Minutes – WFPA

Board of Directors Meeting – November 14th, 2026

Board members present – Clyde McKay, Roger Nusbaum, Marti Mahoney, Lance Gilbert, Bill Good, Louie Reale.

Absent – Bill Keena.

General Session – Start time not recorded. Quorum has been met.

Approve Agenda

The general meeting was called to order. Bill Good moved to approve the agenda; Louie Reale seconded. The motion carried by voice vote, with no opposition heard. No general members were present to provide input.

President's Report – Clyde McKay

The President reported a successful close to the event season and progress toward a reduced 2027 event schedule. The Board is developing a stronger community donation campaign, informed by donor data compiled by Treasurer Lance Gilbert.

Secretary's Report – Marti Mahoney

A motion was made to dispense with reading the prior meeting minutes. The October minutes have been filed and uploaded on our webpage.
Louie Reale made the motion. Bill Good seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Lance Gilbert

- 2025 taxes have been completed and filed.
- 2025 golf tournament net proceeds were reported as $10,946, including adjustments for merchandise sold at the event.
- The latest quarterly BFIS insurance installment and annual Apps 360 truck-maintenance payment were processed.
- Travelers workers' compensation audit reported a $6,828 earned premium and a $414 overpayment refund; Bill Keena will contact the insurer to clarify the accounting.
- Monthly donations: $2,713. Monthly expenses: $14,958, excluding payroll, wildland expenses and outstanding Ramp charges reported as $1,331.
- WTCS Walker Trash account month-end balance: $40,814. Treasurer plans to transfer excess funds while retaining approximately $10,000–$15,000 ahead of the new subscription year. Trash-service insurance renews in January.

Louie Reale moved to approve the Treasurer's report; Bill Good seconded. Motion carried by voice vote, with no opposition heard.

Chief's Report – Roger Nusbaum

Calls

One medical call. Additionally, two firefighters removed six trees blocking Poland Rd in various spots after the tornado. We also gave hot chocolate and a warm spot to wait for a ride to two hikers who got caught out in the rain and were mildly hypothermic.

Training

SAR training and truck maintenance.

Fleet

We will soon be rotating the fleet into CAFMA Fleet Services for annual servicing and pump flow testing.

Personnel

We have six firefighters signed up for the Wildland Fire Academy coming up in March.

Facilities

No report.

PRCC/Communications

No report.

Other

I will be filing our SAM renewal this coming week. This agreement allows us to work with the Forest Service. I am mentioning this to create awareness that this is something we need to, I should not be the only one who knows about it.

Bill Good moved to approve the Fire Chief's report; Louie Reale seconded. Motion carried by voice vote, with no opposition heard.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trash Collection – Bill Good / Clyde McKay

Several Master Lock Vault locks have failed or require attention following wet weather; one lock is missing. Replacement locks are preprogrammed and are not assigned to specific dumpsters. Battery replacement, lubrication and attempted repairs have had mixed results; failed locks may need replacement. Clyde and Bill plan to inspect locks after the meeting. A request was made for a walkthrough of lock management and maintenance procedures.
Starlink network information should be documented on the information page.

Station Maintenance and Facilities – Louie Reale

The Board discussed exploring whether an existing building space could accommodate a brush truck, with a construction trailer potentially serving as an office and merchandise

area. Roof trusses, door height, vehicle clearance, utilities, permitting and county requirements would need investigation; no construction decision was made. Clyde indicated he would follow up with the county.

Gutters and downspouts have been partially cleaned; heavy accumulated debris remains. A more thorough gutter and guard cleaning was proposed for spring alongside painting work.

The Hobart service account remains disputed due to inconsistent invoices and unsatisfactory communications. The Board discussed ending the service relationship in writing and handling basic equipment maintenance internally. The designated board member will contact the company and document cancellation; outstanding charges remain to be resolved.

Insurance – Clyde McKay, Lance Gilbert

Vehicle, property, liability and workers' compensation policies were reported as current. Bill Keena will resolve conflicting insurer communications and the workers' compensation refund. Trash liability coverage is due for January renewal.

Fundraising and 2027 Events – Clyde McKay

A streamlined 2027 calendar is planned, with more emphasis on marketing and community donations. An analysis estimated approximately $15,560 in net proceeds from selected prior events and a potential reduction of roughly $6,000 from fewer events. The Board discussed offsetting this through donations, business sponsorships and the $1,000 donation incentive that includes a trash subscription.
Idea to consider paid smoked-meat dinners offerings; promote stronger Walker Day fundraising (including a possible auction), and other enhancements may be considered separately rather than committing to extra events now.

Website and Sponsors – Clyde McKay

A consolidated business-sponsor list is being prepared for the website, with clickable business links and recognition of sponsors from multiple events, not only the golf tournament.

Firewise / Chip & Haul – Clyde McKay

The committee is waiting to hear back from WCAA about scheduling a meeting to review the 2026 program and discuss plans and improvements for 2027.

Grants

The Arizona Rural Fire Capacity grant is expected to reopen; it typically provides a 50% match for PPE purchases, with approximately $3,000 of equipment for a $1,500 association share. Members discussed the cost and uncertain return of professional grant assistance. Broader grant efforts were left on hold pending a workable plan; no expenditure was approved.

Merchandise – Marti Mahoney / Clyde McKay

The merchandise program reported a strong year. Marti is currently working on new 2027 Designs for the 60th anniversary, emphasizing simple, versatile, single-color artwork suitable for shirts, mugs, embroidery and flags.
Firefighter uniform/patch designs will remain separate from public-support merchandise. A stock inventory overview will be planned for first of the year. And a Merch Team meeting to review new designs and merchandise for 2027 hopefully scheduled in January.

OLD BUSINESS

Newsletter – Marti Mahoney
Draft is substantially complete and will be sent to VistaPrint for proofing, and for revisions necessary. Mailing quantity, stamps and address labels are being coordinated with Clyde McKay. To be scheduled with an early-December assembly and mailing goal.

2027 events – Clyde McKay

The 2027 Calendar of Events has been established. It will be included in the Newsletter. Any additional activities may be added if feasible. The Board emphasized fewer events with better fundraising results.

NEW BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENTS

No new business or public comments were reported.

Adjournment – 10:26

Bill Good moved to adjourn; Louie Reale seconded. The motion carried by voice vote. Adjournment time was not stated in the transcript.