



# Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Association

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“Representing Those Who Volunteer”

## OVFA Board Meeting Minutes

Expo – Fairfield Inn Courtyard Marriott  
May 14, 2010 – 18:00 Hours

### CALL TO ORDER:

President Mullen called the meeting to order at 18:11 hours.

### ROLL CALL:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Mullen, President                           | <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kourosh Modjtabai, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Servatius, Ambassador |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lori Albert, Secretary/Treasurer                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard Detherage, Chaplain |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tina Greiner, Immediate Past President            |   |

### GUESTS:

Chief Dale Kamrath, Seaside Fire – OFCA  
Ken Raddle, Strategy Event Management  
Jill Stranquist, California Casualty

### STAFF:

Genoa Ingram  
Mary Tucker

### ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:

- DPSST Assistance.
- Breitenbush Fire House Project

### MINUTES

**Motion: Moved by Tina Greiner and seconded by Lori Albert to accept the minutes of the February 19, 2010 minutes as amended. Motion passed.**

### GUEST INPUT

Ken Raddle provided an overview of fundraising programs available through his program, Strategy Event Management.

Jill Strandquist, California Casualty reported that Wolf Creek Fire has surplus equipment to donate. She also announced that following years of working with OVFA through California Casualty, she is moving to the Phoenix area.

### FINANCIAL REPORT:

Lori Albert reviewed the financial documents, noting that there were invoices to be paid related to Conference. Membership dues are at 58% of the membership goal. Contributions to the Burn



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Center were \$5,802. The insurance bill has been received. Staff was asked to obtain information on the coverage.

**Motion: Moved by David Butler and seconded by Rex Parks to be a sponsor of Stayton’s Golf Tournament at a cost of \$100.00. Motion passed.**

### **STAFF REPORT:**

Mary Tucker provided an update on non-profit mail permit, noting that OVFA had been approved for non-profit status. Additionally, the OFCA has requested a joint lunch with the Chiefs on Thursday during Conference. Staff will schedule the lunch.

Genoa Ingram reported that a TV monitor had been purchased to replace the one that was missing from inventory at Stayton.

**Motion: Moved by Dave Butler and seconded by Tina Greiner to reimburse Court Street Consulting \$250.00 for half the cost of the television monitor to be used for presentations. Motion passed.**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **a) Ambassador Program**

Scott reported that Mark Stevens of Brownville had contacted OVFA about becoming an Ambassador.

#### **b) Conference**

Tina reported that the next Conference meeting is Monday evening in Hermiston. Scott reported that they had toured the facilities at the previous meeting. Options for spouse and evening activities were discussed. President Mullen reported that the Memorial Flag will be in Oregon during the Conference and the Honor Guard has asked to hold a ceremony on June 23. Scott suggested that the National Guard be invited to attend.

President Mullen asked that the Strategic Plan be copied and placed on the tables (2 per table) and that blank survey forms be included in the registration packets. The Board also discussed presenting fundraising options, including use of the call list, to solicit funds. Copies of the proposed revised dues structure should be presented for review with a vote by the membership in 2011. Keynote Speaker will be Paul LeSage. Staff will add Association reports to the agenda.

Dave Butler reminded the Committee to make certain that poles and drapes were in place for vendors.

#### **c) Grants and Scholarships**

Tina Greiner reported that there had been one scholarship applicant, for higher education. The application had met the criteria and had been awarded.



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Staff was asked to send out a reminder for Firefighter of the year nominations. Only one nomination has been received to date.

**d) EMT Advisory Committee**

Tina reported that she had not attended but that there would be a vacancy..

**e) Governors Fire Policy Council**

Scott reported that the Council had met April 20. TVF&R had reported on its toxic monitoring device and had reported that tests had revealed 27 different carcinogens. Data is being gathered for the purpose of creating best practices. The OSFM had reported that they would like to re-work the fireworks statutes. Scott reported that carbon monoxide detector task force had met and legislation would be forthcoming. The State Fire Marshals Association continues to work on the residential fire sprinkler issue. The Council plans to request that the Governor bring EMS in as a seat on the Council.

**f) Fire Policy Committee**

Scott reported that Scott Stanton had been appointed to replace Jim Whelan.

**g) Legislative Staff**

Staff reported that OVFA had met with OFCA regarding cancer presumption. Both parties agree that additional data must be gathered prior to moving forward. An additional issue is that the compensation rate for volunteers is much less than for paid firefighters.

President Mullen reported that he had discussed with Chief Robertson comments that OFCA would not pursue cancer presumption legislation because the OVFA had some internal issues. President Mullen explained how comments had been misconstrued.

**h) Surplus Program**

Scott reported that things were going well, with the exception that some non-surplus items had gone missing.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- *2011 Conference* – Scott reported that he would be talking with the Mill Casino, Chinook Winds in Lincoln City, Depoe Bay and others. Richard Detherage noted that locking in for regular return dates resulted in significant savings.
- *EF Recovery*: Speer/Hoyt is still reviewing the contract. EF Recovery is offering 2 ½ percent and .05 of the claims in Oregon. In return, they will want a list of member departments. Staff was asked to call Speer/Hoyt to see where they are on the contract review. Board members have no issues with the contract; earlier action was simply seen as preview.



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**Motion: Moved by David Butler and seconded by Rex Parks that, pending approval by legal counsel, that OVFA President Scott Mullen is granted authority to enter into the contract with EF Recovery. Motion passed.**

*Business Cards:* All Board member business cards have been delivered.

*Laptops:* Laptops have been delivered to Scott and Lori.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- *Merchandise:* Dave noted that there were plenty of sweatshirts on hand but we are running low on the blue tee shirts. Board members discussed the purchase of additional merchandise for Conference. Dave will place the order.
- *Elections:* President Mullen announced that he will seek re-election. Dave Butler indicated that he was undecided at this time. Kourosh was also undecided.
- *Name Badges:* Kourosh reported that he had received a bid from CruiseMaster for Board name badges. By consensus, the Board agreed for Kourosh to pursue.
- *Display Board:* Tina noted that the display board was cumbersome and requested permission to explore other options.
- *Booth Size:* Dave Butler suggested that next year the OVFA upgrade to the 10 X 20 booth.
- *Dee Wescott Education Grant:* By consensus, the Board agreed to name the Education Grant will be remained the Dee Wescott Grant.

## **BOARD REPORTS:**

- Dave Butler reported that on May 21<sup>st</sup> Lebanon Fire will host an MCI Level 2 drill, partnering with other entities. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> is Community Pride Day for the department.
- Rex reported that firefighters from his district will be going through the Farm Rescue Class.
- Tina Greiner – no report
- Scott – Tillamook County now has a Training Officers Association.
- Richard Detherage reported that he had been busy travelling the state on his bike, scouting districts and promoting OVFA.
- Lori reported that Polk County was having difficulties with the volunteers due to volunteer harassment. She asked for ideas and assistance in revitalizing the volunteer program. Kouroush attended the OFCA Conference

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the OVFA Board is scheduled for Friday evening, October 16, September 18, 6:00 p.m. at the Office in Salem.

## **RECESS**

President Mullen recessed to executive session at 21:07 hours. (9:09)

## **RECONVENE**

President Mullen reconvened the meeting at 22:22 hours



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## ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 22:23: hours.

Transcribed by:

Genoa Ingram, OVFA Staff