

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

12 March 16

Board Members Present:

President:	Bill Loughrige
Vice President:	John Ohanesian
Treasurer:	Steve MacIntosh
Director:	Terry Piske
Director:	Rudy Erdman
Fire Chief:	Roger Nusbaum

Board Members Absent:

Secretary:	Russ Courtney
Director:	Dan Dougherty

9:15 AM Begin General Session

Approve Agenda - Time Index: 00:21

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

Public Comments (questions will be addressed at the end of the meeting) - Time Index: 01:14

Victoria Morhous – Would like someone to clarify what is out on the website because it was stated that there were 4 positions up for election, so I went to the 2015 Annual Minutes and they are dated May 24, 2014. So I looked for the 2014 Minutes and they are not there, so something is still screwy up there.

President Report - Time Index: 01:13

Nothing to report other than Life is Good.

Secretary Report - Time Index: 01:21

The February Minutes were sent to the board for review and sent for posting on the website with the audio file from that meeting. Corrections to two typos were received and will be applied to the final version of the minutes.

Motion to accept the President's Report, and Secretary's Report unread was made by Terry and seconded by Rudy. Vote. Passed. 6/0

Treasurer Report- Time Index: 02:32

Nothing significant. The Balance Sheet looks very strong. Profit and Loss Statement show no surprised and that we are ahead of budget. Russ has the report which will be made part of the website. Nothing other to report. Income is even and expenses are down.

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

Fire Chief Report- Time Index: 09:52

Calls One call for an illegal burn. **Training** Scene safety, water tender 83 operations and drafting for Engine 86 and Patrol 85 . Eight firefighters have taken and passed the pack test already. We are a third of the way there, which is good. **Personnel** We have one recruit going through the AZ Wildfire Academy taking S-130/190 and we have three more recruits coming along who may join up. **Communications** Nothing to report. **Fleet** Tender 83 has a small issue that we have been working on but it will need to go in to be resolved. **Western Yavapai Fire Chiefs Association** The Prescott Basin Ops training exercise is scheduled for April 15th & 16th in Groom Creek and will include live fire, weather permitting. To my surprise I have a role in the planning and hosting of the event, the indication of interest from our department is high. This is a chance to work with people who be responding to fires in our areas as well as an opportunity to work with people who have more experience than us. **Grants** The grant to Arizona Homeland Security for Bendix King radios has been submitted. County Emergency Manager Foulk offered encouraging words about our chances but this is several months down the road. I received an email letting me know that our grant was going to be reviewed later in the week. I believe that we have passed a screening for the review. Apparently, not all grants are reviewed. The radios which we have are \$400 radios and adequate for our needs but do not correspond to what the rest of the world use. I also applied for a grant for four sets of turnouts from Globe Gear, we would pay nothing, that we'll hear about in six months or so. **Weather** We received the first weather report/expectations of the year from the Forest Service. Right now things are dry, it has been a while since there has been any precipitation. The expectation is that the spring will be wet which hopefully will shorten the fire season. **Sun City Fire** We were contact by Sun City Fire and have been the beneficiary of a huge cache of hand-me-down equipment including fittings, foam nozzles and a Thermal Imaging Camera. I need to send a formal Thank You for the equipment. **UAF** We were approached by United Animal Functions for their "June on the Square" function called "Woof Down Lunch" which is a fundraiser for them. Their county permit requires that they have a first aid station at the event. Our insurance is OK with us doing this event and the Board has responded favorably. 2 of our volunteers will participate in the event.

Bill Loughrige – Did you tell us last month that the grant with Mayer for firefighter benefits is now dead; that it has been turned down for sure? Yes, that has been officially turned down. It that something that is available to apply for since that administrator does not want to administrate the grant? Yes and No. That grant is done. There is no getting that grant. We would need someone to host it; the liability with hosting it appears to be very onerous from the standpoint of, if it is done incorrectly there is a potential for claw-backs; if we administered it incorrectly we would be on the hook for that money. Of the grants

that were audited, 100% had procedural problems ranging from crossing “t”s to very serious clawing-back money. That would be the end of us potentially, if we were awarded this, gave out two years of benefits to various fire departments, and it was all clawed-back somehow because of some issue. I don't think we want to take that on, attempting to host it ourselves. This is not a “one time” grant and maybe as things evolve with the Chief's Association, we can figure this out. Essentially this would be a full time job. *[at this point there was additional discussion regarding the grant and its benefit – this can be reviewed on the audio recording]*

Terry Piske – I see that Mayer has hired a full time Chief; the acting Chief from Prescott Fire? Have you met him? I've known him for years. Eric Kriwer. We will be providing some training for them.

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

Committee Reports (Fundraising, etc) - Time Index: 20:23

- Walker Trash – the time is coming where Walker Trash Service will be putting in our money – sometime in April, in time for the Annual Report at the end of May .
- Election Committee – I have not talked with John to see if he has added anyone to the committee. Bylaws call for 5 members. We should be working to get nominations for this process so that we can publish information in the Newsletter in mid-April.

Old Business- Time Index: 24:33

- Annual Meeting (Election of Officers) – need to look at our Proxy to make them more clear and somewhat different from the ballot. Bill will talk with Greg Stava. Meeting is 28 May 16. In the past we have tried to do a pot-luck lunch, which has not been well attended. Some people still bring food. At this point we will try to keep the Pot Luck going.
- Surveillance Cameras – there was discussion regarding the security cameras in the front, back parking lot and inside the building and the password to the recordings and still pictures. There was also discussion on the posting additional signs and possible

New Business- Time Index: 32:20

- Walker Day – Date is 25 June 16, not the 18th. The Artist Colony will also be back this year. Rudy is assisting John with this again.

Community Announcements: (Firewise, WCAA, Others?) - Time Index: 21:55

None

Public Forum (Two-minute restriction)

Victoria Morhous – regarding the dates on the calendar; the dates on the WCAA calendar were published after getting the dates from Bill (where the 18th date came from). Also, the WCAA

requested the paramedics and firefighters names from Roger this past December as they have budgeted and planned for gift cards for the holiday season. Roger opted to not provide that information. The WCAA is disappointed as this was the WCAA's way of saying "Thank You" and that they were appreciated.

Mark Herrin – What is the status of burns right now?. There are a couple of people up there (Big Bug Mesa) that are clearing lots. What should we have them do?

Brief Board discussion if any about public comments

Roger – Feel free to give my name and number out to anyone to call. There is a formal process, which is easy to find; If you'd type in 'city of Prescott burn permits' it will take you directly to the page. Applying for a burn permit is rubber stamp process. It will notify them if burning is allowed and allow them to get the permit, or inform them that no burning is allowed. We do check for active burn permits in our area should smoke be reported. The burn permit can be issued for several days, but the owner of the permit must check to make sure it is allowed on and a permit is available.

11:00 AM **Adjournment**- Time Index: 41:17

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

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