



Oregon Forest Homeowners' Association

OFHA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: March 10, 2012: 7:30 AM with coffee and tea
Location: The Courtyard by Marriott, Medford, Oregon

Call to order

-Welcome and brief individual perspectives

Present: Jean Baecher Brown, Bill Kennedy, Scott Letourneau, Cliff Conner-Coash, Bernie Kosola, David Hopkins

-Additions and/or corrections to agenda

Change - Date for last Board Meeting was Oct 15th rather than the 22nd

Add - New business - NFH meeting in Vancouver - who is going

Add - Treasurers' report -logistics

Add - Reimbursing Geoff Anderson (meeting speaker) for fuel to drive up.

-Minutes from October 22, 2011 Board Meeting - Bernie motioned to accept minutes; motion was and approved.

-Treasurer's report- Scott Letourneau

2011 income & expense report / Bills to pay

Scott shared a summary of the 2011 budget. Our expenditures stayed within the budget outlined in an attachment.

Budget 2012

Bill recommended that the C2 donation be increased to \$1500 and then to accept the budget; Bernie seconded. Motion passed 5 to 1.

Since we have unexpected expenses for this year's annual meeting for the speaker (transportation), the annual meeting expenses may need to be increased for next year (2013).

Membership database & invoicing. We have 1400 cabins in Oregon and 400 members with OFHA. Logistics: The question came up as to who gets the newsletter by e-mail vs. postal service. Scott recently sent out an e-mail regarding the upcoming meeting and got 40 bounce backs. It is too time consuming to keep e-mail addresses updated and some come back due to spam blocks. Bill suggested

we put a request to the membership to see if someone could help with our website and maybe setting up a FB page as an electronic means for people to get updates. For now, we should stick with sending out the newsletters via the PO and post it on the web site.

Old Business

1. **Budget review/anticipated expenses**
 - a. Newsletter
 - b. C2
2. Review board member terms (see by-law issue below) Filling positions for At Large McKenzie River, Mt Hood, Deschutes, Umatilla
3. Filling Officer positions
 - a. Vice President
 - b. PresidentBill is hoping for nominations at today's meeting or in the mail.
4. Review nominating committee members as defined in bylaws.
5. Tract visits for 2012 – Bill suggests we contact tracts to see when the meetings will be this summer to visit the tracts at their meetings. Need to upgrade the contacts for the tracts. Jean will send Scott copy of tract list and Scott will make a master list. Then, Jean can send out a request for meeting dates for the tracts.
6. C2 Bernie Kosola
7. Newsletter review. Ideas/submissions. Next newsletter submissions by end of May and newsletter out in June.
8. Review OFHA goals. Are we reaching our members? What is important to our members? Right now, members receive feedback via newsletter, e-mail and on the web site. It was agreed that we should stick with the newsletter via mail as it is easier to control.
Cliff asked the purpose of OFHA. Bill reviewed the bylaws w/ Board: OFHA came into existence in Oregon when the Legislature was considering a Possessory Interest Tax (PIT) on the cabin program. OFHA helped to defeat the passage of that bill which would have resulted in a double taxation on the cabins (state and county taxes) What is our purpose now? As stated in the by-laws, OFHA follows and informs members of permit fee issues, wilderness issues pro/con, engages with NFH and help with their membership also.

New Business

1. **Committee reports**
 - a. Bylaws - No changes
 - b. Nominating – See above

- c. Email/web presence – review web site Web master. See above
- 2. **Other new business** –
NFH Meeting in April – It was moved and seconded to send Jean and Scott to the meeting in Vancouver, WA. Motion passed.

3. Meeting Adjournment

Next Board meeting - Sept 22nd Lake of the Woods

Next annual meeting - March 9, 2013 – Bend venue possibility: High Desert Museum or other

Meeting adjourned 9:15PM