

Condon Chamber of Commerce

Membership Meeting Minutes–October 11, 2018

Members Present: Holly LaRue; President, Pat Reilley; Vice President, Lisa Greene; Treasurer, K'Lynn Lane; Executive Director, Lori Anderson, Elizabeth Farrar, Rita Rattray, Dustan Hall, Rachel Weinstain, Peter Mitchell, Julius Courtney, Amanda Hendricks, Croad Hock, Sue Logan, Mary Dyer.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:31 am by President Holly LaRue

II. Approve September 2018 Meeting Minutes

- a. Rita made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as sent out by email, Liz seconded. All in favor none opposed.

III. Treasurers Report-Lisa Greene

- a. Budget vs. Actuals presented
- b. Lisa updated the membership on the status of obtaining the 501-c6. If all goes as planned we should be officially up and running as of January 1.

IV. Staff Report

- a. Phone Calls: 39
- b. Email: 89
- c. Visitors: 49
- d. Assists: 19
- e. Member Referrals: 27
- f. Facebook: Likes: 1084
- g. Website Visitors
 - i. September: 3315
 - ii. October 1462
- h. New Members
 - i. 189 Proud Members
 - ii. Kelli's Service Creek-A John Day River Resort
 - 1. For more information visit: <http://www.servicecreek.com/>
- i. Things to mention!
 - i. We received 4 inquires in just one week on rentals/availability in housing.
 - ii. The Grand Opening of the Cottonwood Experience Center was fabulous and very worthwhile. We contributed several images to the Oregon State Park Foundation to use in a book documenting the event.
 - iii. K'Lynn attended the Gilliam County Historical Society Annual Meeting & Dinner; it was fabulous to learn about Gilliam County Stage Couch routes and history.
 - iv. We are receiving feedback and encouragement to increase our efforts to collaborate more countywide. If you have suggestions or ideas on how we could work together greater with the Arlington Community Chamber of Commerce and members of Gilliam County as a whole, please stop in and share your thoughts, encouragement and suggestions.

V. Business

- a. **Employee mileage reimbursement**
 - i. Elizabeth made a motion that employee travel be reimbursed at the Federal rate. Peter seconded, all in favor none opposed.
- b. **Waste Management Fund Committee**

i. Kiosk Updates

- 1.** We will be installing three new kiosks in the following locations: Condon City Park, Burns Park & Mountain Identifier. The new JDRT Focused Kiosks will replace the existing structures. In addition to the three new kiosk structures K'Lynn encouraged the membership to consider printing 2 additional panels to replace the ones hanging at J.S. Burres State Park/bathrooms. We anticipate the information to be more pertinent to what travelers and visitors are looking for when they pass through our beautiful community.
 - a.** The cost for the kiosk rehabilitation project is roughly \$11,800. Rachel is in contact with Oregon State Parks Foundation asking for some financial assistance in replacing the panels hanging on the bathrooms.
 - i.** Elizabeth moved that we add the additional location to our project tasks, and continue to set aside 10% of the Waste Management funds to go to the Very Good Idea Fund. Rita seconded all in favor none opposed.
 - b.** Discussion: All the funds from the Waste Management "Gift" will go into one account to be spent on allocated and approved projects. There will also be a separate account for the Very Good Idea Fund.

ii. Historic Main Street Benches/Bike Racks

- 1.** New bench design ideas were presented to the membership. Those present loved the direction the committee was pursuing. A total of six benches will be replaced on Main Street. If you or your business would like to donate to the project please let us know!
 - a.** Do you happen to have an old Tailgate you would like to donate to the Chamber for the Historic Main Street Bench Project? Please let us know if you would like to contribute to the unique designs.
 - b.** Each bench is expected to cost \$1000
 - i.** Discussion on Metal materials vs. Trex decking material.
 - ii.** Elizabeth made a motion we move forward with the bench project and submit design ideas to the Historical Main Street committee. Rachel seconded all in favor none opposed.
- 2.** Elizabeth is heading up the efforts for the bike racks and is working with an artist to create a dual art installation rack that will tie in with our Historic Main Street. She presented the membership with some unique designs that will also serve an artistic purpose when they aren't being occupied. Several examples were shown and members were in favor of moving in the direction of 3 particular designs that tied in with our areas history. Liz will meet with artist and get some cost estimates to present back to the membership at a future date. All project ideas will need to be reviewed by the City of Condon Historical Committee.

3. Welcome to Condon Sign

a. Mac is currently working on the placement of the sign and will continue to update the membership as the project unfolds. Larry Hardie has agreed to help with the welding of the letters and there is still materials left over from the previous projects. Stay tuned!

i. Discussion on the lookout Pedestal at Mtn. Identifier . . .
If this is a project you are passionate about or would like to be part of, please inquire at the Chamber. Elizabeth is in contact with the Reitman's and also ODOT to distinguish whose responsibility the pedestal is. We hope the rehab project can be one that alumni and community members will see the importance of and will endorse the project financially. It was discussed that if additional funding is needed that the Chamber will assist financially.

