

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

**9 May 15**

***Note: An audio recording of this meeting is was not available from the conferencing service due to technical difficulties with the recording equipment.***

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Board Members Absent:**

<b>Director:</b>	Vic Hencken
<b>Fire Chief:</b>	Roger Nusbaum

9:15 AM      Begin General Session

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

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

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

Jeff Morhous – the firehouse flag is in need of replacement. The WCAA presented a new flag for the firehouse.

Mark Herrin – In the recent newsletter Roger mentioned that he was going to look for \$1000 donations for a new water tender. Mark suggest that the donation be \$500 and said that he will spearhead the Big Bug area with a target goal of \$20K. If we are targeting replacing the tender, Mark said the he may look at buying the tender in order to relocate it to the Big Bug Station.

Comments from the Board are offered here as Mark Herrin had to leave:

Comments were offered by Bill Loughrige and Rudy Erdman regarding the tender project.

John Ohanesian – Thank You. We need more Mark Herrin's.

Jeff Morhous – The WCAA would like to have a time slot at the Annual Meeting.

**President Report** - Time Index: 00:00

Getting ready for the Annual Meeting.

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

The minutes from the April Meeting have not yet been prepared. These will be completed and distributed to the Board members and posted on the website along with the Audio file from the meeting before the Annual Meeting.

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

**Treasurer Report**- Time Index: 00:00

We have received our first \$1000 donation for the water tender. Total income was \$13K under budge. Expenses were \$10K under budge. We are hoping to see an uptick in donations from the newsletter. Expenses are being managed to coincide with income. Funds from Walker Trash have not yet been transferred. This will be an additional \$7K.

John asked if contributions are down from last year. We are currently looking at figures from past years but it is hard to extrapolate if we are down or not. Income from contributions YTD through April 15 are \$50K .v. a budget of \$73, leaving a shortfall of \$23K. Other funds are starting to kick in too, such as Walker Day, Pancake Breakfast, etc.

Motion to accept the Treasurer Report was made by Terry and seconded by Russ . Vote. Passed. 6/0

**Fire Chief Report**- Time Index: 00:00

The Fire Chief's Report was read into the record by the Secretary.

**Calls** One medical call. **Training** Medical training on new procedure for an "incident within an incident" during fires. Wildland Urban Interface training as well as PT in preparation for wildland season. **Personnel** Severity patrols have started, these will be every weekend until the rainy season starts. We are implementing a new Core Competencies checklist that will set in writing the minimum standards for training, engagement and other aspects of fire department operations. **Fleet** We are looking into the possibility that we would be better off buying a water truck and converting it to a water tender. This was how our trucks were purchased. Preliminarily we are seeing trucks from 2005-2010 in the \$35,000-\$40,000 range and then perhaps an additional \$2000-\$4000 to alter. **VFA Grant** This is the 50/50 grant from Arizona State Forestry. We have purchased the fire shelters and submitted all required paperwork. **FEMA grant (through the chiefs association)** Chief Brown has been spearheading this and while he has a lot on his plate I have asked him for update on the status. **Administrative** We will be looking into getting necessary card for fueling at Costco. It appears they now offer diesel, if that is correct then getting fuel there would save about 45 minutes every time we refuel a vehicle. We will know more by next meeting.

Steve - Vic and Roger have initiated some dialogue about the credit card for Costco. This would allow Roger to not only purchase fuel but also needs for the firehouse. They should probably go ahead and

investigate the card and membership (as a donation).

Bill – Talked to Larry who is a retired Fire Chief out of New Mexico. He is impressed with our community operating model and the equipment we have.

Terry – The Big Bug is seeing four to five times the amount of traffic from last year. There dirt bike rallies being held up their which brings up worries that someone would go over the side or a hot engine would start a fire. Bill suggested that we check with the Forest Service to see if these are permitted and also with the Sheriff's office to have them patrol. Jack Smith could also be a resource.

Rudy – Al Powell used to cruise around the area and if something came up – speeding, etc – he would call the Sheriff.

