

OSFA Executive Board Highlights April 19, 2018 MEETING

The OSFA Executive Board met April 19, 2018 in the boardroom at 2716 NE 50th Street, Oklahoma City, OK, at 9:07 a.m.

Roll Call: Matt Lay- Excused; Dereck Cassidy, Present and presiding; Mike Kelley, Present; Eric Harlow, via Tele-Conference; Mike Duncan, Excused; Dana Cramer (ORFA), Excused.

Others: Phil Ostrander, Gene Brown, Tim Bartram, Amy Hall, Don Armes, Eric Hamilton.

Moment of Silence for the Bombing Victims.
AFLAC Member Benefit Presentation – Addison Stewart.

Correspondence: Thank you card from Jen Schmidt, Norman Firefighter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislative Committee: Ostrander

Legislative Committee met on March 28 and discussed the updated legislation that was pending. There were two EMS Bills that we took a position against.

Cassidy discussed some information that he had sent to Lumry so he could give to Armes regarding the Department of Health rules & regulations. That Legislation allows someone to drive an ambulance but they just have to write a report and don't have to have any qualifications.

There was discussion about the Stipend and lack of opportunity for a COLA Bill.

Title 19 Sub-Committee: Bartram /Armes

The Title 19 Sub-Committee has not met, but the one bill that came out of the committee was held up by the teacher strike. It does not look like it will get through the House this year.

Safety and Health Committee: Bartram

Safety and Health Committee met on April 17th and is working with the Educational Advisory Committee on some basic rules.

Bartram distributed a draft on Policy Change for Basic Training Ground Rules for H.O.T Classes for the OSFA State Fire School.

The Amendment pertains to the last paragraph, if EMS personnel determine that an individual needs immediate medical care including I.V. of fluids, that individual may not continue to participate in evolutions for the rest of the day until cleared by a physician. Discussion by the Board.

Educational Advisory Committee: Bartram

Educational Advisory Committee met on April 10. Bartram stated that everything is moving forward, they have been having e-mail conversation back and forth with the IMT Team. He feels that the logistics at the Drill Ground will be better than what they have been.

He said that they do have a commitment from the Red Cross that they will provide all the rehab in terms of water, Gatorade, and snacks at the Training Grounds. With Lay's approval they have been added to our partner list.

The last count for Fire School is over 600 students registered.

Museum Report: Brown

Brown cannot brag enough about the guys working in the Museum. They are cleaning up and getting

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

June 12, 2018 -- 37th annual ORFA Convention -- Hyatt Regency, Downtown Tulsa

June 13-16, 2018 -- 124th annual OSFA Convention -- Hyatt Regency, Downtown Tulsa

June 13-16, 2018 -- 56th annual Women's Auxiliary Convention -- Hyatt Regency, Downtown Tulsa

Oct. 7, 2018 -- 19th Statewide Memorial Service -- Oklahoma Firefighters Museum, Oklahoma City

FUNDRAISERS

The 2nd Annual Mother Road Firetruck Show & Muster June 16 in Stroud. Includes Fire Truck Show and Firefighter Combat Challenge. Cost is \$20 for Truck entry. Awards for Aerial Trucks, Pumpers, Antiques, Brush Trucks, Specialty Rigs. For more info, call Adam Chace at 405-334-1059.

Yukon Fire Fighters Golf Tournament 2018 June 22 at Winter Creek in Blanchard. Shotgun Start at 9 a.m. Cost is \$300 per team or \$75 per individual. Free lunch, free range, cash prizes, raffles, door prizes. For more info: Jeremy Goodrich, 405-760-1795.

First Annual Emergency Services Slow Pitch Softball Tournament June 23-24 at Owasso Sports Complex. Come watch your Oklahoma Heroes battle it out for bragging rights. And in between softball games, stop by and check out the different emergency vehicles and equipment that will be on display. General Admission: Adults \$2, Students \$1.

ready for spring right now.

There are some plumbing issues with the Memorial Pool but they plan on having it up and running by Saturday for the Ride to Remember. Brown discussed the Museum's role in the Ride to Remember.

Museum Expansion Committee: Brown

Ostrander stated they have not met since the last Executive Board meeting but things are rolling along.

Brown said that the staff is on a hold right now while waiting for the rest of the art work to come in. They did get the art work for the building and passed it along to Art Cotton and now just waiting on the renderings for inside. Once they have all that, they will schedule a meeting fairly quick.

NVFC Report: Ostrander

Ostrander stated that we have staff in that meeting right now. He said in relation to that, Nickel went to the National Fire Academy to grade the APG Grants last week, that was through the NVFC and it went real well.

Nickel had expressed to Ostrander that it was one of the most informative things that she has ever been through for the Fire Service. There is a concern that

Oklahoma has not been getting a fair share of those Grants, and she now has a pretty good idea why.

Executive Director/Legislative Report: Ostrander

Ostrander said that everything is going well here. The membership numbers are doing well, we are getting ready for Convention and for Fire School.

We are in the process of getting our sponsors lined up and we are getting ready to make some changes in our sponsorship letters that we send out for the OSFA Convention. He is spending massive amount of time at the Capitol right now.

Ostrander discussed getting an email from Integris about the premature twins that died fighting the recent grass fire. Ostrander feels that it would be appropriate for the Fire Service to recognize his sacrifice and additionally Bartram has found some information, as well.

Bartram found three different sections of law that might lead one to believe that he was required by law to fight the fire. There are some statutes that appear right now on the surface, that these people are required by law and if they refuse to help fight the fire, they can be fined or be put in jail.

Ostrander wanted to offer up recognizing him and his family at Convention. There was discussion by the Board.

There was discussion about the Volunteer Firefighter Laws in the state of Oklahoma and how they need to be revamped and brought into the modern days.

We will need to figure out a way to get the Volunteer Fire Service involved and maybe have a Constitutional Convention of sorts where the Volunteers across the state sit down and over the course of a few years develop the language and revamp the codes for the Volunteer Fire Service. Other organizations have appointed people from each county or regions around the state.

He would like to see each county's Volunteer Fire Service elect somebody to come to that meeting. He stated that it could be called the Vision 2025.

He has had some complaints recently from other lobbyists. They love their volunteer firefighters but they are concerned with lack of training.

There was discussion regarding what it takes to become a Certified Volunteer Fire Department in the state of Oklahoma vs. what is required in other states.

Ostrander will work with Nickel and Bartram to put together some kind of a white paper from their perspective in having experience in that field.

Brown stated that we have been approached by the Ride to Remember to sponsor half the cost of the Guinness Book of World Records approval documentation cost to document that it is the biggest Poker Run. The sponsorship is \$400 and they would like for us to split the cost with ERAF.

New Business:

-- Perspective Addition to the Museum Board - Carl Hickman.

-- Nomination for a MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD for Timothy Radford for saving two premature twins.

-- Per the request of Tim Ford, he needs to be removed from all Boards and Committees.

Adjournment: 10:55 a.m.