

Draft minutes

Minutes OFHA Board Meeting

Date:

September 27, 2014

Location:

St. Charles Medical Center
2500 NE Neff Rd
Bend, OR

Time:

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

1. Introductions

Members Present:

Amelia Wilcox, Barbara Brazelton, Bill Kennedy, Caren Raisin, David Hopkins, Jean Baecher Brown (Skype)
Scott Letorneau, Todd Merriman

Not Present:

Bernie Kosala, Donna McNeil, Jim Chapman, Cliff Conner-Coasch,

2. Review minutes from Board and General Membership Meetings, March 2014

Minutes were moved and seconded for approval for the March, 2014 Board meeting

3. Treasurer's Report; Report on the Membership: Barb Brazelton

Finance report from Barb – revenues \$7070 expenses \$6659. We received more contributions than dues this year, so far. There are over 700 email addresses and 1671 names (from 1400 cabins) in the data base. We still have 3 tracts that have not contributed their tract contributions. Only 20% of the data base pays dues and it is unclear if some of the contributions we received were actually dues because they could not be traced to a cabin number. We have had a budget deficit on mailings due to some unanticipated mailings that were needed this year...

Amelia suggested that we have a cabin decal or card stock to indicate the cabins are members in good standing with OFHA and to promote the OFHA membership. Several ideas for what should be included in this membership notification were discussed. Amelia agreed to come up with a sample sticker or cardstock that could be used.

Bill moved to approve the finance report and it was seconded and approved.

4. New Business: Current Status of CF

a. 2014 **OFHA contribution to C2/CFA** – Scott briefed the Board on the latest NFH update regarding the C2 tier structure. The Cabin Fee Act legislation now includes tiers that have been increased by \$50 to make it budget neutral.

Todd suggested that Scott send a letter to the Congressional delegation in Oregon before the midterm recess. He should indicate that it is essential for the CFA legislation to pass through this Congress. Bill said Pete Bailey (NFH) should have some talking points for that letter. It was suggested that the letter be sent via email to the OFHA membership and posted on the OFHA web site.

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b. **Spring 2015 Meeting: Date, Location, Speaker** – It was decided that the next annual meeting should be held in either Roseburg or Medford – Scott will check with Bernie for a location. We will aim for the date of the meeting to be March 7th, 14th or 21st depending on the available venues. It was discussed that the later date in March is better as to allow for better weather.

Some suggested topics for the annual meeting included: Land assessments (Oregon's possessor interest tax)- Brad Aspell ; Cabin Fees with Pete Bailey from the NFH and a presentation by the Forest Service Region 6 Director (there should be a new one by spring, hopefully). Todd suggested we have information explaining the structure of the cabin program as it pertains to the forests, Forest Service and the tracts.

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5. Old Business: Status of Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation

There is still a need to review and amend the OFHA bylaws. Areas of concern involve the election system (how the terms are described, the frequency of the elections and finding people willing run for offices.) Scott will go through the by-laws again and identify what he thinks are any additional pressing problems. We need an attorney to assist and help outline what needs to be changed. It is hard to get this done because everyone is all over the state and it is hard to coordinate.

Bill – We have 2 positions coming up for election. Scott will run again. Jeannie will not. Amelia indicated she would run for secretary and Todd Merriman will takeover the newsletter responsibilities. Amelia said she was also interested in helping with the newsletter

6. Other Business

No new business.

7. Adjourn, 3PM