



# Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Association

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“Representing Those Who Volunteer”

## OVFA Board Meeting Minutes

OVFA Conference Room – Salem, Oregon  
January 21, 2011– 18:00 Hours

### CALL TO ORDER:

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President David Butler called the meeting to order at 18:00 hours.

### ROLL CALL:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Scott Mullen, President                                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Sellers, Director |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dave Butler, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rex Parks Sr., Director |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (Vacant) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President                | <input type="checkbox"/> Aaron Gibbens, Ambassador          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lori Albert, Secretary/Treasurer            | <input type="checkbox"/> Richard Detherage, Chaplain        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tina Greiner, Immediate Past President                 |   |

### GUESTS:

Stella Hickey, Oregon State Fire Corp  
Ken Raddle, SK<sup>2</sup>R  
Mick Sneddon, Charleston Fire  
John Nohr, OFCA

### STAFF:

Mary Tucker  
Genoa Ingram

### ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:

- Old Business – Fire Service Summit

### GUEST INPUT

- Stella Hickey provided an overview of the Oregon State Fire Corp, described how the Corp can assist the fire service, and offered to partner with the OVFA.
- Ken Raddle, described some fundraising offers that could enable the OVFA to raise as much as \$30,000 (EXHIBIT A) per year and offered to provide turn-key fundraising and marketing packages including:
  - Calendars
  - Firefighter Collector Trading Cards
  - Oaks Park Family Fun Night (August 8 is offered to OVFA)  
Timeline is: next 30 days, card program to get them there by Conference, by Fall you'd have funds.
- Mick Sneddon, Charleston Fire, emphasized that his department is extremely interested in the 2012 Conference and there would be very little overhead.
- John Nohr, OFCA recapped the Oregon Fire Service Summit and reported that OFCA's bill regarding upcharges for fire sprinklers had moved to committee.



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## MINUTES

**Motion: Moved by Rex Parks and seconded by Lori Albert to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.**

## FINANCIAL REPORT:

- Lori Albert reviewed financial statements, reporting . Relief check to Brian Wildman

## STAFF REPORT:

Mary Tucker discussed OVFA’s participation at Expo and whether the Board wished to share booth space with the mechanics. The Board agreed to share space.

Genoa Ingram reported that the OVFA’s HB 2564, adding OVFA to the list of eligible associations for the tax check-off program, had been printed and was moving through the process. She also reported on a possible change of policy for the Joint Fire Legislative Committee, removing the previous requirement that the Committee act with unanimity.

## FUNDRAISING EFFORTS:

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Butler asked that the Board discuss the fundraising options presented earlier. It was noted that President Mullen was not present and there was a vacancy on the Board.

**Motion: Moved by Sellers and seconded by Rex Parks to go forward immediately with the Oaks Park project and defer the calendar and cards projects pending discussions with their individual Boards and the presence of a full Board. Motion passed.**

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

### a) Ambassador Program

Aaron Gibbens provided an overview of the Ambassador program. Stella Hickey encouraged the Board to make information on the Ambassador program more prevalent on the website, including a complete description of what the program is.

### b) Conference

Mary Tucker reported that there had been meetings regarding the conferences including a meeting with Bob Sulkosky at Chinook Winds and the food contract would be redrafted at a substantial savings. Mary also reported that there was currently an issue with the rope rescue that President Mullen is working on. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Butler reported that he was working on a fishing trip prior to the golf tournament. Mary added that in addition to a reduction in the food guarantee, she had reduced the number of meeting rooms.

### c) EMT Advisory Committee

No report.



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**d) Governors Fire Policy Council**

No report.

**e) NVFC**

No report.

**f) Fire Policy Committee**

No report.

**g) Legislative Staff**

Report received under Staff Report.

**h) Surplus Program**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Butler reported the Veneta had made a substantial surplus equipment contribution. He had also been contacted by Athena Fire to make a donation.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- *Required 501(c)(3)* Mary Tucker reported that she had received a letter from legal counsel in response to her question if OVFA was required to have a secretary. The letter said that OVFA was bound by state law.
- *Board Vacancy* Aaron Gibbens agreed to serve in Director Position #3.

**Motion: Moved by David Sellers and seconded by Rex Parks to elect Aaron Gibbens to Director Position #3. Motion passed.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- *Fire Service Summit* 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Butler reviewed the recent Fire Service Summit.
- *LEPC* The Board reviewed an email from Sam Phillips indicating that OVFA staff needed to sign an agreement with OSFM. Further, if Sam is to be the instructor, he cannot assist the Association with obtaining the grant.

**By consensus** the Board agreed to name Genoa Ingram as Grant Administrator.

- *EMT Legislative Concept* The Board discussed legislation modifying levels of EMT. The Board deferred action pending further discussion with other associations.
- *Fire Service Appreciation Day* Lori agreed to man the booth during Fire Service Appreciation Day. OVFA will not need podium time.
- *Historian Position* The Board reviewed an email from Jill Dorrell regarding the position of Historian. The Board agreed to encourage Jill to remain in the position and delegate duties as needed.



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## **BOARD REPORTS:**

- Oregon Fire Corp is having its first Conference on March 11.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Butler reported on a recent encounter he had with a flagger on scene at a traffic accident who wanted an OVFA decal. He encouraged Board members to carry decals with them.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the OVFA Board is scheduled for Friday evening, February 18, 18:00 hours at the Salem office.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 21:06 hours (9:06).

Transcribed by:

Genoa Ingram, OVFA Staff