



# Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Association

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“Representing Those Who Volunteer”

## OVFA Board Meeting Minutes

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

### CALL TO ORDER:

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President David Butler called the meeting to order at 18:13 hours.

### ROLL CALL:

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| <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aaron Gibbens, Director |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lori Albert, Secretary/Treasurer            | <input type="checkbox"/> Richard Detherage, Chaplain        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tina Greiner, Immediate Past President      |   |

### STAFF:

Mary Tucker  
Genoa Ingram

### ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:

- New Business – Lebanon Fire Department Open House

### MINUTES

**Motion: Moved by David Sellers and seconded by Tina Greiner to approve the minutes as presented with one correction. Motion passed.**

### FINANCIAL REPORT:

- Lori Albert reviewed financial statements. See exhibit A

### STAFF REPORT:

Genoa Ingram reported that she, Jim Oeder and David Sellers had attended the hearing on HB 2564, adding OVFA to the list of eligible associations for the tax check-off program, and provided testimony. OFCA lobbyist Nicole Palmateer Armstrong had also testified in support. A work session is anticipated for the following week.

SB 106 is causing a good amount of controversy and amendments have been submitted to correct unintended consequences in Section 16; however, there are still problems with local autonomy. Board members identified and discussed numerous concerns with the legislation.

**Motion:** Made by Aaron Gibbens and seconded by Rex Parks to oppose SB 106. **Motion passed.**



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The sprinkler bill had been scheduled for Tuesday, February 22, but had been pulled from the agenda since the amendments were not ready.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

### a) **Ambassador Program**

Aaron Gibbens noted there was nothing new to report.

### b) **Conference**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Butler has been in touch with L.N. Curtis, and they have offered to sponsor 150 tee shirts in various sizes. OVFA will need to transmit the conference logo in digital format. This offer will be in exchange for the Gold level sponsorship.

Dave reported that he has also worked with Tradewinds regarding the whale watching trip at \$16 per person and the fishing trip at \$70 per person. Those who go on the fishing trip must have a fishing license. If boats are not filled, Tradewinds will fill with non-OVFA attendees. However, if OVFA fills both boats, Tradewinds will provide one complimentary ticket for each boat.

President Mullen reported that North Lincoln is working with the Casino to put the golf tournament together.

President Mullen reported that he had received a call from Jay Alley regarding partnering with OFIA, combining their conference and the Safety Symposium into one event. The dates would be January 18-21. Board members expressed support of a combined effort but were concerned about attendance during that time of year. Board members agreed to consider the possibility of joining efforts and Tina Greiner offered to sit on the advisory committee. Dave Butler will be the alternate. The first meeting is March 1.

### c) **EMT Advisory Committee**

No report.

### d) **Governors Fire Policy Council**

President Mullen reported that the Council met January 25 and reviewed the air monitoring and toxic environment study. TVF&R has put the study together and that task force has been decommissioned. The report has been referred to the Chiefs for a best practices policy.

### e) **NVFC**

No report.

### f) **Fire Policy Committee**

No report.



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**g) Legislative Staff**

Report received under Staff Report.

**h) Surplus Program**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Butler reported that there had been donations from an unknown source as well as Athena Fire, which made donation of a 5 bottle Cascade system. President Mullen indicated that his department may be able to use them. He asked that the Board set aside a day to go through and clean up. It was decided the Board would meet in Stayton on April 23 at 10:00 a.m.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- *California Casualty* Dave Butler reported on his conversations about partnering with California Casualty for Expo, which is scheduled for May 13 and 14. A Board meeting will be held on Friday conjunction with Expo.
- *Oak Park Fundraiser* The Board discussed partnering with local fire districts/departments to partner with fundraising opportunities such as food court, dunk tank and photo opportunities with firefighters and apparatus.
- *2012 Conference* The OVFA is locked in for Charleston.
- *Merchandise Inventory* Mary Tucker reported that the inventory had been counted and inventoried. She presented a spreadsheet showing available styles and sizes and asked that Board members keep track of any items sold.
- *Historic Committee* President Mullen reported that he had spoken with Jill Dorrell about remaining as OVFA Historian and delegating certain duties. Jill had agreed to stay on under those circumstances. Dave Sellers reported that Jerry Kearney of Clackamas Fire had offered to assist. His contact information is [JerryKearney@comcast.net](mailto:JerryKearney@comcast.net) or 503-803-3403.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Butler reported that Lebanon Fire District’s Open House is scheduled for Saturday, May 7.

**BOARD REPORTS:**

- Dave Sellers reported that he would attend Boring’s Awards ceremony the following day.
- President Mullen reported that he had a conversation with Chief Seidel regarding the future of volunteers in his department, given his department. Chief Seidel had responded positively about the Department’s volunteer program. Dave Sellers reported that the Chief’s retirement party is February 25.
- Lori Albert reported that she was finalizing her application to Keizer Fire.
- Tina Greiner reported that she was working on her R.N. She is scheduled for medical leave beginning March 29.
- Aaron Gibbens reported that Goshen had awards banquet on the 5<sup>th</sup> and recognized graduates from volunteer to paid firefighters. Tim Birr had been keynote speaker. Cresswell’s awards banquet is scheduled for February 26<sup>th</sup>.



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- Rex Parks reported that his department is scheduled for an ISO challenge in an attempt to maintain their level 6 rating. The challenge is scheduled for March 6.
- Dave Butler reported that Lebanon had held its awards banquet on February 4<sup>th</sup> and had awarded the medal of valor to two volunteers who had participated in a save during a house fire in January.
- President Mullen reported that his department was involved in a heated battle over new fire station from individuals who had not been aware of the ballot measure.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the OVFA Board is scheduled for Saturday, March 19, 10:00 a.m. at the coast; location to be confirmed.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 20:14 hours (8:14).

Transcribed by:

Genoa Ingram, OVFA Staff