



**Minutes – WFPA
Board of Directors Meeting – July 12, 2024**

8:45am – Executive Session

Board members present for the meeting – Clyde McKay, Bill Loughrige, Marti Mahoney , Roger Nusbaum, Jeff Anderson; Rudy Erdman, Lance Gilbert

9:15am – Begin General Session

- The Quorum has been met.

APPROVE AGENDA -

Bill Loughrige makes the motion to approve the meeting agenda. Jeff Anderson seconds the motion. Agenda is approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Clyde McKay

Good turn out for the last month’s events – Kids Day and Walker Days. Big turn out on residents. Thanks to Allyson Loughrige for her hard work on Kids Day. Walker Days made good monies on donations, yard sales and merchandise sales.

Jeff Anderson makes the Motion to approve report. Bill Loughrige seconds. All in favor.

SECRETARY’S REPORT – Marti Mahoney

Minutes from the last meeting have been sent. Marti Mahoney makes the motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

Jeff Anderson makes the Motion. Bill Loughrige seconds. All in favor

TREASURER’S REPORT – Lance Gilbert

Budget – email sent to the Board for review.

Preliminary used for current financials, if no immediate changes I suggest we motion to approve. Bill Loughrige makes the motion to approve budget and revise as needed in the future; Jeff Anderson approved the motion, Marti Mahoney seconds. All in favor.

- 2023 Tax 990 questions have been answered to accountant for returns
- Venmo account has been closed.

Ramp expense management.

- Accountant has been set up. Our Quick books account required an upgrade to Quick books online. Lance was able to be an upgrade for \$80 per year through Techsoup. (normally \$75 per month).

This will also give up access if needed. May have to purchase another QB update but accountant is reviewing. This allows Lance to on online and review. Another account may be set up for the Trash.

4 new members had been added as a test case. Clyde, Marti, Roger, Charlie. Ready to proceed with the other members. Email / Invite from Ramp has been sent out. Please accept and Lance recommends that the app is on our cell phones.

- Bingo – Proceeds \$151 plus \$70 in donations \$221 net.
License in progress, need Affidavits
- Walker Day - \$13,114 Gross, \$1,704.99 expenses, \$11,409.51 net;
Merchandise sold \$4,081
- Pancake Breakfast - \$1,819 donation, expenses \$528.78, net \$1,290.78
Merchandise sold \$1,742;
- Movie Night – Donations \$125, expenses \$405.29
- Kids Day (Technically July) – Donations \$168, expenses \$306.37
Merchandise sold \$621
- \$12.5K fundraising plus \$6.4K Merchandise sales for these events
- Donations this month were \$10,208.30
- Expenses for this month were \$7,820.85 not including payroll.
- WTCS cash on hand is \$46,016.56
- Gravel move at parking area for chip & haul – costs out of Trash fund. TBD

Motion to approve Treasurer's report by Bill Loughrige; Jeff Anderson seconds. All in favor.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT – Roger Nusbaum

Calls

Two medical calls and a fire alarm.

Training

Complex incident training.

Fleet

Engine 83 is in far northern California for an assignment.

Personnel

Chris Vlassis will be taking the Basic Firefighter course down in Phoenix in September. This is the class we take for structure firefighting. We will not be getting any scholarship dollars because for some reason, they only award them for two people or multiples of two. We should already have what we need to issue him for PPE.

Facilities

We've had a lot of problems with the garage doors. Are they working the way they should? Rudy reminder we used the cheapest bid for the doors and operators. He has moved on to a different company Newman for repairs. He will be checking in to this.

PRCC

A feasibility study about merging all the PSAPs (jargon for dispatch centers) in the county is currently underway. PRCC is not the driver of this. I believe it originates at the state level. I do

not know if we are beholden to the findings of this study. I've sat in on three meetings so far. "Merging" could mean several different things depending on the results of the study. Other than YCSO dispatch, the other big one in the county is in Cottonwood. The departments on the other side of Mingus Mountain use that dispatch center. Some of the outlying areas use Rural Metro down in Phoenix.

