

OFMAA Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2008 at 1:00pm
Keizer Fire District

Call to Order: President Shepherd called the meeting to order at 1:03pm.

Member Introductions: Those present included:

Randy Jackson	Keizer Fire District	Will Bauscher	Corvallis Fire Dept.
Todd Brumfield	City of Dallas	Scott Sullivan	TVF&R
Anne Slaughter	Bend Fire Dept.	Scott Shepherd	Jefferson Fire Dist.
Michael Heffner	Salem Fire Dept.	Bill Alguire	Sheridan Fire District
Mike Mayfield	Polk Co. FD #1	Monte Keady	Klamath Co. FD#1
Tim Frost	Lebanon Fire District	Chris Heppel	Lane Rural F&R
Gregg Lander	Chemeketa Comm. Col.		

Guests Included:

Casey Hangen Klamath Co. FD#4

Approval of Minutes: A motion by Alguire and second by Keady to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2008 meeting at Bend Fire Department as distributed was made and approved unanimously by those present.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Wright provided a written Treasurer's report which detailed account activity. Our accounts have the following ending balances: checking \$20,492.24 and CD \$3,568.57. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Slaughter and seconded by Heffner, it passed unanimously by those present.

- Additional discussion included 3 options presented by Treasurer Wright for creating an additional savings type account with excess funds in order to generate additional interest revenue: A) US Bank Elite account with a current rate of 0.15% and \$5,000 min. balance, B) Liberty Bank account for non-profits with a current rate of 1.00% and no min. balance, or C) ING internet account with a current rate of 2.8% and no min. balance. After discussion a motion was made by Jackson and seconded by Heffner (for option C) to allow the Treasurer to open a new account with ING using excess funds from the current checking account, while leaving a balance in the current US Bank checking account adequate to manage the Associations day-to-day business needs. The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Committee/Activity Reports

- OFCA: No report as the next OFCA Board meeting was 12/5/08.
- OSAA: No report.
- ECEMS: Slaughter reported a possible merger with Air Link. The area is also experiencing issues with routine service users having "assistance animals" requesting that their animals also be transported with the patient. Looking at options and requirements.
- EMSC: The 2009 EMS-C conference will be in Seaside on February 27 – March 1, 2009.
- DPSST Telecommunications Policy Committee: No report.
- Communications: Reference made to introductory email from Michael Stern who is the new EMS Program Training Specialist for the national Fire Academy. His phone # is: 301-447-1253 and email: Michael.stern@dhs.gov

- State EMS Deployment Plan: No report as Vice-President Stevens was attending a State EMS meeting in Portland. The current draft plan is on the State EMS web page.
- Oregon Air Ambulance Network: No report.
- Joint Fire Services Legislative Committee: Next meeting scheduled for 12-5-08.
- STAB: Bauscher was unable to attend the last meeting and no minutes have been posted. Still looking at air ambulance utilization criteria issue.

OFMAA Subcommittee Reports

- EMS Leadership & Education: Bauscher reported this group has met once and is working on a joint educational program with supervising physicians likely in late May (prior to the STEMI meeting in Portland). Topics might include: compensation, liability, relationships between MD's and agencies, discipline, H/R topics, clinical vs. operational interface (protocols, budgeting, purchasing, etc.). Working on 2-3 hours of content. Future stakeholders might include DPSST and private providers and topics might include NFPA 1021 and EMS Strike Team Leader.
- Safety & Operational Best Practices: Heffner reported this group has not yet had an official meeting but topics being considered are high-visibility safety vest requirements, pediatric transport and restraint devices, bariatric patient lifting equipment and provider injury prevention. Approval was granted for him to purchase one copy each of 2 different ANSI Standards as reference materials at \$60 each.
- Protocol Development & Quality Improvement: Wright provided a written report outlining various topics under review which included the development of a protocol sharing web site.
- Position Development & Policy Review: No report.

DHS / EMS Reports

- EMS Office: EMS & Trauma Systems Director Bob Leopold was not able to attend.
- State Medical Director: Dr. Ritu Sahni was not present.

State Committee Reports

- OMB/EMT Advisory Committee: Jackson reported on the following activities from the groups November 14, 2008 meeting:
 - Discussion of pre-hospital "emergency" vs. "non-emergency" care and proposed changes to First Responder scope regarding "emergency care procedures", ECG monitoring, EMT-P central IV access, EMT-P medications and blood products, EMT-I's obtaining vs. analyzing 12-Lead ECG's, and the elimination of non-supervised First Responder scope of practice. While these topics were discussed at length, no formal motions were made at this meeting. The next meeting is February 13, 2009 at 9:00am in Portland.
- State EMS Committee: Next years conference dates are October 1, 2, & 3, 2009 at Janzen Beach Red Lion in Portland. Discussed OFMAA's willingness to again co-sponsor a pre-conference topic/session. Several ideas were discussed but no formal motion was made at this time. Look for a proposal at the March meeting.

Old Business

- There was no old business.

New Business

- 2009 OFMAA Meeting Dates: The tentative 2009 OFMAA meeting dates and locations are as follows:
 - + March 12, 2009 at DPSST (1:00pm)
 - + June 11, 2009 at Bend Fire (12:00pm for BBQ lunch)
 - + September 10, 2009 at Lane Rural F&R (1:00pm)
 - + December 10, 2009 at Central Coast F&R in Waldport (1:00pm)

Vendor Report

- The Bound Tree Medical EMS Vendor Show on Friday, December 12, 2008 from 9am-3pm at the Chemeketa Community College Regional Training Center (Brooks, OR).

Round Table

- Chemeketa: Changing the EMT-P student's final case presentations to an evening format, 20 new students starting, 25 EMT-P students graduating, CCC student information is available pre-hire so please call. Increasing the EMT-P course to 3.5 terms in order to cover all of the material.
- Sheridan: Offering a First Responder course Jan-March on Saturday's.
- KCFD#1: New fire station opened 2 weeks ago and going well. They are now having to run calls into CA now due to EMS providers unable to maintain services.
- Salem: Regional protocols and medical direction being re-established (good for area).
- Bend: Unable to fill 4 open positions due to budget. Hosting a 3 day wide-area search class (disaster based) in March 2009. Contact Bend Fire if interested.
- Lebanon: Opening new station and will be splitting crews for the first time (a new thing).
- Keizer: Renewal of operating levy passed (a very good thing), new ambulance delivered, busy with day-to-day stuff.
- Dallas: Equipment bond failed but were able to order a new ambulance. Received a call from Federal government questioning HIPAA compliance.
- Corvallis: Budget season, filled two vacant firefighter positions and cut two positions from community development, dealing with several social services issues.
- Polk Co. FD#1: Watching budget before levy is needed next year, expecting a new ambulance soon, EMT-B class Tuesday & Thursday starting in January 2009.
- Jefferson: Experienced a marked decrease in transport volume which means a decrease in revenue ☹...

Next Meeting Date and Location

- Thursday, March 12, 2009 at 1:00pm DPSST / Salem

Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm

Submitted: Randy Jackson - OFMAA Secretary