



Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Association

“Representing Those Who Volunteer”

OVFA Board Meeting

Minutes

OVFA Office, Salem OR
April 20, 2012 – 1800 Hours

CALL TO ORDER:

President Butler called the meeting to order at 1826 hours.

ROLL CALL:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dave Butler, President | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kirt Hickey, Director* |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Sellers, 1 st Vice President | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pete Robertson, Director* |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rex Parks, 2 nd Vice President | <input type="checkbox"/> Aaron Gibbens, Ambassador |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stella Hickey, Secretary/Treasurer | <input type="checkbox"/> Richard Detherage, Chaplain |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Mullen, Immediate Past President | * by phone |

STAFF:

Mary Tucker
Genoa Ingram

GUESTS:

Jerry Kearney, Boring/Clackamas Volunteer Association
Donna Disch, OSFM
Gary McClean, Oregon EMS Association

GUEST REPORTS

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Old Business
Chief's Conf
Expo
Newsletter

New Business
Oregon Dept Forestry Budget cuts
AFLAC

MINUTES

Motion: Moved by 1st Vice President Sellers and seconded by 2nd Vice President Parks to approve the minutes as amended. Motion passed.



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FINANCIAL REPORT:

- Treasurer Stella Hickey reviewed the financial statements, noting the checking account currently holds \$16,134.08. Total assets are at \$79,166.72. The profit for the year so far is \$9,617.23. (report on file)

Motion: Moved by 2nd Vice President Parks and seconded by Past President Mullen to approve the financial report. Motion passed.

STAFF REPORT: No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) **Ambassador Program** – Treasurer Hickey has put together a request for funding from the registered tribes, she will be sending it out soon.

b) **Conference**

2012: Up to 54 registrations currently, 11 vendors. Skid Avoidance is closed, Mick sent information on another class about managing alternative fuel emergencies.

The Past President’s dinner will be held at the Rodeo steak house, Past President Mullen requested the buffet menu.

The board decided on having the banquet offsite. The breakfast will be in the upstairs SOCC facilities. Staff will check on availability of the catering facility for vendor night.

2013: Jerry Kearney reported on possible classes for the 2013 conference.

High Angle Rescue
Vehicle Extrication
Firefighter Challenge
Water Rescue
Art of reading smoke
Incident Command
Live fire trailer

Wind driven fire
Truck operations
Fire investigation
Ems training
Volunteer R&R
Instructor 1 certification

Jerry presented a proposal from the Monarch Hotel for the 2013 facilities. The board, *by consensus*, agreed to request a contract from the Monarch to be sent for review by the board.

c) **Grants and Scholarships**

Treasurer Hickey handed out a report on where she is in regard to requesting sponsorships and an overview of the OVFA’s financial situation. (report on file)

- d) **EMT Advisory Committee and OFCA EMS Section** – no report. Haven’t had a meeting since February.



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e) **Governor’s Fire Policy Council** – Next meeting is April 24.

f) **Fire Policy Committee** – no report

g) **NVFC** – no report

h) **Legislative**

Legislative committee days are May 21-23, 2012. Deadline to have concepts to the Legislative Council is September 17th.

Presumptive cancer – Past President Mullen is working on getting numbers on other states that have presumptive cancer and how many cases they have received. He should have the information for the upcoming session.

A letter will be sent out from the board to the other fire associations and the joint fire legislative committee stating that the volunteers will be seeking the tax check off bill this upcoming session.

Donna Disch reported the OSFM lost 4 positions in 2011, which has had a big impact. In 2013, OSFM is hoping to raise their fire insurance premium tax rate in order to sustain their current level of funding. The OSFM is also looking for petroleum load fees, and the community right to know fees. They have a number of bills that are developed, but they are not able to move forward with them.

i) **Surplus Program** – President Butler reported he has an appointment with a department to look through the supply containers. Staff had a call from Nyssa for radios and pagers.

OLD BUSINESS:

- OFCA Conference – 1st Vice President Sellers and 2nd Vice President Parks will be attending. The display and a few items of merchandise will be taken over. Past President Mullen and President Butler will get 1st Vice President Sellers a list of talking points for the association report.
 - NW Expo – Past President Mullen, President Butler, 2nd Vice President Parks, and Director and Treasurer Hickey will set up on Thursday. Set up time is around 3:00 pm. The board meeting will be Friday night at the Oxford Suites.
- Newsletter – All advertising needs to be approved by board, staff will send out a list of vendors OVFA has used in the past. Director Robertson will send a draft of the newsletter. The board discussed who would receive the newsletter. One copy will be sent to each member department, it will be electronically distributed and also posted on the website. The newsletter will go out quarterly. 300 bulk copies will be sent to OVFA for handing out at events. The number will be reviewed quarterly.



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NEW BUSINESS:

- Gary McClean reported Sandy will be sending in their membership dues, but requested someone from the board visit the department to talk about OVFA. Donna Disch suggested an article in the Gated Y to get the OVFA message out.
- Fire Summit – (report on file) President Butler reported on his attendance to the Fire Summit. There was good communication among the groups. It was felt the OSFM should be the hub for fire service information. Having a joint conference between the OVFA and OFIA was discussed between the two associations, more discussions need to be scheduled.
- Lebanon Open House – May 5th, Director Robertson will man the OVFA booth.
- ODF budget cuts – (report on file) The ODF has cut several specific positions in the fire program by order of the governor. They are asking for a letter from OVFA stating the association is opposed to the specific cuts, but not cuts in general.
- AFLAC – an email was received from AFLAC. They would like to use OVFA as a marketing tool. The agreement with AIL needs to be researched to make sure they don't offer something similar.
- OVFA Billboards – Locations: one at Nestucca, one at North Lincoln, one at Depoe Bay, one is in Central Oregon. The Depoe Bay billboard has been moved inside. Past President Mullen will go pick it up.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

BOARD REPORTS:

- Rex Parks – still working on getting equipment delivered.
- Kirt Hickey – no report.
- Dave Butler – no report.
- Peter Robinson – no report.
- Stella Hickey – attended a FEMA youth preparedness conference in Seattle, she is hoping to bring in a juvenile firefighting program to OVFA, which would open up a lot of funding streams and potential recruits. There is currently no statewide program or guidelines. Firefighter Challenge will be Sep 22-23. OVFA is scheduled for a booth.
- David Sellers – attended Colton memorial. Attended the Air Summit. Still looking for a sponsoring department.
- Scott Mullen – attended George Eisert memorial.
- Gary McClean – The Oregon EMS Association would be interested in doing a joint publication with the OVFA. They would also be willing to help OVFA with EMS training at the OVFA conference.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 2155 hours. The next meeting will be held Friday, May 18, 2012 at 6:00 pm at the NW Expo.

Transcribed by:

Mary Tucker, OVFA Staff