

**Condon Chamber of Commerce
Membership Meeting Minutes
March 09, 2017**

Members Present:

Holly Adam-LaRue, President; Delaney Watkins, Vice President; Melanie Wise, Treasurer; K'Lynn Lane, Executive Director; Rachel Weinstein, Lisa Greene, Max Klare, Kathryn Greiner, Silvia Durfey, Pat Reilley, Don Williamson, Mac Stinchfield, John Anderson, Lori Anderson, Rod McGuire, Peter Mitchell, Tony Price, Jennifer Bold, Mary Dyer, Rita Rattray, Dale Scobert, Sammy McCain.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:34 am by President Holly Adam-LaRue

II. Welcome & Introductions

III. Approve February Meeting Minutes

- a. Delaney Moved to approve the meeting minutes as sent out by email, Lori seconded. All in favor none opposed.

IV. Treasurers Report

- a. Total Liabilities & Equity -\$85,510.45

V. Staff Report

- a. Phone Calls: 44
- b. Email: 87
- c. Visitors: 40
- d. Assists: 30
- e. Member Referrals: 22
- f. Facebook
 - Likes: 821
- g. Website Visitors
 - January: 3,133
 - February: 2,929
 - March: 692

VI. Business

a. Membership Drive

- 138 PROUD Chamber of Commerce Members
 1. New Members
 - a. FHL Equine Services-Becky Hildabrand
 - b. SAFE
 - c. Jay LaRue Insurance
 - d. Litowich Law, P.C.-Sara Marie Litowich
 - e. Land & Wildlife-Josh Barnett
 - f. Gilliam County Auction Committee

b. Solar Eclipse

- Rachel Weinstein updated the members on the Solar Eclipse planning portion. Camping will be available at Burns Park and the City Golf Course. Reservations will be able to be made online at campnative.com. At this point Rachel stated "Gilliam County" is really trying to get an idea of just how many visitors to expect. Brewers Grade will be here to put on a concert on August 20th. For more information visit <http://www.co.gilliam.or.us/>.

VII. Summer Concerts & Artisans Markets

- a. Rod McGuire of Paradise Rose Chuckwagon & Catering has committed to attend our July 3 and August 4th concerts in the park. We are looking for food vendors for the June 9th and August 26th events. If you know of anyone who would be interested in attending as a food vendor please let us know.

VIII. Grand Marshall Nominations

- a. We are currently seeking nominations for this year's Fabulous Fourth of July Celebration. If you have a nomination please submit your correspondence to the Chamber by phone, email or letter. We will select our Grand Marshals at the May Meeting.

IX. Condon's Light Festival & Parade 2017

- X. It was brought to the Chamber's attention that parade participants would like to have somewhere to go following the parade. Join us following this year's parade in the upstairs of the Condon Elks Lodge as we host photos with Santa, dance to Christmas Carols and celebrate the season with friends and family.

XI. Main Street Benches

- a. Open discussion and ideas were shared about business sponsored benches. Kathryn mentioned the City has been looking into the repair of the damaged benches and one that needs to be removed permanently.

XII. Gilliam County Fair Outstanding Business Award

- a. Melanie moved that we continue to sponsor the OBA for the Gilliam County Fair. Rita seconded, all in favor none opposed.

XIII. Correspondence

- a. Registration Now Available for Cottonwood Crossing Summer Institute June 18-23, 2017 (FREE for area high school students and teachers)
 - <http://www.oregonstateparksfoundation.org/news-updates/latest-news/>

XIV. Member Announcements

- a. 50/50 Raffle supporting the Condon Child Care tickets available at Wheatland Insurance, Condon Child Care and at the Tumbleweed Tournament. Drawing will be done at half time of the Championship game on March 12th.
- b. March 22 5:30-7 pm Condon Child Care Spaghetti Feed/Bingo
- c. Jennifer Bold is currently in the process of filling out a grant for some funds from GOOGLE that will help with the signage on the building. April 3rd the Collins Foundation will be coming to Condon for a visit. So far the project is still on track with the goal to be open for the 17/18 school year.
- d. The Round Up Bar & Kitchen will be celebrating their 5 year anniversary on April 1st come join them in celebrating continued success.
- e. My Time Towing & Recovery now offering a 10% discount to all Veterans.
- f. The Woolery Project would like to host a Community Play/Dinner. Rod McGuire was looking for feedback from members who were present on hosting a community wide play/dinner fundraiser for The Woolery Project. Those in attendance thought the play and fundraiser was a great idea. Rod is now trying to decide what time of the year to host the event. For more information or to get involved, please contact Rod McGuire.
- g. Wheatland Insurance is excited to announce they have hired Marsha McGuire to join them in their new office in The Dalles.
- h. The SAFE Organization is excited to announce that motivational speaker Cara Fuller will be in Condon on April 20th at 10:15 am at the Condon High School. The event in Condon is open to the public. Cara will also be speaking in Arlington on April 21st at 1 pm, the event in Arlington is closed to the public.

- i. Gilliam County 4-H is currently hosting a Jamberry Nail Wrap fundraiser until March 14th. For more information visit the Gilliam County 4-H Facebook Page.
- j. A \$1,000 Scholarship in Kaela Resers name will be awarded to a graduating senior in June. Angela and Gus Jaeger will also be auctioning off a pig to raise funds for the scholarship fund.
- k. Sage and Stone Spa-Silvia Durfey announced she now has an infrared sauna available for use by appointment only. Special packages available.
- l. Peter Mitchell from the Port of Arlington spoke about the continual growth and improvements the Port is making at the Marina in Arlington. There is a boat ramp now available at the fuel doc with slips with beachfront access, just perfect for the windsurfing population. June 17th Arlington will host a Beach Bash Windsurfing/Kite Tournament. Keep an eye out for Arlington's Billboard campaign designed to encourage travelers to shop and grab a bite to eat locally.
- m. The Arlington Community Center plans to open their doors near the first of April. The facilities are ADA approved with a commercial Kitchen and lots of meeting space.
- n. **Upcoming Events**
 - March 11th & 12th Tumbleweed Basketball Tournament
 - March 11th-Burning Barrel Open
 - March 11th-St. Pats Dinner
 - March 11th-50/50 Raffle Condon Child Care
 - March 22nd-Condon Child Care Spaghetti Feed/Bingo
 - April 1st-Round Up Bar & Kitchen Celebrates 5 Years!
 - April 15th-Community Easter Egg Hunt
 - June 9th-Artisans Market & Summer Concert in the Park
 - July 3rd- Artisans Market & Summer Concert in the Park (FIREWORKS)
 - New this year! 4 Wheeler Rodeo
 - July 4th-Condon's Fabulous 4th of July
 - August 4th- Artisans Market & Summer Concert in the Park
 - August 5th-All Class Reunion
 - August 20th Brewers Grade Solar Eclipse Party
 - August 21st-Solar Eclipse
 - August 26th- Artisans Market & Summer Concert in the Park
 - August 30th-September 4th Gilliam County Fair
 - October 1st-Scarecrow Contest
 - October 31st-Trick or Treat Main Street/Haunted Hot Dogs
 - November 18th -Fall Festival/Shop Local Promotion
 - December 2nd-Condon Light Festival & Parade/After Party at the Elks
 - December-Battle of the Bulbs

Adjournment:

The formal business meeting was adjourned at 9:24 AM

The next meeting will be on April 13, 2017 – 8:30 AM at the Condon Chamber of Commerce

K'Lynn Lane, Appointed Secretary

Date: 12/12/16