

MINUTES WFPA
Board of Directors Meeting

July 8, 2017

8:45 a.m. Executive Session

9:15 a.m. Begin General Session
Dan Dougherty, Steve MacIntosh absent
Quorum Requirements have been met

Approve Agenda

Johnny O. motions to approve agenda, Terry P. seconds, all in favor aye. Agenda has been approved.

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

President Report

We will disseminate information from walker fire to the community.

Secretary Report

Terry P. completed minutes last month, Johnny O motions to wave reading of the minutes and approve. Terry seconds, all in favor aye, report approved.

Treasurer Report

- On the income side I bumped up the contributions because I think the community awareness has been heightened with the Goodwin fire. I bumped up merchandise now that we have Karen in charge. I also used the actual income from Walker Day, which was tremendous.
- On the expense side I cut the chip and haul "donation" to \$5,000... In addition we received some contributions from WCAA (3 checks from Loren B.) to help cover the chip and

haul program. I don't know if we will be reimbursed by the government for any fire related expenses, so I bumped up those accounts that I felt were affected by the recent fire activity. I also put the \$5,000 that I dropped from Chip and Haul into station maintenance in case to partially cover the roof project.

These are the major highlights from my corner of the world. Adam looked it over for reasonableness.

The budget rolls up to \$118,000 in income and \$115,000 in Expenses for a + \$3000 net income.

Terry P. motions to accept the report, Johnny seconds, all in favor aye report approved.

Fire Chief Report

Calls

Propane Leak (related to the Goodwin Fire), car accident

Training

ICS training and supporting structure protection task force assigned in the Goodwin Fire

Off district assignment

Rescue 81 had mechanical issues on the Goodwin Fire having to do with fuel injectors, which came about as the truck idled for hours at a time (standard procedure) possibly attributable to not being driven enough

Fleet

Patrol 80 needs to go in when Rescue 81 comes back.

Facilities

The recent work in the dumpster lot was fortuitous for the huge presence of the structure protection task force that staged from that area.

Defensible Space

It became apparent as the Goodwin Fire unfolded that many homes need a lot of work done. The Walker Fire wise work notwithstanding, many homeowners have done nothing. We may have a *strike while the iron is hot* opportunity with this. This could start with a *scare the hell out them* email from the fire chief but would be a multi-step process.

Goodwin Fire

The fire started on June 24th. We began regular scouting of the fire the night it started and started attending briefings at the Incident Command Post on June 26th, which is, was the first operational period that the fire was being managed by the Type 1 IMT. Both June 26th and June 27th I took Jack Smith out to view the fire. Things changed dramatically on Tuesday around noon over the course of 90 minutes with what amounted to a firestorm toward Mayer, similar to what caught the Granite Mountain Hotshots and we were put on pre-evacuation and subsequently evacuated June 28.

It became apparent early on, that the fire, as it was on Monday and Tuesday, was not fightable.

Having not heard from the IMT (we should have heard from them) I devised a plan to stage our apparatus at Costco. If we were evacuated we'd be able to respond from wherever we might be staying by bringing in apparatus from Costco but if we were going to burn over, why let our house burn down with our trucks in it. This set off a series of events that essentially served as a reminder to the IMT that we're here, ready to help. I worked out a plan with the IMT liaison where we would have a mini-task force (patrol 80, engine 86, tender 82) at the station. Terry Morrison, Dennis Martineau and I stayed in Walker during the evacuation along with Dan Hauck for a couple of nights. We maintained a security presence with the apparatus while it was at Costco. Costco gave us a tremendous amount of support in terms of food and water. We need to draft a thank you letter to the manager.

We had very large turnouts of firefighters (many missing work) Wednesday through Sunday (I am writing this on Sunday) and we owe them a huge debt of gratitude. We did structure protection (assessment and/or mitigation) of about 50 houses on Thursday and Friday. The structure protection task force assigned was here for three days and did the rest of Walker and Potato Patch.

This was an amazing chapter in the history of Walker Fire, far more serious than the Gladiator Fire, and while it was overwhelming and stressful, it was epic response by the firefighters. We dodged a bullet.

There are a lot of pictures on the Face book page along with multiple posts on most days, this proved out to be a much easier way to reach people than via email, although we did send a few emails.

We did a great job with the structure protection task force, taking the Division Supervisor and Task Force Leader on a tour of the area before they started, providing maps, a place for staging and briefing, assistance with the above mentioned propane tank and staying out of their way.

While there are probably things I have forgotten I wrote this early while things were generally fresh in my memory. Also, writing it now may make it a little easier if things ramp up again or otherwise get busy.

Johnny O motions to approve report, Rudy seconds, and report approved.

Committee Reports

None

Old Business

Nick Wold suggested that the community put on a Community Meet & Greet at the firehouse. We have discussed the suggestion and have decided that with the other events being held during the calendar year there are plenty of opportunities for new residents to engage with the community. Thank you for the offer.

Walker Day

This was the biggest event in our memory. Over \$10,000 profits, \$3000 in merchandise sales with over 700 lunches served. The deposit was for around \$17,000.

Budget

We will adjust the budget numbers to show a more balanced financials. Table this discussion until next month.

New Business

None

Goodwin Fire

Discussed in the chiefs report

Community Announcements: (Firewise, WCAA, Others?)

Victoria from WCAA announced a Fire Fighter appreciation brunch next Saturday, 7/15/17.

Victoria brought up that not everyone is on face book and expressed that during the fire sometimes the information that was distributed in email took some time to get out to the community. She also suggested that an information sheet be published on the website for evacuation information and tips.

Public Forum (Two-minute restriction)

Brief Board discussion if any about public comments

10:14 a.m. Adjournment

Johnny O. motions to adjourn, Terry P seconds, motion passed meeting adjourned.

Note: An audio recording of this meeting is available on the WFPA website.