



**OKLAHOMA PRESCRIBED BURN ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
May 26, 2016
12:10 PM – 3:20 PM
H&H Shooting Sports Complex – Oklahoma City, OK**

DRAFT MINUTES – 5/26/16

LOCATION: H&H Shooting Sports Complex – Oklahoma City, OK

PRESENT:

John Weir, OSU Extension/Chairperson
Russell Stevens, Noble Foundation/Interim Executive Director
Verlin Hart, Cross Timbers PBA
Karsen Davis, Roger Mills PBA
Bill Inman, Creek County PBA
Harry Fritzler, NRCS Liaison
Alva Gregory, ODWC
Brian Hajny, NW OPBA Coordinator
Ken Gee, Southern OPBA Coordinator
Steve Glasgow, NRCS
Dink Novotny, Pawnee PBA
Allen Fulton, Pawnee PBA

ABSENT:

Darrel Dominick, OCC/OPBA – Sec/Treasurer

GUESTS:

Lisa Knauf, OCC
Jeff Jaronik, OCA
Seth Coffey, OSU graduate student

CALL TO ORDER: John Weir called the meeting to order at 12:10 PM and welcomed the participants. Agenda was provided.

INTRODUCTIONS:

The guests were introduced by Weir.

DRAFT MINUTES REVIEW/APPROVAL:

Minutes from previous meeting approval tabled until next meeting

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Financial statement report distributed to the board and reviewed by Weir. Motion requested, Davis made the motion to approve, Hart seconded, all approved.

- Landowner George Bridges in SW OK may be interested in helping revise Big Pasture PBA.
- Sprayer purchased for Ken by OPBA has been very helpful.

CENTRAL REGION COORDINATOR REPORT (Harry Fritzler):

- Presentation to Lincoln Co. on Burn Plans.
- Rodgers Co. meeting to discuss formation of LPBA.
- Worked on new LPBA formation in Carter OK near RMPBA.
- Attended several LPBA meetings.
- Attended Conservation Day at the Capitol.
- Attended Kingfisher demo burn
- On BOD of Norman Area Land Conservancy and will work on getting more prescribed fire in Cleveland Co and Norman area.
- Contacted Al Bennet, John Phelan, and Richard Baker via email about revising Pig Pasture PBA; no action yet.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **HB2646:** Jeff Jaronik, OCA, reported on current status of burn ban. Changed back to 14 day duration, had to add filing burn plan with RVFD and they have 72 hours to amend. Suggested that one BoD member call the Governor's Office to encourage her to sign. May 31st is due date for action. Jeff offered a meeting with OPBA and Governor's staff but thought it was not needed.
- **Website:** Blayr is still working on the web site; she is being paid \$250/quarter. Weir has distributed OPBA burn entry results from January through May for LPBA's. There are 13 LPBA's reporting which is up from six approximately three years ago; that is 50% of LPBA's in the state.
- **Liability Insurance:** Stevens reported that Leslie Kutz is no longer working with Bramlett Agency. Bramlett Agency has assigned another employee to work with the prescribed fire insurance policy. Bramlett is concerned about the lack of policies being sold and if it will ultimately have an effect on whether or not the underwriter will keep the policy active.
- **Affiliation Agreement Status:** Stevens reported that there are now seven LPBAs affiliated with or ready to affiliate with OPBA.
- **Accountant/IRS tax Return:** Weir reported that the accountant in Stillwater is still working on OPBA's taxes. He also needs simple financial statement on LPBA's, and affiliates.
- **VFD Report:** Weir attended the VFDO meeting; half in attendance were supportive. The main concern with HB2646 is that it did not define what a producer is. Another point that a BoD member mentioned is that in addition to informing RVFDs, we need

the need to purchase display materials. Inman motioned to approve the purchase of display materials, retractable banner stands and a table cover up to \$750. Davis seconded, and motion passed. The first Outstanding PBA Award was presented to Dink Novotny and Allen Fulton's with Pawnee County PBA. The award included a decal for their burn trailer. It was mentioned for consideration as to the addition of a monetary award or equipment. No motion was made.

➤ **Training/Workshops – upcoming and needs:**

- Noble County Workshop on June 23rd
- Noble Foundation on July 19th
- Delta County, TX on July 14th
- Childress, TX on August 24th through August 26th (Patch Burn Working Group)

➤ **OPBA Calendar:** Need to finalize OPBA calendar. Calendar entries would include information that is to be sent to LPBA's on when dues are due, tax statements, BoD meetings, burn entry form reminders (Dink), etc. The calendar can be placed on the website.

➤ **Other items:** Inman wanted to know if we can develop a form or receipt for tax donations. It was explained that LPBA's can develop their own and can be as simple as including the amount of donation, date, donor and recipient. Receipts can be submitted to OPBA at the end of each year.

Adjourn: Seeing no other business or discussion needed, Weir asked for a motion to adjourn. Hart made a motion to adjourn at 3:20 PM with a second from Novotny, all approved.

Next Meeting: TBD

MINUTES APPROVED: 1ST _____

2ND _____

VOICE VOTE APPROVAL: YES NO

APPROVED MINUTES

SUBMITTED: _____ DATE
M. DARREL DOMINICK