Through this, I have learned how good we have it at PRCC compared to complaints from east side chiefs about some serious dysfunction in dealing with Cottonwood Dispatch Center. We have a voice in PRCC because of the partnership structure and I've made it clear in multiple meetings how important this is to us and that I will press to keep that benefit. That doesn't mean it will work out the way we want, just what I am trying to do.

Other

We've touched on this but wildfires in Arizona are being fought differently this year. It seems like any fire starts and they immediately have multiple air resources on it immediately. There have been fires this year in the Crown King area where air support had a retardant line around it before ground crews could get there.

This obviously is very expensive, and I don't know if there's a money limit or time limit on these response capabilities. This is clearly a net positive for us, no question but for as long as this lasts it creates visibility for shorter assignments for our engines.

Bill Loughrige makes the Motion to accept the Fire Chief's report. Jeff Anderson seconds. All in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

Trash –

Clyde, Louie and Jeff had a meeting with Best Pick in regards to the damaged APS lines.

They were all on site the day of the issue as well as YCSO, APS to repair.

- Best Pick will be covering all expenses for repairs on the damages.
- Roger has asked that he / Walker Fire be notified if something like this occurs again. He did not find out until after the repairs were completed.
- Friday there was again no pick up of dumpsters. Jeff / Louie will be contacting Best Pick to change our pick up dates to Thursday and Monday. This allows for us to contact them on Friday working hours.
- Jeff/ Louie will be asking about a (24)hr emergency contact phone #

Discussion with Best Pick regarding better access suggestions of resident usage. Electronic locks can be used and access by an app on the users cell phone. Two dumpsters would be left with the standard combo locks.

- This app can interface with the Walker website for payment; and contact person for questions. And verify who is using (or abusing) the trash system.
- Estimated this info and lock conditions will be sent to community end of year and begin Dec 1st with 2025 subscriptions.

Question raised regarding increase on the trash subscriptions. Previously it had been approved for a \$220 yearly cost. Currently this is \$200. Agreed to review end of year prior to the 2025 information and new contract sign up.

Insurance – Bill Loughrige

Farm Bureau is not writing new policies for our location. Discussion on do we need to shop for different company and policies or leave what we have in place ?

Lance verifies that what we have in coverage and have paid for to date is good.

Station Clean up – Rudy Erdman

- Rudy has checked in to the option of Bollard posts (in lieu of the red saw horses) at the driveway location. He will be getting quotes on the work to provided to Board for review
- Seals at the garage doors need to be replaced in several locations. He will be getting a quote on new seals from Newman.
- Re-stripping the front driveway area needs to be done. In the past, the County took care of this at a no cost to Walker Fire. Roger suggests contacting Mary Mallory at the County to see if they will provide. Rudy will also look in to quotes from other source.
- The Generator worked great on the days we had the damaged APS lines. The buttons on the generator need to be replaced. Rudy will check in to this.
- Roger has asked Rudy to look in to the operators on the garage doors. Still have issues with a couple of them. And can we get additional clickers for the trucks. Specifically Engine 83 has an issue with the remote operator.

Station Improvements –

- Clyde McKay is suggesting that we add a lock feature to the outside hose bib at the fire station. He had to send off some homeless people that were using it for cleaning themselves and their vehicles.
- “NO DOGS” signs and notifications added for all events need to be enforced.

Walker Fire Webpage –

- Clyde McKay is working with Chris in the next couple of weeks to further work and improve the webpage.
- Newer and more photos of Walker Fire crew, trucks and training has been sent to Chris. Any photos from the Board are needed and will be updated in the gallery section.
- Suggestion that the FB page for Walker Fire, also include a link to the web page
- Goal is for the webpage to have a ‘soft launch’ by November 1st and be active by December 1st.

Fund Raising –

Golf Tournament – Jeff Anderson

Currently we have (24) players signed up for the Tournament on October 12th.