1. Peter suggested ODOT/State Road Department as a possible funding source for the project.

iii. Fall Festival

1. Please join us on November 17th 10-2 pm for our Annual Fall Festival. Be sure and invite friends and family to come up and shop for the day! We hope you will continue our shopping all the way down our beautiful Historic Main Street.
2. Volunteers needed for set up and take down. Please contact the Chamber for a wonderful volunteer opportunity. We would also like to see if a 4-H group is interested in being there the morning of the show to help vendors unload their vehicles.
3. Advertising opportunity presented through the East Oregonian and Hermiston Herald. Peter suggested boosting the event through Facebook. Conrad noted that if we aren't targeting and broadcasting events that we should be!

a. Elizabeth made a motion that we approve \$215 in advertising towards helping broadcast the Fall Festival. Rachel seconded all in favor, none opposed.

4. Shop Small/Christmas in Condon Promotion

a. The Annual Shop Small/Christmas in Condon promotion will kick off on November 17th and run until December 21st. We are looking for sponsors for the promotion. If you are interested in sponsoring or helping sponsor the Shop Small promotion please let us know.

c. Summer Concerts/Artisans Markets

- i. Dates are set for our 2019 Summer Concerts and Artisans Markets in the Park. We are looking for sponsors for the events. This is an incredible way to feature your business and advertise. We will print over #100 poster, and #1000 membership directories that will feature the poster. The poster will also be

featured on our website and social media accounts for several months. For different sponsorship levels and opportunities please contact the Condon Chamber of Commerce.

1. June 14th – Sweet & Juicy
 - a. This event will also include the town photo/BBQ
2. July 4th
 - a. We are looking for band suggestions and bids at this time for this particular event! Two band suggestions given:
 - i. The Howlers & The Hereafters
3. August 2nd –The Wasteland Kings
 - a. Collaborating to help make the All Class Reunion an absolute success.
4. **AGAIN, we are also looking for sponsors for the Concerts in the Park! Sponsors receive a huge amount of publicity; this is a wonderful way to promote your business! Please contact us for sponsorship information.**

d. Scarecrow Contest

- i. All businesses and community members are encouraged to participate in the Annual Scarecrow Contest. The contest began October 1st and will run through October 31st. This year ballots can be cast online through Facebook or by emailing your vote to the Condon Chamber of Commerce.
 1. Business winners will receive; 1st place-One Year Membership to the Condon Chamber of Commerce, 2nd place-1/2 off Membership Dues, 3rd place-1/2 of Membership Dues.
 2. Residential winners will receive gift certificates donated by Hattenhauer Distributing in the amount of 1st-\$50 2nd -\$25 3rd-\$25

e. Trick or Treat Main Street

- i. The annual Trick or Treat Main Street will take place on October 31st from 3-5 pm followed by “Haunted Hot Dogs” at the Memorial Hall hosted by ALLETE Clean Energy from 5-6:30 pm.
 - a. Participating Business Certificates will be emailed and businesses will be responsible for printing notification of participation. If you don’t have a printer or would prefer we deliver a certificate, please let us know!

f. Condon Light Festival & Parade

- i. The Condon Light Festival and Parade will take place on December 1st. With the parade beginning at 5: 30 pm. A matinee will be featured at 4 pm playing “The Polar Express” and caroling in front of Sage & Stone Spa, led by Sara Whatley at 5 pm.
 1. We would love for your business to participate in the parade. Please plan ahead and help make it an incredible event for all who join in. Thank you to Parade sponsor Columbia Basin Electric and to parade organizers Jeff & Nichole Schott.
 2. Join us after the parade for photos with Santa at the Condon Elks Lodge.
 - a. Discussion about photography for events. We looked at Chamber members who offered photography services. Rita made a motion

that the Chamber contract with Memory Lane Photography (\$75 per hour) to take the photos with Santa at the Elks Lodge and that the Chamber would continue to offer those free of charge to community members. Lori seconded all in favor, none opposed.

VI. Fourth of July

- a. Fireworks Display
 - i. A multiyear contract was presented to the membership giving Western Display Fireworks the first right of refusal to provide our display. Discussion and clarification needed regarding the contract. The email explaining the contract was read and it was noted that we should plan ahead for when we are no longer allowed to launch the fireworks. Peter made a motion to sign the Multi Year Contract. Liz seconded all in favor, none opposed.
 - ii. **Grand Marshal Nominations and theme suggests are now being accepted. Please submit your nominations! We will select our 2019 Grand Marshals at our February Membership Meeting.**

