

AGENDA WFPA
Board of Directors Meeting

June 11, 2016

8:45 a.m. Executive Session

9:15 a.m. Begin General Session

Board Members Present

Bill Loughrige, John Ohanesian, Ed Antonowicz, Steve Macintosh, Terry Piske and Dan Dougherty

Board Members Absent

Quorum Met

Approve Agenda

John Ohanesian Moved, Terry Piske 2nd to accept the Agenda as presented.

Passed by unanimous vote

Introduction of New Board

President Bill Loughrige announced that the new slate of WFPA officers for the year 2016-17 are Bill Loughrige, President, John Ohanesian , Vice President, Ed Antonowicz, Secretary, and Steve Macintosh Treasurer.

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

There were none

President Report

The Board had discussed the garbage contract in the Executive Session, because of volume issues that resulted in garbage being left on the ground. Those problems are being addressed with Patriot.

President Bill Loughrige reported that the Annual Meeting went very well. The meeting was short and since there were no nominations from the floor, a motion was made and passed to elect the four people who had been announced in the Newsletter by acclamation. No ballots were cast as a result. (There were 118 Ballots and Proxies present to vote which made a Quorum).

There had not been any topics or issues raised by the Member during the Annual Meeting. (There were some private questions asked of individual Board Members that were basically questions to fill in information previously discussed at BOD meetings.

Bill said while it is gratifying to think there the BOD is doing everything right, it's not healthy if people are reluctant to express opinions about potential issues. He hopes people will not let things build to crisis before pointing their concerns out to the BOD.

Secretary Report

Former WFPA Secretary, Russ Courtney was present at the BOD Meeting. He had drafted minutes from the May BOD meeting and had provided the BOD with copies.

John Ohanesian moved to accept the minutes as presented and to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Terry Piske 2nd and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report

Steve Macintosh reported that because of the end of the year issues that the May Financial report had not been completed by the accountant. He said the numbers were strong and repeated the information that the WFPA had come within \$100.00 of the budget during 2015-16.

Treasures report for June was tabled until July

Fire Chief Report

Four medical calls.

Training

Cross training with Prescott National Forest Engine 930 and foam operations. Huge turnout for both as well as the annual meeting.

Personnel

Severity patrol is underway.

Scott Phillips and I represented Walker Fire at the United Animal Friends Woof Down Lunch on June 4th by manning the first aid booth.

Our three newest recruits are all at different points in the red card process but should/could be done soon, especially two of them

Communications

No report

Fleet

BLM Type 3: as noted we investigated the type 3 engine that BLM has for sale. Bottom line; right idea wrong truck. We do not need to look for this type of truck, the BLM situation sort of fell into our lap and we explored it and would consider asking the board to pursue another one that falls into our lap which differs from searching for a Type 3.

Western Yavapai Fire Chiefs Association

No report.

Weather

The weather did push back restrictions but they are likely to be imposed starting the middle of next week. The various emails all say expected so it may be premature to push it out to the community especially after reminding the community in the newsletter that this would be a possibility.

News from other departments.

Groom Creek Fire District Update; Last month we discussed the problems at Groom Creek. They then posted an update that seemed to tone down the urgency noting positive comments from Jack Smith. On May 26th the Courier posted an article that seemed to contradict the update and paint a very dire picture. Groom Creek posted a positive update dated June 8th about trying to “waiting to hear back from a local bank about the possible conversion of our liability with the County into a lease-purchase debt that can be spread out over several years.”

John Ohanesian Moved, Terry Piske 2nd to thank the Fire Chief for his report as presented.

Passed by unanimous vote

Terry Piske moved and John Ohanesian 2nd to approve the Fire Chief's report.

Passed by unanimous vote

Committee Reports (If Any)

John Ohanesian reported that walker Day reparations were going fine. Rummage stuff is being dropped off and there is some scavenging going on. Hard to control, but we will secure what we can.

Old Business

Annual Meeting (Election of Officers)

Already discussed

Walker Day

Already discussed

Community Gazebo

President Bill Loughrige reported that he had received both pro and con input.

One concern was the agreed upon use of the property as a Fire Station and nothing else.

Research will be done to determine what if any restrictions are in place about such usage and the measure was tabled.

Bill indicated this project will need to be community driven and will not be the purview of the BOD other than to approve the use.

There was a discussion about insurance and what the coverage's are. We will arrange to have the Agent come and speak to the BOD and the Volunteer Fire Fighters.

Ed Antonowicz asked about the bidding process. John Ohanesian answered that VFIS had been the cheapest for our needs. John also reported the Bonding insurance is also presented to Agents for bid.

New Business

Bank Signature Changes

Russ Courtney turned in his Credit Card. Steve Macintosh will arrange for Ed Antonowicz to

Budget

Steve Macintosh will coordinate with Roger Nusbaum and the accountant to establish the budget. In the mean time we will operate on a continuing basis using the previous year's budget.

Merchandise

Bill Loughrige reported that Karen Gonzales has stepped up to handle the merchandise sales. She has already ordered new merchandise and is working to get people to help her.

There was a discussion about using the new Easy Up canopies and selling the old canopies if anyone will buy them.

Community Announcements: (Firewise, WCAA, Others?)

Loren Bykerk reported the County has not billed for the grinder for the Chip and Haul. He will let the BOD know when and if he needs funding assistance.

He still has some Grant money for mitigation but new grants are pending and there are new restrictions about using the money for Chip and Haul.

WCAA Sundae Saturday is coming up.

Public Forum (Two-minute restriction)

Bill Curosh asked why the Budget was not finished before the beginning of the of the new year.

He also suggested a fund raising option for Chip and Haul.

Brief Board discussion if any about public comments

Bill Loughrige answered the Budget question by agreeing that it would be a better business practice to have the budget before the year started, but the practice has been to let the new Board do it.

There was discussion about the Gazebo and funding

Russ Courtney agreed to meet with Terry Piske and Ed Antonowicz to go over the WFPA Records.

10:58 a.m. Adjournment

John Ohanesian moved and Dan Dougherty 2nd to adjourn.

Passed by unanimous vote