would have the necessary records that we require for reapplying for our license each year. That would be Bill.

11:00 AM **Adjournment**- Time Index: 43:30

Motion to adjourn was made by John and seconded by Vic and Steve . Vote. Passed. 5/0 Meeting adjourned at 10:04 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.**