

MINUTES WFPA
Board of Directors Meeting

August 13, 2016

8:45 a.m. Executive Session

9:20 a.m. Begin General Session

Board Members Present

Roger Nusbaum, Bill Loughrige, John Ohanesian, Steve Macintosh, and Dan Dougherty

Board Members Absent

Ed Antonowicz, Terry Piske, Rudy Erdman

Approve Agenda

John Ohanesian moved and Steve Macintosh seconded to accept the Agenda as presented. Motion passed by unanimous vote

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

None

President Report

Reserved for later if needed

Secretary Report

Draft minutes had been prepared in advance of the meeting, but Board Secretary Ed Antonowicz had been called away because of a family emergency. Steve Macintosh reported that Ed had asked a question regarding the recording vs. posting the Treasurer's reports in the minutes. The practice has been to post the Treasurer's report and not include it in the minutes. That practice will continue.

John Ohanesian moved and Dan Dougherty seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Treasurer Report

Steve Macintosh reported he has worked with Adam Rutherford, Fire Chief Roger Nusbaum and Bill Loughrige to create a budget. A copy of that proposal had been distributed to the BOD.

Steve Macintosh moved to approve the 2016-17 budget as presented. John Ohanesian seconded.

Bill Loughrige asked about the deficit listed instead of increasing the income estimate to cover that shortfall.

Steve explained the budget numbers were based on history of donations and while there is a deficit as a result, history has been that we under spend and over perform on income. Adjusting the income would not be based on historical performance. Also, the deficit involves larger expense for merchandise to replenish inventory and the Chip and Haul commitment of \$10,000.00 in case it will be needed. (The summer 2016 Chip and Haul bill is some \$4800.00 and not the \$10,000.00 budgeted)

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Steve reported that he had distributed the financial reports to the BOD earlier. He said the balance sheet remains strong. Year to date the WFPA is \$14,000.00 over budget as a result of an increase in donations and decrease in expenses. That despite the increase in spending for merchandise.

John Ohanesian asked about the normal slow down in donations during the summer and early Fall. Steve answered that historically that was the case but the donations generally increased toward the end of the calendar year.

John Ohanesian moved and Dan Dougherty seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion passed by unanimous vote with thanks to Steve for his work as Treasurer.

Fire Chief Report

Calls

One illegal burn, four medical calls (including one walk in), multi-patient ATV crash with helicopter transport

Training

Challenging hike, line construction, incident within an incident and medical call run review

Personnel

Severity patrol was extended to August 7th per board request at last meeting and so has now ended

Communications

PRCC will is planning a new hardware/software solution which will likely be a multi-year process

PRCC is looking into hiring a center director

Mayer to come back Jan 1, 2017

Mesa Fire has contacted us requesting use of the frequency used by the Walker Repeater channel. The FCC is saying no, without our permission. The concern is that the gain in elevation could create interference. Mesa does something similar with Surprise which is at 3000 feet and they have no problem. I have told them we want to try to

accommodate the request. This is an operational matter but consistent with the request previously from Camp Verde FD to use an adjoining frequency, I am disclosing this to the board.

Fleet

No report

Western Yavapai Fire Chiefs Association

This group continues to be a gathering for information sharing and the members seem content with this. I am not content with it from the standpoint of wanting to get back to group grant applications.

News from other departments.

Groom Creek: Assistant Chief Manzanedo to be interim chief. He indicated their board will take 6-12 months to decide what to do with "operational staffing" including the chief position. They will rely on reserves to fill any gaps and their off district crew should be business as usual.

Roger said he is making contacts to see about removing the large tree. Bob Lee has indicated he will evaluate the tree in the coming month.

There was a discussion about responding in Mountain Pine Acres. Roger reported we have always responded to that area and have been alone, shared responses with Groom Creek and Prescott.

John Ohanesian moved and Steve Macintosh seconded to accept the Fire Chief Report. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Committee Reports (If Any)

Dan Dougherty reported that he had arranged for Dan Flannigan to caulk the Sky Lights. Dan Flanagan is a roofing contractor and he identified several issues with the roof in addition to the Sky Lights. He believes the roof will need to be replaced within 2-3 years.

We need to replace the toilet in the bathroom.

Fire Fighter Appreciation Day is soon.

Old Business

Bill Loughrige reported that Kid's Day was a success. More than 30 kids, double that many and more parents and grandparents.

The donation jar had \$229.00 and it was put out late and in the back.

The Fire Fighters talked to the kids and said they will plan a "Hug A Tree" class for the kids.

New Business

Building & Grounds Maintenance

Already discussed

Community Announcements: (Firewise, WCAA, Others?)

Victoria Morhaus reported the final Sundae Saturday on September 3rd

She said the Chili Cook Off would be October 15th. There was a discussion about a conflict with FF Training and their set up. It was agreed that the WCAA could start set up at 11:00 a.m.

There was a short discussion about the mechanics of paying the Chip & Haul fees that were not covered by WCAA Funds. The decision was made to make our check to the WCAA who would pay the County to avoid confusion.

Loren Bykerk further reported there were several ongoing mitigations projects including some in the Potato Patch.

Public Forum (Two-minute restriction)

Bill Curosh suggested the WFPA leave some sort of communication at the scene where they respond to advertise the volunteer nature of our services. He believed it might generate donations.

Brief Board discussion if any about public comments

The BOD agreed it was a good idea to solicit donations in that manner. A mechanism to do that will be developed.

11:00 a.m. Adjournment

John Ohanesian moved and Steve Macintosh seconded to adjourn. Motion passed by unanimous vote.