VII. Correspondence & Member Announcements

- a. Thank you Letter from the Gilliam County Library Board thanking the Chamber for their support in bringing the Missoula Children's Theatre.
- b. Letter from our friends at the Gilliam County Historical Society.
- c. Peter Mitchell spoke on behalf of the Port of Arlington noting that the Port has been able to assist a number of Small Businesses locally get up and running. The Port's Small Business Assistance program really enables business owners to understand the ins and outs of running a successful business. If you are interested in learning more about the programs the Port offers please contact Peter today!
- d. The Port of Arlington will host a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the new Flex Building up on the Mesa in Arlington. 10/11/2018- 4 pm.
- e. The Woolery will host their annual Oktoberfest event on October 20th up on the Mesa at the future site of the Woolery. Julius Courtney encourages all to attend and take part in the fun! This year's event will honor the Clough family with guest of honor the Sallee Family.
- f. Amanda Hendricks of Country Massage invites you to take a look at her website and view all the amazing services she offers out of her massage studio. Hot stone, chair massage, tailored services, aromatherapy & more. Visit her website for more information: <http://www.countrymassage.net/>
- g. Lori Anderson noted that she is seeing many businesses and community members doing beautification projects to their homes and businesses and wants to encourage all of us to do the same! Take a look at what you can do to spruce up and make your space look great.
- h. Lisa Greene mentioned effective October 11th that she will no longer be working for Gilliam County OSU and thanked those who have supported her.

VIII. Upcoming Events

- a. Business and Residential Scarecrow Contest October 1-31st
- b. Oktoberfest – October 20th Arlington, Oregon

- c. Dollars for Scholars Dinner & Silent Auction October 20th
- d. Pumpkin Carving Contest Condon Elks Lodge
- e. October 26th Trick or Treat Main Street October 31st 3-5 pm
 - i. Haunted Hot Dogs @ Memorial Hall 5-6:30pm hosted by ALLETE Clean Energy
- f. Columbia Basin Annual Meeting November 1st
- g. Fall Festival November 17th 10-2 pm
- h. Condon Light Festival & Parade 5:30 pm
 - i. Followed by pictures with Santa and family fun at the Condon Elks Lodge
- i. Battle of the Bulbs Residential and Business Lighting Contest.
- j. Robert Burns Supper January 26th Condon Elks Lodge
- k. Tumbleweed Tournament March 9/10
 - i. St. John Prime Rib Dinner March 9

Adjournment:

The formal business meeting was adjourned at 9:55 am

The next meeting will be on November 8, 2018 – 8:30 am at the Condon Chamber of Commerce

K'Lynn Lane, Appointed Secretary

Date: 10/12/2018

CONDON SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION ANNUAL DINNER & AUCTION

All proceeds go to the Condon Scholarship Foundation. For tickets or to donate contact Laura Harsin 541-914-2948

OCT. 20TH 2018
ST. JOHN PARISH HALL
5:45 DOORS OPEN
6:30 DINNER

Presented by The Woolery Project, Inc. • Saturday, Oct. 20 • Arlington, OR
A Benefit for The Woolery Project

4th Annual OKTOBERFEST
AUCTION & DINNER - OCT 20, 2018

Join The Woolery Project and the Port of Arlington at the Port's new Flex Building, near the airport!

Enjoy Gilliam County's Premier Social Event!
 Tickets \$35 • Door Prizes

5:30 — Prime Rib Dinner with all the fixin's
 Dinner Music by Wheeler County Ramblers

7 pm — Huge Silent and Live Auctions Begin • Dance by Countryfied
 Memory Lane Photography will be there to help capture all the wonderful memories of the 2018 Oktoberfest!

Join us in honoring our 2018 Heritage Family — Alfred B. & Carol Anne Clough
 Guests of Honor — John & Mary Sallee, retired owners of Thrifty Market, having served the Arlington community for 37 years.

Raffle Prizes to include:
 Gun Safe • Pellet Grill
 Shotgun • MORE!

Watch our Facebook page for more information

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LET'S GET READY FOR HALLOWEEN WITH

A PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST

FRIDAY OCT 26TH 2018 • 5:00 PM
Elks Members & Guests
Condon Elks lodge



THE BEST PUMPKIN WINS A PRIZE!

OCTOBER 31 | 3-5 PM
CONDON, OREGON

TRICK OR TREAT MAIN STREET



Join us for
HAUNTED HOT DOGS
FOLLOWING TRICK OR TREAT MAIN STREET
OCTOBER 31ST | 5-6:30 PM
CONDON VETERAN'S HALL

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FALL FESTIVAL

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SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 17, 2018
10-2PM

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CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE

CONDON LIGHT FESTIVAL & PARADE THE POLAR EXPRESS

DECEMBER 1, 2018
MATINEE 4 PM
PARADE 5:30 PM
PHOTOS WITH SANTA
FAMILY FUN
AT THE ELKS LODGE



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BATTLE OF THE BULBS

BUSINESS & RESIDENTIAL
LIGHTING CONTEST

CONDON, OREGON DECEMBER 1ST-21ST