- A QR code has been set up for registration. This needs to be added to the Walker Fire webpage and added to the registration form.
- Looking for sponsors for the greens and tournament. Please forward any contact information to Jeff.
- Volunteers needed for check in and information.
- Marti Mahoney is working on the swag bag items for the players.

Drive in Movie Night – Jeff Anderson / Marti Mahoney

Scheduled for tonight at the Potato Patch park location. Jeff and Clyde will be setting up screen, projector and sound. Marti and Dorie Anderson will be setting up popcorn and water and hot dogs.

FB and email reminders have been sent out this week.

WFPA SPONSORS for Fund Raising – Clyde McKay

Discussion to look for individuals or companies that will sponsor (Donate) towards costs of the food, etc on the yearly events. Also allowing for that company to set up a vendor table (at the pancake breakfasts).

- Clyde will be sending out a community email looking for sponsors.
- Lance will be checking into this for the P19 / tax restricted donation information

Grants –

- Jeff Anderson will be hitting this in August. This is the soonest they will accept applications.
- Roger has asked Jeff to please keep him in the loop in July for the information that the Fire Dept needs to provide.
- Jeff has a grant writer (Matt Moody) and is looking for more.

Wildland Report – Loren Bykerk

- Chip & Haul scheduled start July 15th. Loren will set up table by July 1st for sign up.
- Rudy will get the gravel scraped back next week prior to slash dropped off.
- Loren is looking for banner for Chip & Haul. Lance will check the back shed.
- Roll off costs to be checked by Jeff Anderson

OLD BUSINESS –

Walker Days – Clyde McKay

The financials, donations came in very good. Lance provided information in Treasurer's report. Total \$13,411 overall.

- Need to move porta johns closer to the event areas
- Do we need to start rummage sale earlier next year? Volunteers would need to start early, and set up on Friday would also need to start early.
- We need an assigned point of contact person for the day, the volunteers, and all questions.
- The Charity companies who typically pick up the remaining items from the rummage sale are being pickier. Consider having a roll off dropped and toss as much as possible end of day to get rid of the items.

Kids Day – Bill Loughrige

There was a great turn out of kids and parents that day – between 150-200 attending .

- Appreciation for Allyson Loughrige for her hard work and organization.
- Petting zoo set up (from Bob) was enjoyed by everyone and added to the day's events.
- Agreed that the Kids Day should not be concurrent with the Sundae Saturday
- NO dog policy needs to be enforced.

NEW BUSINESS -

Newsletter – Clyde McKay

Our past costs for running the Newsletter is \$5000-6000 for each run. It is mailed out to the resident's list, as well as emailed and FB link to the webpage link.

- Discussion on saving those dollars and newsletter be electronically sent only.
- Lance sees that the donations increase after the Newsletter is sent which also includes a payment envelope to mail.
- Clyde and Marti Mahoney will begin working on the Fall Newsletter in August.

F.A.D. - Fireman's Appreciation Day - August 31st

- Food will include a 65lb pig which has been donated along with the smoker for the day.
- Additional meat will be needed. Jeff and Bill will check in to getting another 60lb+ pig side.
- Matt and Moe want to work on the pig roast for the set up and cooking.
- Clyde will get with Chris for a community email sent out.
- Need to remind community of bringing potluck sides and desserts. NO cake will be provided this year by the WFPA.
- Volunteers are needed for set up and clean up. Discussion that we don't rely on the fire dept crew for this as it's supposed to be honoring their work.
- Clyde will set up an Agenda for the day and forward to the Board and volunteers.
- Appreciation gifts for the firefighters ... Agreed that Roger has a budget and should be one to determine what and how much is given to the team.

Sundae Saturday – Loren Bykerk

WCAA has a ice cream social planned for August 3rd.

10:40 – Adjournment

Jeff Anderson makes the Motion to adjourn and Bill Loughrige seconds. All in favor and we are adjourned.

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