

Minutes – WFPA Board of Directors Meeting – November 9, 2024

8:45am - Executive Session

Board members present for the meeting – Clyde McKay, Bill Loughrige, Marti Mahoney, Jeff Anderson, Lance Gilbert, Louie Reale, Rudy Erman, Roger Nusbaum.

9:15am - Begin General Session

- The Quorum has been met.

APPROVE AGENDA -

Bill Loughrige makes the motion to approve the meeting agenda. Rudy Erdman seconds the motion. Agenda is approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Clyde McKay

No new comments. Appreciation for all the hard work from the Board and volunteers for this year and moving forward on 2025.

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Marti Mahoney

Minutes from the last meeting have been sent. Bill Loughrige makes the motion to accept the minutes from last month and dispense with the reading of the minutes. Rudy Erdman seconds. All in favor

TREASURER'S REPORT – Lance Gilbert

- Requalified Benevity account
- Completed E-sign for 990 tax form. Waiting for a copy to be uploaded.
- Reviewed current funds available for fleet improvement and submitted to the chief for discussion.
- Submitted Wildland account to Ramp and increased spending limit to \$26,200 per month
- Donations this month were \$2,955.
- Expenses for this month were approx. \$16,317.45 not including payroll or Ramp liability \$97.23 . This included the gravel and the golf expenses.
- WTCS cash on hand is \$34.035.47

Lance requests that Monies from the WTCS be moved over by the end of year. Approx \$20,000 in to the General fund. This is approved.

A Motion is made to move funds from Wildland and WTCS residuals to the Fidelity Account. All if favor.

Discussion regarding the donations for 2024 coming in quite lower that budgeted for the yearly operating expenses needed. Lance has modified his Winter newsletter article to include comments regarding the shortfall and community support needed.

Motion to approve Treasurer's report by Bill Loughrige. Rudy Erdman seconds. All in favor.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT - Roger Nusbaum

Calls

3 medical calls and 1 ATV accident.

Training

Rescue 81/Driving 83/simple radio/ic implementation and SCBA Refresher

Fleet

Engine 85 in for annual maintenance.

Board member Jeff Anderson and I have been looking for an Engine 86 replacement. Firefighter Manning has done some research which led to one truck and the site he found that truck sent us a second truck to look at. You've been sent info on each one, we can discuss. Another \$11,000 is due from Engine 83 and CAFMA Fleet has expressed interest in buying the old Engine 86 to convert it into a wrecker/tow truck.

Personnel

We have one recruit taking S-130/190 and three firefighters taking S-212 which is the sawyer class.

Facilities

Last month the board approved a Cascade air system to fill SCBA air bottles. One of the trucks has that system in it so buying one is on hold for now.

PRCC

No report.

Other

N/A

Discussion on E-86 replacment.

Roger has sent email links to the Board on two truck options that he has located recently for possible truck replacements on E86. This truck is almost 14 years old in WFPA service. With mileage and repairs it is in our best interest to consider replacing.

Best option currently for consideration is a truck in Michigan that fits the requirements with ladders and also has an Air system (where we could avoid buying for the station).

Discussion on review of sending a team from WFPA Fire Dept to inspect the truck in Michigan. Motion from Jeff Anderson that if this meets the requirements and is in good shape the Board approves the \$230,000 cost asked to purchase said truck. As well as an amount of \$20,000 that may be required for incidentals (new tires, travel hauling costs, graphics, etc). Bill approves the motion. Rudy Erdman seconds. All in favor.

Roger will get with his team to review and decide on a timeline for travel to Michigan. And will reach out to that Fire Dept for scheduling.

Jeff Anderson and Roger Nusbaum will continue researching available options if this truck does not pan out.

UPDATE on 11.12.24 --- The Saugatuck Fire Dept and Board will be reviewing this truck on Monday 11.18.24 if they are going to move forward on option to sell. They will update Roger following that meeting.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

<u>Trash</u> – Louie Reale and Clyde McKay

Clyde has ordered a second electronic lock to test with the first one for multiple use conditions.

Chris will be adding this info and the links on the trash service on the updated webpage. Louie has been researching different companies for service. They are either higher than Best Pick or all affiliated with Waste Management (and no returned calls). His recommendation currently is to remain with Best Pick.

New EL locks and information will start in January 2025.

Insurance – Clyde McKay and Lance Gilbert

No new changes. Insurance currently paid up to date

Station Maintenance – Rudy Erdman

- Additional remotes were received. Request to Roger Nusbaum to update him on how they are working. Remotes were ordered as two were not working properly.
- Scheduled this month for regular maintenance on the station heaters.

Station Improvements – Clyde McKay

No new updates

Walker Fire Webpage -

- Clyde McKay has been working with Chris for webpage. No new date for release provided.
- The Board needs to provide a headshot and short Bio for Chris to add to the new webpage information. Please send THIS MONTH.

Fund Raising -

2025 events will include the regular pancake breakfast, Bingo Night; as well as the Movie Nights and another Golf Tournament.

Jeff Anderson mentioned the possibility of an April date for the Golf Tournament. He will be checking with Antelope Hills to confirm dates. This will be put to the Community next year.

Grants -

- Jeff Anderson has narrowed down the available grants to (2) two that WFPA can apply for. He is working this month to complete and get info to Roger for input.

- Discussion that should we receive one or both of these grant monies, that the consideration be put for new water tender trucks needed.

<u>Firewise Report – Loren Bykerk (not present)</u>

- No date currently on 2025 Chip n Haul from Loren, or for the Walker Calendar.
- Roger Nusbaum notes that he has never been asked by any insurance company if Walker has this event, or Firewise back up information.
- Concerning the costs that WFPA incurs (that WCAA doesn't or can't cover); and the lack of communication to the community for the event, donations, etc.

Merchandise – Clyde McKay / Marti Mahoney

Marti presents the new design/logos that came in this month. These will be used for the kids shirts, general merchandise and apparel; and for a new vintage logo to be used on the Support shirts for a new truck.

Karen Gonzales has mentioned she will be looking in to new vendor / showrooms in Phoenix. And plans to get orders for new merchandise going by end of year.

Another goal is for Hawaiian shirts (with fire truck logo) to have early in season for Board, volunteers and pre-sales prior to the F.A.D event.

OLD BUSINESS -

Newsletter - Clyde McKay / Marti Mahoney

Marti Mahoney has completed the newsletter, and it is ready for the printer.

Discussion in regard to donations and the truck replacement needed that Roger Nusbaum draft a new article to note this information and requests for community to consider the yearly \$300-500 donation needed for operating costs.

Roger will have this done and sent to Marti by Monday. Newsletter will be revised for this to be on front cover.

Goal is for printer to have early next week. Mailing out by Mid November.

2025 Calendar. - Clyde Mckay

Clyde and Marti updated the 2025 Calendar and it has been added to Newsletter. It will also be added to the webpage. Any amendments will be included in the Spring Newsletter and Community notifications.

NEW BUSINESS – none

Public Comments –

None

10:45 - Adjournment

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

End