



Waverly Community Group, Inc.

**Full Membership Meeting for Saturday, November 1, 2014, 10-11am
Turning Point at Waverly School Gymnasium, 10431 NCR 15**

Waverly Board members present: Letitia Betchel, Helen Boggs, Jan Kroeger, Carolyn Ownby, George Reed, Ron Splittgerber, and Karl Zeller. (7 of 9 Board members present)

Waverly Board members absent: Tom Niichel and Kay Sinclair.

Attendance – an additional 21 members of the Waverly Community were present at this annual meeting as well as our speaker and 6 members of the Wellington Fire Department (WFD).

Current chairperson, Jan Kroeger, started the meeting at 10:09 with a welcome and a few announcements.

1. The Waverly School has suffered from some deterioration of falling plaster here in the gymnasium, most of which has been swept out of traffic paths. Watch your step because there may still be sand on the floor in some areas.
2. Board meetings are being changed to Monday evenings (at 7:30).
3. Ballots for board members had been distributed previously by email, and there were no additions.
4. The social events of the year are (2) Pot Luck Dinners, and the annual end-of-summer Pancake Breakfast.
5. Door prizes will be announced intermittently. Coffee and refreshments are available on the back table.
6. There will be no Thanksgiving Walk this year due to insurance requirements involved with crossing a busy road (NCR !5). If you have suggestions for an alternative route or host please call Jan Kroeger at 568-7619.
7. Chief Gary Green of the Wellington Fire Department is this year's speaker.

Ballots were distributed for Board positions. Letitia Betchel, Helen Boggs, Jan Kroeger, Carolyn Ownby, George Reed, Ron Splittgerber, and Karl Zeller were running for re-election, and there were spaces at the end of the ballot for nominations from the floor. In addition there were lines at the end of the ballot for suggestions for future topics for potlucks, speaker suggestions, general topics for discussion, and suggestions for future social events.

Winners of the early door prizes were Carol Story (jam) and Daryl Boggs (pumpkin bread).

Speaker Chief Green. Wellington Fire Department has a 6-member Day crew for a taxed fire district which covers 280 square miles. This district runs from Highway 287 on the west to the Weld county line on the east and from a line just north of Budweiser on the south to the state line on the north. There are 3 stations at present with 2 currently operational and 1 being held in reserve for northern expansion. Three of the five Board members are from the Waverly area: Jim Boyzak, Sue Reed, and Steve Sarno. They serve staggered 4-year terms with the next election being in 2016.

Emergency Response. 70% of the WFD emergency response is for medical emergencies. They also respond to car accidents (including those on I25) and fires. Of the fires most are structure fires, but they also respond to wildland fires. They also provide public education and public assistance calls. The 2 manned fire stations in Wellington and Waverly are manned 24/7 with both paid and volunteer trained firefighters. Response time has been significantly cut by having the fire stations manned 24/7. For any emergency you should dial 911 and the dispatcher will sort notification for the proper response team. The dispatcher has

about 90 seconds to notify the responding agency and personnel, and then the firefighters have an additional 90 seconds to don their gear and be ready to leave the station for the emergency site. The WFD does have an ambulance outfitted with medical supplies, but Fort Collins ambulance service now provides transport to area hospitals.

There are **mutual aid agreements** with PFD, Loveland, Windsor, and Platte River Power fire departments as well as some with other eastern border Wyoming rural fire departments.

Agricultural burning. Regulations are mandated by state and county requirements, but the WFD can override when needed (however, this is seldom done). Light fuel grass fires burn quickly but we have a good system of accessible roads for quick response after being reported. Agricultural burning is often exempted from regulation by the state, but as a courtesy to your neighbors and to minimize any unwarranted fire response, please call the fire department prior to burning.

Enforcement of State and County Regulations. WFD personnel will talk to an owner and coordinate with other agencies.

Fire Response. The WFD is capable of responding to wildland and structure fires plus any fires resulting from car accidents. Of these, structural fires and any fire where life is threatened are the most complex to fight. Ammunition present in structure fires is less of a specific danger than any round left chambered in a weapon being actively burned. That weapon is still a loaded gun waiting to fire.

Welfare check. Call 911 and the dispatcher will send the appropriate resources.

Volunteer background and hours. The Fire Academy meets 2 nights a week and alternate Saturdays and offers new classes twice a year. It runs for 5 months, and there is a fee for this training. After being accepted into the fire department the trainee is required to complete an additional 36 hours of training and 36 monthly hours of shift work. (Shifts are 12 hours in length.) Fire Department volunteers and paid staff give significantly more than this minimum number of monthly hours.

Board Election. Members of the Board running for **re-election** were introduced. There were no nominations from the floor. Board Ballots were marked, collected, and counted.

Winners of the late door prizes were Loren Broad and Mary Mumma who each won a pot of pansies.

The meeting was adjourned about 10:54.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Boggs