



Oregon Animal Control Council
OACC Business Meeting Minutes
Spirit Mountain Casino & Conference Center
September 11, 2024 2:15pm – 4:00pm
Submitted by Mike Slusarczyk, OACC Secretary

Working to improve and promote professionalism within the field of animal control while exercising justice and equality in the enforcement of animal control laws.

Members Present: Brian Austin, Mike Slusarczyk, Wendy Martinez, Jodi Whiting,

Members Absent: Stacy Smejkal

1. Welcome/Roll Call & Introductions of Board Members

Meeting called to order by President Brian Austin at 2:16pm. Roll call & introductions of board members were performed.

2. Council Business

Reading/Approval of Minutes from last meeting. Motion to approve minutes completed.

Board Member Reports

Treasurer's Financial Report – Stacy Smejkal

- PO Box is now active in Hillsboro (closer to Stacy) also paid for Zoom membership for meetings
- 2024 Total OACC operating expenses \$2079.67
- 2024 Conference total cost \$17,641 - Total money coming in \$17,158

VP of Legislation Report – Jodi Whiting – Please use Jake Kamins for assistance as much as possible. His position was created for him specifically and he needs to show that he is valuable in his new position. He will come to local agencies and provide law trainings to police, district attorneys and more. Jake will be on hand tomorrow to provide a legal update and will be available for questions/assistance.

- Email was sent about new import laws coming in for dogs coming in from out of the country. Motion approved to accept.

VP of Membership Report – Wendy Martinez – Membership hasn't really grown much over the past year.

- Clatsop County and City of Tillamook have expressed interest in getting involved with the OACC.
- Now have the ODA registry to use in order to give validity to rescues becoming members of the OACC without a sponsor. Brian willing to assist future board members to potentially amend the bylaws if needed. Along with membership dues, qualifications are one of five – agency, organization, person, honorary membership. Motion approved to accept report.

VP of Training Report – Brian Austin – Largest actual workload of the VP positions due to the conference and any other trainings to get on the schedule. Brian would be open to splitting the workload of the position if needed due to the amount of work.

- The OACC Conference has rotated Eastern, Southern, and Northwest. Next year, we will go back east – Eagle Crest? Bend/Redmond? Lots of other venues to choose from. Heavy workload for handling along with regular job. Hoping to see if we can get members to step up. Saw some scheduling conflict this year, but we made it work with what we had available. NACA/HSUS and other organizations will likely supply speakers. Jace for example was here all week, and his entire trip was paid for. We just need to ask.
- Lee & Randy want to get a semi-regular (quarterly) to do Henneke? large/small animal body scoring training & certification.
- Members are encouraged to make mention of the trainings they want so we can look into it and make it happen. Technical large animal rescue training? Heartland – Emily James (wants to host body scoring clinics in Corvallis).
- Kelly & Tabitha from Texas were surprised that Oregon does not have any standardized standards. DPSST is not interested in helping. Possible legislation (Associations of Police & Sheriffs) could help push legislation to help that along. Members we have can DO the work for them. Texas, Massachusetts and Washington state already have standardized process.
- Mancini Scholarship is available to help low-income members. Potential for a sponsorship if there was a need. Should be used to continue growing the membership so totally worth it. Approved to carry.

VP of Public Relations Report – Jessie Tussing - going to be stepping away to do schoolwork for a bit. Motion approved.

3. New Business:

- 2025 Conference – Location/length/dates? Historically the next location would be in the East. Open to suggestions for locations near Bend/Redmond or maybe Sun River. 2.5-3.5-day options? Upped the registration fee to \$200. Still a pretty fair price for the length of the conference. Potential for moving dates but people get angry about hunting season.

4. Special Items –

- Elections – president role is going to be open since Brian is stepping down. Only one nomination (Stacy Smejkal) thus far. If elected, this would mean the Treasury position will be vacant and need to be filled. An email will go out if there is any other interest in the positions. Treasurer would be a one-year term initially. Randy encourages members to step up and take a chance at filling the open roles as they are necessary for the OACC to continue forward progress.
- Regional Representatives – voluntary position to support when conference comes to district and also provides information for public.
- Emily Moore from Jackson County Animal Services has volunteered to take on the responsibilities of the Southwest Regional Representative.