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State Board of Directors
March 20, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Denice Blake, Kim Crabtree, Cindy Moran, Kathy Houck, Janet Mauldin, Cindy Sim, Sandi Miller, Deborah Maskal, Chris Ellison, T.J. Crockett, Ryan Hahn

Members Missing:

Keith Wright, Teri Brady, David Farley

Guests:

Silke Communications- Jim & Dayna
MicroBird- Phil Turner

Call to order at 11:10 am at Western Bus Sales, Boring, OR

Minutes:

Minutes were not available to be read.

Financial Report:

Kathy reviewed Check Register and YTD Banking Summary. Both were approved by the Board. Audit has been completed and was available for review. Kathy mentioned looking for a new auditor for next year as the cost seems high.

Chapter Reports:

Northwest: Cindy S.- The NW Winter Workshop went well. Poster Contest- they already have 40 posters entered. Safety Exercises are in Astoria, they have raised their entry to \$15, still looking for volunteer judges. The Summer workshop is scheduled for August 5-8, still looking for a venue. Next meeting is 4/10 at Camp 18.

South Willamette: Cindy M.- The winter workshop went well, 602 attendees. South Willamette again made a nice profit. Some of the profit is being donated to add a "Training Tab" to the website and to purchase an ATV to be used for Rodeos. Poster Contest- no posters have been collected, looking at extending the "turn-in" date to the end of May, with judging being done at the State conference meeting. This will allow teachers more time, and hopefully up our involvement. Safety exercise is 5/17 in

Grants Pass. Scholarship Committee- looking at several factors (on how the SN rodeo may change) before moving forward with scholarships.

Committee Reports:

Conference- The schedule is 99% complete, the registration is ready to be put on the website. Hoping to have it posted by 4/1. T.J. reported that he is on budget with a bit to spare (\$150) for speakers and their fees. Question as to whether or not we count meals at the conference as part of speaker expenses or did we just allow them to have meals. Consensus was that we did not take onsite meals from the conference out of the speaker budget. T.J. mentioned more speakers needed a room this year and he was short 4 rooms. Denise said he could use hers, so now he needs 3. Conversation started about the date of the conference—many districts will still be in school because of the snow makeup days. Unfortunately those are hard to predict and we already have contracted dates for 2015, 2017 and 2019 that cannot be changed. We may want to look at 2016 and 2018—T.J. mentioned that Portland Public has been put on notice that their school hours are short, along with many other districts. This may force many districts to go further into June.

Poster-Nothing to report.

Safety Exercises-Cindy Moran reported that the SPED division is becoming popular, but they have not been competitive at the national level, because they do not compete locally with their aides. The system is set up now that 1st & 3rd and 2nd & 4th place compete together. If these competitors do not live close, sometimes they do not have the opportunity to meet and practice prior to their international competition. Several agreed that we need to take a look at this system. It was also mentioned that we may want to start timing events to be in line with International competition. It was determined that this needs to be looked at by the Safety Exercise Committee and then reported back to the board.

Web Report-South Willamette donated funds to finish up the training tab on the website. Chris E. met with Verb marketing and the cost will be \$1620. There will be a materials area where materials, manuals & PDF documents can be posted and there will be a calendar where districts can list their classes. Contact Chris E. to post classes. This should be up and running in 2-3 weeks.

Old Business: None

New Business: Discussion in regards to moving next meeting to May 30th as the rodeo will be in Bend also and it is on May 31st. The meeting was scheduled on the Friday of Memorial Day Weekend. It was decided to move the meeting to 12:00 on May 30th, South Willamette will have their meeting at the same location, starting at 10:00. Idea was brought up to have a table at the conference where members could sign up to be on committees such as- Safety Committee, Conference and Poster. Everyone agreed this is a good idea and may pull in more interested parties. Chris brought a proposal from PEMCO. They want to be more involved and donate more funds towards OPTA. Chris handed out a sample contract to look over and review at the next meeting. PEMCO is already an OPTA partner, but is looking for ways to further their involvement.

Guests:

Silke communications made a proposal for a new Cross-District Communications Tool that would allow district buses to communicate with other districts in the event of an emergency. Their proposal would give back a percentage of revenue to OPTA for education or related efforts. This would be a separate

channel that drivers could use to communicate to other drivers or dispatchers in other districts. There was much discussion on how this might possibly work, and the pros and cons. Silke will be at the May meeting to discuss further. You would not have to have a Silke system to participate, possible to have one or two of their radios. Draft proposal attached. At this point the cost has not been determined, Silke just proposing the idea to see if it would be useful.

Phil Turner with Micro Bird made a video presentation on the Type A bus. If you are interested in viewing the presentation, contact your Western Bus Rep.

Good of the Order: None

Future Meetings:

5/30/14- Bend, Black Bear Diner 12:00- new date & time

6/16/14- Pre-Conference @ Riverhouse 9:00 am

Meeting Adjourned 2 ish P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by : Kim Crabtree

President Elect- OPTA State Board