

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

14 February 15

Board Members Present:

President:	Bill Loughrige
Vice President:	John Ohanesian
Secretary:	Russ Courtney (joining via Conference Bride)
Director:	Terry Piske
Fire Chief:	Roger Nusbaum

Board Members Absent:

Treasurer:	Steve MacIntosh
Director:	Rudy Erdman
Director:	Vic Hencken

9:15 AM Begin General Session

Approve Agenda - Time Index: 00:21

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

Public Comments (questions will be addressed at the end of the meeting) - Time Index: 00:43

None

President Report - Time Index: 00:50

Several board members had engagements scheduled for today's meeting. Russ is joining on line from Kansas City so we do have a quorum. There are a couple of items we want to deal with today and we may take them out of order.

Secretary Report - Time Index: 01:46

The minutes from the January 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 John and seconded by Terry . Vote. Passed. 4/0

Treasurer Report- Time Index: 02:04

We do have a report that was presented to us by the Treasurer but he is unable to be with us today. The document will be placed online with the minutes.

A motion was made to accept the Treasures report by Terry and seconded by Rudy. Vote. Passed 4/0

During the month we had Dan Dockerty take on the role of Maintenance Supervisor. We do have a budget items for facility maintenance. We do not need a special line item for building maintenance. Dan will answer to Roger, and Roger will bring any items to the Board which require approval. Our budget items in \$19,795 for maintenance. The expense for the new addition eats into that. We are OK if we realize that the building extends into more than one budget. So the \$19K times 2, with the addition subtracted out sill leave Dan the money to do the required maintenance. Station improvements are over budget, but there is a separate line item for maintenance. We do not need to preauthorize these expenses.

There is a current item for the heater in the truck bay for \$525. There are additional repairs which need to be done above the \$525, estimated at \$1000. A replacement for the heater would be \$1900 offering updated technology .v. our current 20 year old technology. A new heater would not work without electricity to light the pilot, however we would still have the other heater that would come if the electricity was out. Dan and Roger will also work the Generator for a power outage.

The other heater may also need to be replaced in the next few years.

Fire Chief Report- Time Index: 07:35

Calls No calls. **Training** Trauma assessment and training with our new SCBAs. **PRCC** Their new budget was presented in January which I forwarded during the week but this does not impact us because we default to the \$5000 minimum buy in. **Zinks** We had about ten firefighters go to the Zinks to collect a massive donation of tools that greatly enhances our ability to do certain types of work. We need to issue a donation letter for their taxes and I think the department should send a thanks as well but given the size of the donation I wanted to give the board first dibs if appropriate. **Fleet** I have been looking for a water tender and the price range we are considering seems to be correct for a late 1990's type of unit in the neighborhood of \$40K-50K. While the number is realistic, finding vehicles may not be. We are able to find vehicles older than what we currently have for \$5K or something 8, 9, or 10 years old for \$100K+. So we are not in an immediate crisis – we have time to look. I did see an 2008 vehicle for \$75K so I looked to see what was wrong with it, and it had 225K miles on it. So this has not fallen through the cracks. We are still looking and have not forgotten about it. Annual servicing complete. **Basin Ops** The planning process continues, the drill is April 7th & 8th in Groom Creek, I am serving as the Logistics Section Chief for the drill. **Annexation** I have had no official communication from Chief Bentley on the issue (repeat from last month) **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. **FEMA grant (through the chiefs association)** Still waiting to hear about the excess funds which we are using to buy cases for the SCBAs and additional masks. Our 5% match will be approximately \$350.

Bill Loughrige: I had planned to go the Groom Creek Board Meeting. When I called Chief Bentley reported that he had not received all of the information from the county and that he has not been able to complete his preliminary assessment. They have some time constraints to do this, but certainly by next month they need to move forward. I plan to go the next board meeting.

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

Committee Reports (Fundraising, Firewise, etc) - Time Index: 13:05

- Nomination Committee – Last month we indicated that John would chair with help from Rudy and that we would solicit other members. We realize that both John and Rudy will be candidates this year – while it is ok for them to be on the committee, we have asked Steve to chair the committee. Terry will also join the committee and we need to add a fifth person possibly from the community. We need to formalize the fact that we have a Nominating Committee with Steve as chair and John Ohanesian, Rudy Erdman, and Terry Piske as members.

Motion to form the Nominating Committee as stated above was made by Terry and seconded by Russ. Vote. Passed. 4/0

- By-Law Committee – There have been no comments to the Board members or comments received in email regarding the By-Law changed. Bill Loughrige had spoken to people who are Divorced, Remarried, Widow/Widower, or where the property owner has Alzheimer's and is not competent but the family participates in the property ownership. There are also non-traditional relationships where people are not named on the property. I'm proposing that I go to Bill Curosh to see if there is some way for people involved in these types of non-traditional relationships that are active in the community, to become members and eligible to vote. The vehicle would be that the Board could approve, upon petition, to become a member and be given voting rights. There was discussion amongst the board with some dissenting. Same sex marriage is legal in Arizona. Incapacitation has legal recourse for registration. A yearly registration was suggestion – so that it has to be requested each year. The Board would vote in each request received. Bill will come back with more information next month.
- Firewise – The grinder has been scheduled for the Chipper Day and a notice will be going out to the community in a few days. 13 March is the start date. There will not be a separate roll-off for needles. Average cost for needles is \$510 while we can get the chips hauled away for \$210 per. Needles will also go into the grinder. No plastic bags. No trash. No lumber. No building material. Signs will be posted to tell people to not put needles in plastic bags. Loren will be putting a call out the community to keep track of their hours so that Firewise can fulfill the "in-kin" portion of the grant. Loren is also considering collecting signatures as people bring down material for the grinder, at the firehouse on some dates.
- Fundraising - none

Old Business- Time Index: 28:20

- Welcome Information for New Home Owners – none
- Facility Maintenance – discussed above
- Fall Newsletter – we need to get started by 1 April. By-Law changes must be published in this issue.

New Business- Time Index: 24:23

- None

Community Announcements: (Firewise, WCAA, Others?) - Time Index: 29:20

Keith Barwick – time to begin thinking about ordering merchandise for the summer. Comments/suggestions are welcomed.

WCAA – meeting next month after the WFPA Board meeting at the firehouse. Set up at 11:00 AM with the meeting beginning at 11:30 AM.

Public Forum (Two-minute restriction)

Gene – one vote per parcel. A power of attorney should be filed in case of incapacitation.

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

Motion to adjourn was made by John and seconded by Russ 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.**