

## OPTA NW Chapter Meeting

November 14, 2013

Hector Campbell Center-NCSD

Cindy Sim opened the meeting at 11:00

**Attendees:** Cindy Sim –Hood River, Sandy VanBaggen-PPS, Keith Wright-PPS, Sharon Pierce-PPS, Mary Conger –NC, Richard Beck –NC, Ryan Hahn –Astoria, Kim Hevia-Schetky NW, Mark Sexton-NC, Kris Spencer-Sherwood, Keith Bowers-Sherwood, Anna Borges-Seaside, Dana Strand-NC, Teri Brady-PPS, TJ Crocket-ODE, Elena Mark-PPS, Casey Jebens-Sherwood, Vicki Weller-Jewell, Dawn Parsell-NC, Shawn Choruby-Western Bus, Lynette O’Dell-NC.

**Minutes:** The minutes from October 10<sup>th</sup> were read and a motion to approve was made by Teri with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cindy. The Minutes were approved with correction – Michael Wiltfong is currently the Director of School Finances as well as the Director of Pupil Transportation.

**Financial Report:** Dawn reported total income of \$21, 019.20 and expenses of \$23, 805.41 with the overall total of \$-2786.21. The deficit is due to remaining outstanding balance due from the Summer Workshop of \$6,890.00. NW OPTA still has a balance of \$19, 107.40 in the checking account with the cash box and CD the total Balance is \$22,833.42. A motion was made to approve the finance report by Teri with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Keith.

**Poster Contest:** Richard Beck gave us a mock-up of this year’s theme and sent around examples of last year’s posters. He encouraged everyone to do as much outreach as possible to get the word out about the poster contest to our schools. Pass the word to our districts via Admin email lists. Many suggestions were made including contacting Michael Wiltfong regarding the State Art teacher’s mail list that goes to high school art instructors across the state and the Superintendent’s mail list that goes state wide. He also researched a contact at the state level for the State of OR PSA association contact person.

**Education:** Sharon Pierce reports that PPS is doing full core class for new drivers from 7:00am to 3:00am on 11/25. Mark from NCSD will be giving full core classes over several days in January days TBD.

**Sunshine:** PPS Driver Hassan Abdirahman was in a serious car accident. Elena will email Dawn with his info to mail a card to him.

**Safety Exercise:** Ryan has obtained permission through the City of Astoria to use the facility at Tongue point. One of the limitations of the area is bathroom facilities – we would need to order portable toilets. It is a great big paved area with lots of room. There are no structures at the

paved area and we would need to bus folks up a hill to the Job Corps building for the classroom portion of the exercises. We can drill into the concrete and bolt the stanchions down. We have permission to camp at the nearby middle school. Bad weather is a concern so an alternate location is being looked into and more information will be brought to the next meeting.

**Winter Workshop:** The Winter Workshop committee is Ryan, Elena and Mary. We will have a venue and theme chosen by the next meeting. We need suggestions for speakers.

Summer Workshop: nothing to report.

Membership: Elena will check membership rolls on the website and contact Cathy Hauck at Reynolds to see what she did with the website to get up to date membership counts.

**Old Business:** Trinkets: Cindy will get more information soon and Teri has some inventory as well. Mary made a motion to close the nominations for Secretary and Anna seconded it. Teri made a motion to elect by acclamation Elena Mark for Secretary and Sandy seconded it. Elena was elected as secretary by unanimous vote.

Trailer: nothing to report

**Committees:** Tabled for next meeting.

**Round table:** It was suggested that we have evening round table discussions. Elena will email a request for committee members and for hosts for evening locations.

**New Business:** Sleep Apnea Law and DOT Doctors. Discussion: Who pays for the Medical costs of testing for Sleep Apnea? This was brought up for a couple of reasons; President Obama signed into law the mandatory sleep apnea testing for CDL drivers nationally. The other was an issue PPS is having with a driver. This driver was given a 90 day temporary medical certificate from the DOT Dr. so they could get the testing done. This driver went to their doctor who had just seen him and said he was in great health and didn't need a sleep test. Furthermore he would not give this driver anything to give to the DOT doctor. In the meantime, if the DOT dr. insists, then the sleep study test will take about 3 weeks for results and if the driver needs to get a c-pap machine the medical examiner requires 3 months of [good] numbers to issue a one year medical card. Meanwhile, the temporary medical card has expired and the driver cannot drive. Another concern is that most primary doctors have very little information about sleep apnea as it is fairly new in the medical profession. \*see more about this topic in the ODE report below.

The summer conference will be at the Riverhouse in Bend Oregon from June 17-20<sup>th</sup> 2014.

Teri mentioned that she is going to the STN Expo in Reno, July 26<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno NV and cost is \$199 for the conference. <http://www.stnexpo.com/>

The transporting Students with Disabilities conference is in February – 2/28/14 to 3/5/14 in Nashville Tennessee. <http://www.tsdconference.com/>

**ODE Update:** TJ Crocket – ODE now has all the summer workshop data in and will get the info to Dawn so she can mail out the invoices. The training report should be delivered the day after thanks giving.

Senate bill 193 regarding drug testing reporting takes effect on January 1<sup>st</sup>. this is for the documentation that we do drug testing and who our contractors are. In January a letter will be sent out to gather the data and another letter will be sent out in June for the same thing. This is to catch up with the annual reporting and from then on plan for an annual report.

The position is now closed for the program analyst 1 and Michael Wiltfong is now going through the applications.

Regarding the new mandatory sleep apnea testing for DOT drivers, (if recommended by the DOT Dr.) TJ anticipates further issues as we go down the road of Sleep Apnea testing. He also said that ODE's position is that this is treated like any other disorder, example: high blood pressure or diabetes. The driver is responsible to go their own doctor and get the required testing and treatment at their expense. The DOT doctor is prohibited to treat patients for any disorder at their clinic – conflict of interest. All drivers' doctors need to support their patient the same as if the DOT doctor suspects high blood pressure or any other symptom. There are provisions to dispute the DOT doctor's findings. For further information on this, go to [www.ecfr.gov](http://www.ecfr.gov) . As of 1/1/2014 the DOT Dr.s have to be approved by the federal government. There will be a national registry for approved DOT Dr.s that comes into effect in May and the state is matching that. TJ stressed the importance to educate our drivers about this issue.

**Next Meeting:** December 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 at Western Bus Sales, 30355 Mt Hood Hwy, Boring, OR 97009 - <http://westernbus.com/>

January 9<sup>th</sup> – Schetky NW Sales at their location - 8430 NE Killingsworth St, Portland, OR 97220  
<http://www.schetkynw.com/contact/index.asp>

February 13<sup>th</sup> – Sherwood SD – Location TBD

March 10<sup>th</sup> – Winter Workshop – Location TBD

April 10<sup>th</sup> – Camp 18 on Highway 26, 42362 U.S. 26, Elsie, OR 97138  
<http://www.camp18restaurant.com/>

May 8<sup>th</sup> – Full Sail Brew Pub in Hood River - 506 Columbia Street  
Hood River, OR <http://www.fullsailbrewing.com/pub-tasting-room.cfm>

June 16<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-5:00pm - The Riverhouse Convention Center – Bend

There was discussion to move the April & May meetings to Friday.

Cindy Sim adjourned the meeting at 12:55