**South Willamette Chapter**

Date: January 12, 2010  
Location: Cascade Grill, Albany

Meeting Called to Order: 11:00 AM

Members: Chris Ellison, Carl Salstrom, Tom Saddler, Cindy Moran, Denice Blake, LD Ellison, Maggi Estes, Patricia Green, Vurlee Nab-Alexander, Kay Saddler, Cindy Sim, Wilbur Star, Dan Wood, Tracy Kindle, Craig Pruitt, Carlos Gonzales

Previous Minutes: Carl moved minutes to be accepted with corrections, Vurlee 2nd

Financial Report: Denice moved financial report to be accepted as reported, LD 2nd

**Committee Reports**

State Board: Summer Conference - June 20-24, Valley River Inn, Eugene OR This will be 3 full days/2 half. This is a 3rd party recertification year.

NW Winter Workshop “Networking the Transportation Highway”. March 15th 8-1pm at the Monarch Hotel in Clackamas. Register on the OPTA web site (if up and running).

ACS Cross Safe Program – Offering to put cameras in the stop arms (free). They will download any pictures taken of red light runners and contact the police dept. The School districts will receive a portion of the ticket money. The fine is around $600. Albany is looking into this and getting the OK from their district.

State Safety Exercise - Members are looking at June 5 or June 12 in Salem at McNary High School. They need to move an event they have scheduled. There have been some changes to the 3rd party testing and this will reflect this year in the course. The changes will be added in the event. The committee will be meeting again before the next State meeting.

Tom Saddler presented a recommendation to the board that Marlin and Barbara Riley become honorary lifetime members. Marlin was one of the founding members of OPTA. This was tabled at the State level to look into whether Barbara should be eligible. Marty moved to pass a resolution that the SW Chapter is in agreement to have Marlin and Barbara to become honorary lifetime members of the SW Chapter, Tom 2nd, and vote was unanimous in favor, no opposed.

Poster Contest: “Be Aware know the Danger Zone” Cut off for posters is April 15th. The rules have changed a little, hoping to send to the districts the same way as a couple years back. Tom will be sending Steve the information needed.

Safety Exercise: May 1st – Grants Pass / LD reported the lot is beyond belief. Very roomy with a large gravel area for course set up, schools close by for testing.

Carey Smith from Grants Pass is providing 8 transits, 8 conventionals, 5 type A’s. And 25 judges, we do need 40. LD is going to look at a trailer to buy for equipment.

Sunshine: Tom Saddler is having surgery January 29th. Marty reported that Doug Fedderson’s mother passed away (N. Clackamas)
Education:  February 2\textsuperscript{nd} – “Dispatchers Forum” in Albany at the Bus Garage, 5:30-7:30. A reminder and agenda will be sent out before the meeting, send back any ideas you might have. We got good feedback on the last one. Tom brought up that a live internet feed would be something to look into so the other districts could be involved. This will be researched for next year.

Winter Workshop:  The 2009 WW videos are done. Chris is waiting for the curriculum to be approved. He is meeting with Craig after the meeting today. This week cases and cover labels will be purchased we want to send out a professional product. 2010 WW – The Agenda/Registration draft was passed around, looked great. We will make a few changes and then it will be sent to ODE to be sent out to the districts. LD passed out an inventory of trinkets.

Membership:  No change

Old Business:

New Business:  Guest Speaker – Dan Wood and Carlos Gonzales
   Americas Greenest School Contest - Begins Monday January 18, 2010
   Schools can win a new Hybrid Bus and a $20,000 green make over for your school.
   For details and information go to www.AmericasGreenestSchool.com
   Craig Pruitt – Reminder of the new cell phone law. Watch yourself, be safe.

\textbf{For the Good-of-the-Order}

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Meeting Adjourned:  1:00 pm

Next Meeting Date:  February 9\textsuperscript{th} 2010

Next Meeting Location:  Cascade Grill, Albany - 11:00 am