

MinutesWFPA
Board of Directors Meeting

March 11, 2017

8:45 a.m. Executive Session

9:15 a.m. Begin General Session

Quorum requirements have been met. Johnny O and Steve M are absent.

Approve Agenda

Motion to approve agenda, Terry P. Moves to accept Dan D. Seconds all in favor aye. Agenda has been approved.

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

Victoria wants to address the board regarding the website directory. It is unreadable due to the back screen colors. She would also like to know what date are we holding the firefighter appreciation day? The January minutes stated the 17th of September but that is a Tuesday. Must be clerical error. Bill said he would discuss these at the end of the meeting.

President Report

Pass for now discuss in old business and new business.

Secretary Report

Reports uploaded. Motion to dispense with the reading and motion to accept the minutes put forward by Terry P. Rudy seconds. All in favor Aye, motion passed.

Treasurer Report

Ed read the recap from Steve via his email. The Balance Sheet shows Total Assets of \$280,853. The Profit and Loss shows Total Income of \$3,678 versus a budget of \$6,510. The Total Expenses were \$7,205 versus a budget of \$8,295 for a Net Loss of \$3,527. Year to Date our Total Income is \$11,210 below budget and Total Expenses are \$8,492 below budget leaving us with a net loss of \$2,718.

Steve forwarded the reports and they have been uploaded. Bill commented that we are still fine financially. No other comments regarding the treasurer report. The motion to accept Steve's report via email presented by Terry P. Rudy motioned to accept minutes. All in favor Aye. Motion has passed.

Fire Chief Report

Calls

No calls

Training

TIC Camera/hose lay and ropes/PT

Personnel

An engine boss from CAFMA (the former Central Yavapai) is retiring in June and is interested in joining us and is interested in leading us on wildfire assignments. We are still courting him but the indications at this time are very positive.

Joshua Thornberry an instructor at YRMC has joined up with us. He's youngish (but not 20) and appears fit and capable as a firefighter.

Communications

The massive system upgrade at PRCC is underway; the actual impact on us will be minimal.

Facilities

Generator worked well during the outage, thanks to Dan for helping with the propane.

Western Yavapai Fire Chiefs Association

We will be working more with the East Side Chiefs on training opportunities and committees, like a potential committee for the small/volunteer departments, which I hope to be very involved with if it moves forward.

Fleet

We still have several vehicles that need to go in for annual maintenance.

Misc.

As mentioned during the power outage, we were working very closely with County Emergency Management as it looked like this might have escalated into something more serious. Among other

things I think this incident indicates that Walker is on their radar but we should realize the need to be persistent in asking for help (I was pushing hard but apparently not too hard).

Roger stated that we have one of the biggest volunteer fire departments in the county and one of largest in the state. Also stated that we have 5 paramedics on staff.

Motion to accept the fire chief report Terry motioned Dan seconds, Motion approved.

Committee Reports (If Any)

Johnny has asked that we talk about walker day. He has asked for help with the Garage Sale and Art Walk. We will also need people to make cakes for the Cake Walk. Bill will put that in the newsletter and ask for volunteers.

Fire Department Anniversary Event has been set for Labor Day Weekend. We are discussing either Saturday or Sunday but most likely it will be on Sunday September 3. The event will be a potluck.

There was discussion about combining the 50th Anniversary and Fire Fighter Appreciation Day to Labor Day Weekend. Roger will check with firefighters to see if they have any strong feelings about having both events on same day.

Facilities

Dan stated that the generator worked as needed. Propane delivered all is good.

Old Business

Elections

The board is the nominating committee. There are three candidates running for reelection. We will see if any other candidates come forward for these positions. This will be put in the newsletter.

Spring Newsletter

Newsletter will be posted on website, via email and mailed. Should be out in early April.

Website

We are looking for someone to update the website and at a minimum to change colors and make it more user friendly.

New Business

Face Book Page

Bill tried to get Clyde to come to the meeting to discuss community face book page but he was unsuccessful. He has a face book page for Potato Patch and Walker. We want to figure out if we can work on this together. Bill has reached out to him to discuss. Roger has had a page for the operational side with firefighters for many years. It has worked out great as a way to keep firefighters in the loop. Roger said that Clyde's page was active during the winter storms and was of value. Maybe we should set up a commercial face book account so the board can have some control of format etc. We will put a message in the newsletter and email the community about having a WCAA community face book page.

Community Emergency's

We did send out an email to the community regarding the power outage. We feel that using Face book and email should be the formal way to reach out to the community during emergencies.

Community Announcements: (Fire wise, WCAA, Others?)

WCAA meeting next Saturday all are welcome.
Chip and Haul starts on 4/1 – 5/19. We will try to move the dumpsters during this time. 5/20 will be a WCAA meeting and

WCAA will be using the parking lot. It will begin later at 1 PM and wrap up around 3 PM before bingo.

The County is going to take down the big tree by the firehouse this month. APS will be doing the work; they will leave some of the big logs for community to take.

Public Forum (Two-minute restriction)

Victoria wants clarification about the 50 Th anniversary party. Seems that the board has not agreed upon a date yet. The WCAA wants to work with WFPA. We have our Saturday Sundae social events over the summer and WCAA wants to set the summer schedule. The website has it listed on 9/3. It was brought to the attention of the board that the proceeds of this events tare donated to the chip and haul.

Kim lives up on Frampton Hill and is wondering about the logging and the mess with the piles of lumber. She wants to know if we can reach out to the forest service to meet with the residents regarding logging.

Brief Board discussion about public comments

It was explained to Victoria and Karla that we are trying to get the schedule set for WFPA summer events and at this time it is still moving target. Bill stated we should have the schedule finalized within the next month or so.

Bill responded to Kim that we do not have any control of what the forest service does. As a board we will not be involved with this. Loren stated that at our last annual WCAA meeting the forest service had people attend and they will be at our meeting this year. The community should have an opportunity to address their concerns then. It was also mentioned that The Forest Service had individuals attend Walker Day last year and they should also attend this year.

Firefighter appreciation day is tentatively set for 10/7 if we do not combine this day with the 50th anniversary day.

11:00 a.m. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn Terry, Second Rudy motion passed.

Note: A video recording of the meeting has been uploaded to the WPFA website for future reference.