

AGENDA WFPA
Board of Directors Meeting

July 9, 2016

8:45 a.m. Executive Session

9:15 a.m. Begin General Session

Board Members Present

Roger Nusbaum	Fire Chief
Bill Loughrige'	President
John Ohanesian	Vice President
Ed Antonowicz	Secretary
Steve Macintosh	Treasurer
Terry Piske	
Rudy Erdman	

Board Members Absent

Dan Dougherty

Approve Agenda

Terry Piske moved and Rudy 2nd to approve the agenda. Passed

Public Comments (questions will be addressed at the end of the meeting)

Victoria reported the Directory was not working on the WFPA Web Site

She also asked if we were under a "Red Flag Warning." If so it was not indicated on the web site and so she assumed we were not. That would mean any campers would assume Camp Fires are OK. If we are there should d be warnings at the Fire Station and at Blue Jay.

She said email addresses for at least Dan Dougherty and possibly Steve Macintosh were wrong on the WFPA web site.

President Report

Bill Loughrige said all was quiet and the rain was nice.

Secretary Report

Ed Antonowicz had forwarded the proposed minutes to the Board. John Ohanesian Moved to accept the minutes as presented and to waive the reading of the minutes. Terry Piske 2nd and the motion passed.

Ed asked if the May Minutes had been approved. They had been approved, but not posted to the web. He said he would have then posted.

Bill interjected that he had called Accu-conference because of it having been turned off. The reason was an unpaid balance due to an expired credit card. Bill had used his WFPA credit card to reopen the account, but further action would be required to reduce the costs associated with that account.

Ed said he would follow up on the issue.

Treasurer Report

Steve had previously forwarded the accounting reports to the BOD.

Steve reported the WFPA has enjoyed a good start to the fiscal year. Walker Day was very strong. There was over \$8000 deposited as a result of Walker day. The balance sheet will show \$6173.00, but monies were also received that were carried as donations and merchandise so would not reflect as Walker Day income. In the future we will try to isolate money collected for each accounting item so will have a better picture of how Walker Day generates income.

Still working on the Budget.

John Ohanesian asked about the profit margin for merchandise and how it was tracked. Steve said he will institute a system for tracking the income that would then be compared to expense items to determine profit margin.

Rudy asked about the "In Kind" donations and how they were tracked.

Bill said those kind of donations are tracked by the accountant when he is aware of them. John reported examples this year of Gene Tomek who donates money toward the food and the Walker Church that donates water and walker Wi-Fi donating drinks..

John moved to accept the Treasurers report. Terry Piske 2nd Motion passed.

Fire Chief Report

Calls

Three illegal burns, one smoke investigation, one medical, one vehicle accident.

Training

Driver training obstacle course and scene size up/SCBA refresher.

Personnel

Severity patrol expected to end this weekend.

Raymond and Charles completed their red card certifications, Harry almost complete.

The WCAA is putting on a "thank you" brunch for the firefighters on July 16th after the training.

Communications

Amy Bonney from Prescott PD is back in charge of the PRCC as part of her promotion from Lieutenant to Deputy Chief.

Fleet

No report

Western Yavapai Fire Chiefs Association

We are working on a joint meeting with west side (us) and east side chiefs associations for the fall.

It may be possible to acquire used vehicle through the Forest Service for free. This is something to learn about but my initial thought is that actual fire apparatus might be very used while something like a command staff pickup truck might come in handy.

Weather

Restrictions still in place. The weather has been unusual in terms of very rainy days so far. At this time, it is unclear how long the restrictions will last.

News from other departments.

I was copied on an email from Todd Bentley on July 3 stating that he was resigning as Groom Creek Fire Chief effective immediately. As of now I don't know what the GCFD board will do to look for a new chief.

Facilities

The back of the station was not cleaned up after Walker Day. After training on July 2 we cleaned up to the point of "if you can carry it, throw it in the dumpster" which got most of it but there are still large items back there that need to go. I would request that the Walker Day committee make arrangements to remove the rest of the items.

Terry asked about Severity Patrols citing continued and heavy ATV use on the Big Bug. A discussion followed and the sense of the Board was to continue Severity Patrols until August 7, 2017 or when Yavapai County removed burn restrictions whichever came later.

Bill reported he had driven through Cherry. The road is paved from the south and it's a pleasant drive and our donated fire truck was parked there under cover.

Bill will make his dump trailer available to help the clean up on Saturday.

John moved to accept the Fire Chief's report and Terry 2nd Motion Passed.

Committee Reports (If Any)

None

Old Business

Walker Day Follow up had already been discussed in the Treasurers report

New Business

Kids Day

An announcement will be drafted for a day to allow kids to participate in events at the fire station. We will cook hot dog's, have a trail walk crafts and other activities. It will not be a drop off, but parents are expected to stay and participate if they want.

The sense of the Board was to allow this event.

Rudy Erdman asked permission to plant a couple of apple trees in the orchard. He said he will maintain the trees.

Loren Bykerk indicated watering is an important part of the process but the trees grow slowly.

The Board approved this action.

Community Announcements: (Firewise, WCAA, Others?)

Firewise

Loren Bykerk reported the Chip & Haul resulted in 19 roll off containers of slash removed. The costs to date are \$4790.00 but the County has not billed for the equipment yet.

WCAA

Victoria Morhaus reported there will be a Sundae Saturday on August 6th at the fire station.

The coat drive is not going as strong as previous years. There are 8 donors who have pledged cash donations.

The Fire Fighter Brunch will be July 20th at the Fire Station.

John suggested the WCAA send their announcement to the WFPA web master for posting on the WFPA website.

Public Forum (Two-minute restriction)

Victoria Morhaus pointed out that neither the April and May minutes of the BOD meetings nor the minutes of the 2016 Annual meeting had not been posted on the website. She said the minutes that were posted were dated 2014.

She could not tell if the minutes from the Annual meeting for 2015 had been approved at the Annual Meeting in 2016.

Brief Board discussion if any about public comments

Bill answered that the fire restrictions are controlled by Yavapai County and the information about the restrictions are widely disseminated.

Roger aid "Red Flag" is a term involving several factors and is not as productive as the county fire restriction. These restrictions are distributed by email when instituted and periodic follow up messages as well.

The WFPA does not have "Red Flag" signage and depends on the County's input for the notices.

Victoria said then take it off the website.

John suggested we look into a Firewheel.

Bill said the Directory is a known problem that needs to be fixed.

John and Bill answered the question that the minutes for the annual meeting in 2015 had been approved and the Board would check with former Secretary Russ Courtney to see if the minutes for the 2016 Annual meeting had been prepared

Adjournment

John Moved and Terry 2nd a motion to adjourn the meeting. Passed