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: 00:00

- Walker Day – A map of the various components of the event was distributed. We have a half dozen volunteers already. Myra Nathansen will be heading the silent auction. Bill Loughrige and crew will handle the food. John will talk to Linda Emett to see if she will again handle the yard sale. John will talk to Betsy Bykerk to see if she will do the 50/50 raffle again. Right now the Art in the Park area has 6 vendors with additional coming in. Rudy will oversee that. Jeff Morhous has a layout of the part with 10 x 10 booth layouts which he will offer. Gene Tomek is making a donation towards food. The Walker Community Church is donating water for the day. Conrad ..... who is a realtor is also making a donation. A few new things are in the mix to make this more exciting such as a podcast to talk about the history of the area.

Bill Loughrige – the band needs a cover/tent. 10x10 EZUps are \$200 (good quality). We will use our personal EZUps for the food. Shade will also be need for Ticket Sales. Walker Merchandise should be added. With discussion, they will be outside. Keith is willing to train the person who will take over that fundraising activity.

Rudy Erdman – suggest sending the flyer to the Mountain Arts Community and the local schools. Last year there were some 'road vendors' who attended (this is all they do is attend shows). They should be contacted.

Bill Loughrige – Allison Greenhalgh (and friends) will do the face painting this year and could organize kid games. EZUps: is there any objection to buy two for this year? No objections. We've talked about tables earlier. Do we want to purchase tables and chairs. Yes – we need 10 tables. 32 chairs (like what we have) would run \$500.

Motion was made by John and seconded by Terry to spend up to \$2000 for tables, chairs, and EZUps. Vote. Passed. 6/0

- Pancake Breakfast – the Insta-Hot was not sufficient for our needs. We need to get a 220 volt unit to have adequate hot water. Expense is expected to be \$500. Bill will get this completed.

**Old Business**- Time Index: 00:00

- Spring Newsletter – it has been distributed. We have started to get some checks in as a result. Feedback has been positive so far. So far there have been no returns from the mailing.
- Budget – Steve and Adam have been meeting. Adam will produce the month by month expenditures. Roger will review that to establish an actual .v. budget divided by 12. We should feed in an additional \$1000 per year to accommodate tables, chairs, EZUps, etc. We should plan for these events.
- Annual Meeting Agenda – (this review was from earlier in the meeting) Review of the agenda from the previous meeting . The WCAA will be added to the agenda and will present before Walker Firewise as Firewise is a program of WCAA. Questions could be taken while ballots are being tallied. If there are no nominations from the floor we could look at election by acclamation. There may be write in candidates. While these would not present – since they are write in candidates – they would need to be tallied. The Agenda would be as presented with the possible removal of the Jeep Posse and Jack Smith, and the addition of the WCAA.

Motion to accept the Annual Meeting Agenda by John, seconded by Terry. Vote. Passed 6/0

- **New Business**- Time Index: 00:00

Rudy Erdman – now that we have Dan managing the facilities; how do we get information / needs to him? The request should be sent to Roger. If Dan is elected to the Board then he will have more forehand knowledge of what is needed. But the current protocol is to go through Roger

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

John - I have been contacted by a person who has created a 5 x 3 wall hanging wall decoration to honour the Yarnell 19. Would we be interested in hosting this?

John – is there a colour swatch that can be used to paint the addition to the building. Rudy will provide a cutting to get a colour match sample.

WCAA has a meeting today at the firehouse. The WCAA is also hosting a Historic Walker Quad Ride.

First Sundaes Saturday is scheduled for 4 July here at the Firehouse.

Coat Drive is underway. Cash donations are also being taken.

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

**Victoria Morhous** – the March minutes show voting and incorrect tally for motions passed. Feb meeting minutes are missing. No treasures report since Jan. Five roads are being asked to move their mail boxes by the USPS. Slips were placed in the mailboxes asking to have these moved to Walker Road.

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

**Bill Lougihge** – The Fire department has no say or influence in the placement of mail boxes.

**Russ Courtney** - Suggested that Victoria consult the Domestic Mail Manual (DMM) which governs processes used by the Postal Service.

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 10:43 AM

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