



# Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Association

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“Representing Those Who Volunteer”

## OVFA Board Meeting

### Minutes

Residence Inn Marriott, North Harbour – Portland, Oregon

May 13, 2011 – 17:00 Hours

#### CALL TO ORDER:

President Scott Mullen called the meeting to order at 17:00 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tina Greiner, Immediate Past President      |   |

#### STAFF:

Mary Tucker  
Genoa Ingram

#### GUESTS:

David Jones, President, OFDDA  
Chris Adams, Lebanon

#### ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:

- Governor’s Fire Policy Council – Executive Appointment to Governor’s Fire Policy Council
- New Business – Merchandise

#### MINUTES

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

#### FINANCIAL REPORT:

- Treasurer Lori Albert reviewed financial statements.

**Motion: Moved by Tina Greiner and seconded by David Butler to approve the financial report. Motion passed.**

#### STAFF REPORT:

Mary Tucker forwarded a question from a volunteer who had moved out of state requesting instructions for securing his records. The volunteer can contact the department that his former department had merged with or DPSST.

Mary Tucker reported that she had met with Willamette University regarding cost estimates for the 2013 Conference. She provided copies of the cost estimates and copies of schematics for the class rooms. The proposal will be discussed under the Conference Committee report.



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## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

### a) **Ambassador Program**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Butler reported that an application had been submitted by Kirt Hickey.

**Motion: Moved by David Butler and seconded by Tina Greiner to approve the appointment of Kirt Hickey for OVFA Ambassador. Motion passed.**

### b) **Conference**

President Mullen asked Director Parks to scope out locations in Central and Eastern Oregon for 2013 and future rotations.

President Mullen reported on the meeting the previous week-end with staff to finalize plans for the 2011 Conference. President Mullen reminded staff and Board members to compile information for attendees such as shuttles to events, etc.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Butler questioned if any decisions were being made regarding suggestions by instructors to combine training efforts such as the OFCA's officer development course. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Butler discussed a course developed by Chief Woodson and others which had been offered to OVFA at no charge.

Board members discussed the 2011 election and who was interested in running for positions of leadership. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Butler suggested abandoning the Ambassador Program in favor of expanding the Board. The Board discussed lengths of terms of offices and number of Board members.

Scholarship grant information is on the website. Four scholarships are available for Conference registration only; no lodging will be provided.

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

Tina will attend future meetings. She reported that there was discussion regarding the fact that an EMT basic cannot draw meds for paramedic to administer.

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

The Council met on April 26. The agenda included the Structural Fire Air Monitoring Task Force's report, OSFMA Budget Update, the Oregon Annexation Task Force, and a legislative update.

President Mullen reported that his term was ending and recommended Dave Sellers as a possible replacement.

### e) **NVFC**

No report.



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## g) Legislative

Staff reported on SB 106 relating to EMS fees and HB 2564 relating tax check-off for OVFA's Relief Fund. Due to the loss of HB 2564, legislators are working with OVFA staff to discuss other types of volunteer compensation for possible introduction in February or 2013.

## h) Surplus Program

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Butler reported that the Program was seeing rapid movement of equipment in and out.

## OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business to discuss.

## NEW BUSINESS:

- *Fundraising* Board Members discussed possible fundraising options including reinstatement of the telemarketing program and application to grants from certain corporations. Stella Hickey has offered to be a resource to assist with OVFA's fundraising effort. Treasurer Albert discussed the calendar project with Board members.
- *OFMAA Membership* President Mullen reported that as part of the dialogue with the EMS and Oregon Health Authority, OFMAA and OVFA would become cross members. He also mentioned an article regarding Colton Fire and discussed at what level OVFA can become involved in conflicts at the local level.

**Motion: Moved by Tina Greiner and seconded by Lori Albert that OVFA join the OFMAA as an Associate Member. Motion passed.**

- *Merchandise* 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Butler reported on discussions with alternate vendors for production of OVFA merchandise, including tee shirts and hat vendors.

**Motion: Moved by Rex Parks and seconded by Tina Greiner to purchase 24 size navy OVFA tee shirts in size 2X. Motion passed.**

## BOARD REPORTS:

- Lori Albert reported that she had joined Falls City Fire as a medic/firefighter. The Department will become a member of OVFA this month.
- Tina Greiner reported that she would not be attending the Meritorious Awards Dinner. President Mullen reported that he would accept the award on her behalf.
- Rex Parks reported on the skid truck training held at his department. Members of Outback Fire had participated.
- Dave Butler reported that two members of Lebanon Fire would receive the Medal of Valor. The Lebanon Fire Open House was held last week. The Haz Mat training will be in Lebanon next week-end with 12 registrants signed up.



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- David Jones, OFDDA President, reported that he had represented OFDDA at a fire station dedication in Amity and will attend the Gates Fire dedication May 14th.
- President Mullen reported that Nehalem will be breaking ground within the next week on the new fire station. The project has created controversy and three sitting Board members are being challenged in their re-elections.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the OVFA Board will be held in conjunction with the 2011 Conference in Lincoln City in June.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 19:36 hours (7:36 p.m.).

Transcribed by:

Genoa Ingram, OVFA Staff