



# Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Association

“Representing Those Who Volunteer”

## OVFA Board Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2012 – 1800 Hours  
OVFA Office, Salem OR

### CALL TO ORDER:

President Sellers called the meeting to order at 1827 hours. A quorum was present:

### ROLL CALL:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Sellers, President                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Jason Servatious, Director #1 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rex Parks, 1st Vice President               | <input type="checkbox"/> Richard Detherage, Chaplain   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stella Hickey, Secretary/Treasurer          |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dave Butler, Past President                 | <b>STAFF:</b>  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kirt Hickey, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President | Genoa Ingram   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pete Robertson, Director #2                            |  |

### MINUTES

**MOTION:** Moved by Rex Parks and seconded by David Butler to accept the minutes of the July meeting as submitted. **Motion passed.**

### FINANCIALS

Staff reviewed the financial statements which reflect approximately \$10,000 net gain for the 2012 Conference.

### STAFF REPORT

Staff reported on IRS activity regarding the Training and Relief Fund. A letter was needed to officially close the IRS books and staff had supplied that letter. Staff reported on the Silverton Board visitation to honor 50-Year volunteer Bob Klaus.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Ambassador Program:** Stella Hickey reported on prospects from Clackamas, Jackson #4 and Hood River. A new map is being created.

**Bylaws:** The Board discussed a possible amendment that would allow a Board member, at the discretion of the Board, to finish out his/her term in the event of a loss of affiliation with a member District/Department. Staff was asked to add “Bylaws” to the “Constitution” tab of the OVFA website. The request was immediately completed.

### Conference:

2013 – President Sellers discussed the possibility of teaching a Chaplain’s course. There was also discussion to offer a course on suicide awareness.

2014 – The Board discussed possibly returning to Chinook Winds in 2014.

2015 – The Board would like to set up a walk-through of the Pendleton facility.

### Grants and Scholarships

President Sellers reported that he had sent an email to Chris Mills for the purpose of holding a extrication and extrication train the trainer. Stella recalled that there had once been three 2,000 grants that had been awarded to departments for equipment. The Board discussed that, ideally, they would like to allocate \$20,000 per year into a relief fund. Stella had also calculated the amount needed for travel reimbursement if the Board were to cover monthly Board meetings, NVFC, the OFDDA and OFCA conferences, etc. The amount is \$17,821.

### EMT Advisory

Kirt reported that there was a new Board member, Wayne Endersby from Halfway.

### GFPC

President Sellers reported that the focus had been on the OFMA budget and the Air Monitoring Report.

### NVFC

The Board confirmed that Allen Montgomery will attend the meeting in Alaska.

### Legislative

Scott Mullen discussed legislative issues the OVFA had pursued in the past and how to move forward for 2013. President Sellers suggested a letter to Fire Service Summit participants seeking support of OVFA issues. Staff reminded Board members of legislative deadlines, including the requirement to have concepts to Legislative Counsel by September 17.

### Surplus Program

Dave Butler reported that Antelope had paid its dues in response to the Surplus Program.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### OFCA

President Sellers reported on his and Rex Park's attendance at the OFCA and OFDDA Board meetings in Coos Bay.

### Oaks Park Fundraiser

Staff reported that only 11 pre-sale tickets had been sold. No figures were available for funds raised as 25 percent of all walk-ins. Board members asked to review a copy of the contract with Strategy Publishing.

### Firefighter Musters

Nothing new to report; OVFA will not pursue due to costs and liability.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### California Casualty

Dave Butler reported on possible expansion of OVFA's relationship with California Casualty, including regular status reports to the Board.

### Tax ID/Burn Center

President Sellers discussed the need for the Advisory Committee to have a tax ID number.

### Meritorious Awards

The Awards Ceremony has been cancelled for 2012.

### Recognition Program

The Board discussed possible recognition for volunteer firefighters who have served for 50 years or achieved other landmarks.

### Fundraising/Sponsorship Opportunities

H&W Pacific Emergency Vehicle Group: Dave Butler discussed the proposal by H&W Pacific Emergency Vehicle Group to partner with OVFA to offer apparatus training or other support that would benefit both entities. President Sellers will contact Mike Beutler to discuss possible benefits.

Big Dogs: The Board reviewed the email from Jason Storbeck to donate 15% of T-shirt sales in exchange for OVFA's endorsement of his product. Stella agreed to pursue.

## **BOARD REPORTS**

- Rex Parks reported that his department had pulled both heavy brush rigs off-line and replaced them with a flatbed set-up. They still have one type six for sale: a 2001 Ford F350.
- David Butler reported that he had started a new job where he would be working regular hours (Monday – Friday 8-5) at Industrial Welding Supply. His district is preparing for the Lebanon Blues Festival.
- Stella Hickey asked to have the Strategic Plan and Committees listed on the agenda. She is working with Hood River Fire to get their 501(c)(3). The OVFA Facebook page continues to grow with over 1,300 "likes" and 7,000 reached.
- Scott Mullen continues to work on cancer presumption. He reported that there is the possibility that their District may consolidate.
- Kirt Hickey reported that the box for the memorial bell had been sketched out in CAD. One side is an inlay of the OVFA badge, the other side is OVFA. He described his design and reported that he had talked to the Assistant Superintendent at the correctional institute to achieve maximum benefit to OVFA. Kirt described other items that could be produced and either sold or raffled.
- President Sellers reported that his volunteer efforts at Nestucca are working out very well. He also reported that Silverton Fire is looking for a recruitment trailer.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for the 4th Friday in September, the 28th. The agenda should include the Strategic Plan and assignments for the Board members for conference. It was noted that the OFDDA Conference Planning Committee was in need of an OVFA representative.

## **ADJOURN**

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 21:29

Respectfully Submitted,

Genoa Ingram, OVFA Staff