



# Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Association

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“Representing Those Who Volunteer”

## ***OVFA Board Meeting Minutes***

Blue Mt CC Conference Room  
March 21, 2015– 0900 Hours

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

1<sup>st</sup> VP Hickey called the meeting to order at 0903 hours.

### **ROLL CALL:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rex Parks, President*                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Laura Thomas, Director               |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kirt Hickey, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Barker, Director     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stella Hickey, Secretary/Treasurer              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greg Musil, Ambassador*   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Servatius, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vickie Musil, Ambassador* |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Sellers, Immediate Past President         |   |

### **GUESTS:**

Chris Barnes

### **STAFF:**

- Jessica Carpenter
- Christina Korkow

### **\*Via conference call.**

### **INVOCATION:**

Past President Sellers provided the invocation.

### **ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

- None.

### **MINUTES**

**Motion:** Moved by Director Barker and seconded by Past President Sellers to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2015. **Motion passed.**

### **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

**Staff summarized the financial reports provided in the meeting packet.**

**Motion:** Moved by Past President Sellers and seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Servatius to approve the financial report as presented. **Motion passed.**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- a) **Ambassador Program** – Chris Barnes is now a volunteer with JCFD #3 – he plans to submit an application to become an Ambassador.
- b) **Budget** – The Budget Committee is inactive until the next budget cycle starts.
- c) **Bylaws** – No report at this time.

d) **Conference** – The Board reviewed several updates to the 2015 conference and program:

- Tour went well today, plenty of classroom options at the college.
- Discussed classes and brochure, board will review the brochure and provide feedback to staff by Tuesday.
- Discussed Swift Water Rescue and Explosive Device – original motion was rescinded by 1<sup>st</sup> VP Hickey regarding class cost. Motion by Past President Sellers that we add \$100.00 fee for Rope Rescue, Swift Water & Explosive Device Recognition to off-set the additional cost of these classes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Treasurer Stella Hickey. **Motion Passed.**
- Staff suggested paper registration this year instead of online due to the various options and the additional expense options; board agreed that this will work this year.
- Lodging – staff reminded board that they are responsible for making their own lodging arrangements for conference and OVFA will cover the expense of 3 nights at the conference rate of \$89.00 + tax . Rooms booked at Red Lion, location of banquet. Board can stay at lodging establishment of their choice.
- Catering – 1<sup>st</sup> VP Hickey and Treasurer Stella Hickey have been in touch with a local catering company, they plan to provide breakfast and lunch each day, and vendor appetizers. Pendleton Fire will host the BBQ on Wednesday night at Roy Raley Park.
- Walgreens might donate water for the conference, Treasurer Stella Hickey to confirm.
- Walmart might donation Gatorade for conference. Treasurer Stella Hickey to confirm.
- Treasurer Stella Hickey and 1<sup>st</sup> VP Hickey are working on local Home Depot donation to cover material for Advanced Fire Behavior.
- East Umatilla Coop has made \$500.00 donation.
- Pendleton Grant has been submitted and will be voted on in April.
- 1<sup>st</sup> VP Hickey will see if DOC will donate denim for attendees.
- Keynote options – Past President Sellers reach out about keynote, but Chief Seidel has other commitments at this time. Treasurer Stella Hickey reached out to Rep Greg Smith, no reply back. 1<sup>st</sup> VP Hickey will follow up on former Senator Gordon Smith. Explosive Device instructor is an option for a fee; this will be our back up.
- Tiger’s class has been confirmed, St Anthony’s has verbally committed to \$2500.00 towards this instructor cost. Balance will come from another grant, possibly TransCanada. Treasurer Stella Hickey will inquire if he can turn this into a 6 hour class instead of 4 hours.

- Golf Tournament – Kirt has two potential locations – Wild Horse or Pendleton Country Club. Wednesday morning golf tournament – 1<sup>st</sup> VP Hickey will work on details for a flyer and handle all the logistics.
  - Past President’s dinner – staff will reach out to Hamley’s for dinner on Thursday night at 5:30pm for past president and board members, Ambassadors will be asked to help run the silent auction/vendor night. Staff will also inquire about a donation for the conference auctions.
  - Email reach out to departments for silent auction donations for relief fund.
  - Past President Sellers is working on a donated hydrant. 1<sup>st</sup> VP Hickey might also have a lead on hydrant. OVFA will welcome any hydrants for now or future use.
- e) **Grants and Scholarships** – Treasurer Stella Hickey provided an update status on grants for the conference.
- f) **EMT Advisory Committee and OFCA EMS Section** – Minutes have been distributed. Next meeting is in Bend and 1<sup>st</sup> VP Hickey plans to attend.
- g) **Governor’s Fire Policy Council** – Past President Sellers reported on two task forces: Injury Taskforce and Law Enforcement Taskforce.
- h) **Fire Policy Committee** – No report at this time.
- i) **NVFC** – OVFA has submitted membership dues for NVFC.
- j) **Legislative** - Staff provided an update:
- Testimony was provided by Lobbyist Genoa Ingram and Past President Sellers requesting that the tax credit check off bill not be referred to revenue. Very positive feedback from the committee about this and also the EMT & Volunteer FF Oregon Tax Credit.
- k) **Surplus Program** – No report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Challenge Coins – Staff provided an update on the challenge coins. Board will go with the same size coin as previous order, 300 with color on the back. Motion by Past President Sellers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Servatius to place this order. **Motion passed.**
- Chaplain Selection – No report at this time.
- Polo Shirts – Shirts are available, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Hickey brought them to the meeting.
- Trailer Banners - Past President Sellers will check with Jim Oeder on their recent purchase and share information. 1<sup>st</sup> VP Hickey will follow up with a Hermiston contact as well and determine what the best option is. The trailer that was loaned to Sisters Camp Sherman is missing and board will reach out to see if they can locate it.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- NW Expo – board discussed logistics for NW Expo including set up and trailer. 1<sup>st</sup> VP Hickey will keep remaining polo shirts and bring them to Expo. California Casualty would like to share booth, staff will bill them \$300.00 for booth sharing cost. Discussed class options for Expo; no decision yet.

- DPSST – Fingerprint discussion is becoming a large issue. Some larger departments are discussing going to non-certificated program due to the cost involved with meeting the new requirements. Some of the departments are feeling that not enough discussion took place before this new requirement was put in place. 1<sup>st</sup> VP Hickey will talk with Scott Stanton about gaining more information regarding this since he is the DPSST representative. Staff shared a report that was received; further discussion might be needed regarding this.

#### **BOARD REPORTS:**

- Kirt Hickey – Spent some time in Bend at EMT refresher. Focusing on training and keeping up with conference.
- Stella Hickey – Recently attended awards banquet at Estacada and was sworn in at the event.
- Jason Servatius – Baby is due June 19 which might affect conference attendance. He hopes that he can make sure that his desire to be elected again will be shared with the group.
- David Sellers – OFCA Conference is May 6-8, 2015 at Eagle Crest, Sellers plans to attend and Rex will provide the association report on Friday if possible. May 20 is Fire Service Day at the Capitol. Nestucca Fire had banquet and Chief Weiland had Sellers provide an OVFA report and thanked them for the support.
- Rex Parks – Chief is scheduled to be released soon and is doing well after accident.
- Mark Barker – Talked with 3 other stations in the area that were not aware of OVFA. He is attending their association meetings and hoping to get them back involved: Lyons, Mill City and Sweet Home.
- Greg Musil – Lincoln County recruitment is going well.
- Vickie Musil – No report.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 1137 hours.

Transcribed by:

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