



# Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Association

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“Representing Those Who Volunteer”

## OVFA Board Meeting

### Minutes

OVFA Office – Salem, Oregon  
September 23, 2011 – 16:00 Hours

#### CALL TO ORDER:

President Dave Butler called the meeting to order at 16:08 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 <sup>st</sup> Vice President | <input type="checkbox"/> Pete Robertson, Director         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rex Parks, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President     | <input type="checkbox"/> Aaron Gibbens, Ambassador        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stella Hickey, Secretary/Treasurer            | <input type="checkbox"/> Richard Detherage, Chaplain      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scott Mullen, Immediate Past President                   |   |

#### STAFF:

Mary Tucker  
Genoa Ingram

#### GUESTS:

Ken Raddle, SK2R Publishing  
Gene Wright, OVFA Past President

#### GUEST REPORTS

Ken Raddle presented a comparison of three bids from Oregon telemarketing companies.

**Motion: 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Parks moved the association get back into telemarketing, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Treasurer Hickey. Motion Passed.**

**Motion: Moved by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Sellers and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Hickey to make an agreement with Public Reply after approval by Speer Hoyt. Motion passed.**

**Motion: Moved by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Sellers and 2<sup>nd</sup> by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Parks to sign contract with SK2R publishing. Motion Passed.**

#### ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

#### MINUTES

**Motion: Moved by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Sellers and seconded by Director Hickey to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.**

#### FINANCIAL REPORT:

- Treasurer Stella Hickey reviewed financial statements.



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**Motion: Moved by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Parks and seconded by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Sellers to approve the financial report. Motion passed.**

Staff presented the bill for the American Burn Center dues. In the past OVFA has paid Jill Dorrell's membership.

**Motion: Director Hickey moved to pay Jill Dorrell's American Burn Center dues of \$140.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Parks. Motion passed.**

## **STAFF REPORT:**

Staff reported on changes in the OFDDA/OFCA Joint Conference. OVFA along with other associations will be invited to give association reports during the opening meeting.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **a) Ambassador Program**

President Butler reported on his conversation with Lori Albert. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Sellers discussed his conversations with Lori.

Director Hickey has looked through an old binder he was given, he is still waiting for the slide presentation from Past President Mullen. President Butler and Chaplain Detherage stopped by Kourosh house and was told he gave the Ambassador's binder to Aaron Gibbens.

Treasurer Hickey reported she can fund some ambassador visits through Fire Corp.

### **b) Conference**

Staff reported on a phone call with Mick Sneddon, he is working on getting instructors for classes and he has secured the site. A contact from Clackamas needs to be determined.

Chaplain Richard Dethrage had the idea for a volunteer forum with directors from OFDDA. A couple directors from the Association would attend the OVFA conference and volunteers could bring issues happening in their districts. The directors would set the ground rules. Volunteers could send in their issues ahead of time. Treasurer Hickey suggested having someone from NVFC call in.

Director Hickey will make contact with Pendleton for a future conference, probably 2014. Treasurer Hickey is setting up the combat challenge for Hermiston, may include in a future conference.

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

Steve Schneiderman is very close on collecting the financial documents for the FEMA grant. He promised to have everything done in the next two weeks. He may drop off the paperwork



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he has at the office. The board discussed options, staff will try to find a copy of contract between OVFA and West Hills Consulting.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Sellers reported on the Hillsboro HazMat class, they are finishing up paperwork and will be submitting it soon.

Treasurer Hickey reported on the joint survey for all the fire service. A meeting will be held at the joint conference to discuss what needs to be on the survey. She will get numbers from past grants to help fill out upcoming grants.

**d) EMT Advisory Committee**

It was decided not to propose any bills in the near future until an EMS system can be defined. There may be some legislation in 2013 for just housekeeping changes.

**e) Governors Fire Policy Council**

Next meeting is 25<sup>th</sup> of October. No report. Guidelines for air quality will be discussed in committee.

**f) Fire Policy Committee**

No report.

**g) NVFC**

No report.

**h) Legislative**

No report. Past President Mullen has asked to identify those states that have cancer presumption, then try to identify how many claims have been made. President Butler reported on the talk by the Clackamas Union President at the Dougan memorial where he mentioned the cancer presumption issue.

**i) Surplus Program**

President Butler reported that Jefferson donated some hose and portable radios, the donated ambulance will be given to Lebanon police.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Merchandise: Director Hickey reported that he inquired about having inmates make OVFA merchandise, the mark-up is minimal and may increase the profits. OVFA should send out an RFP for merchandise. The board discussed screen-printing vs. embroidering, could do patches, shirts, etc. The front could be embroidered and screen print on the back. Director Hickey will bring numbers back to the next meeting.
- The board should report any incidences they hear about regarding American Income Life. Some issues have been reported to the office. President Butler reported his son had received several calls.



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- The merchandise form will be revisited after November
- Joe Parrot will be invited to attend the November board meeting to go over the Strat Plan.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- There was no new business

## **BOARD REPORTS:**

- David Sellers – combat volunteers will be continuing at Hillsboro Fire. The department is looking through all the divisions and teams to try and improve them. The main problem they have is that their volunteers are trained very well and then they get hired and are lost.
- Gene Wright – reported that the same problems were happening in his time.
- Rex Parks – reported that Sisters/Camp Sherman was involved in the Shadow Lake fire, but Cloverdale was not called in to help.
- Kirt Hickey – talked to his volunteer association to see how OVFA could improve, the response from his association was that OVFA training was great and the legislative efforts were worth their dues. They would be in favor of the newsletter.
- Stella Hickey – went to some grant workshops, she learned that many groups are asking for stuff that will not be give. She will begin giving training on filling out applications, and meeting specific guidelines such as for the homeland security grants. She will put together a tip list to help applicants. Many new Fire corp programs have also come into being and she has been visiting as many as she can.
- Dave Butler – was unable to attend the swearing in of the State Fire Marshal, he was sent over to the fire at Warm Springs. They did manage to save the structures they were protecting. Fought 3 fires in 6 days. Brownsville was in the approved draft site but the fire burned through them, they jumped in the creek in SCBAs and escaped. A couple teams have been put on suspension for conflagrations by the State Fire Marshals Office.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the OVFA Board will be held November 4, 2011, time TBA at the OFDDA/OFCA Joint Conference.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 20:50 hours (8:50 p.m.).

Transcribed by:

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