

Condon Chamber of Commerce

Membership Meeting Minutes – August 09, 2018

Members Present: Holly LaRue; President, Pat Reilley; Vice President, Lisa Greene; Treasurer, K'Lynn Lane; Executive Director, Rod McGuire, Lori Anderson, Eileen Flory, Julius Courtney, Don Williamson, Peter Mitchell, Elizabeth Farrar, Deanna Longair, Rita Rattray, Rachel Weinstein, Morgan Jamieson, Eliane Bray.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am by President Holly LaRue

II. Approve July 2018 Meeting Minutes

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

III. Treasurers Report-Lisa Greene

a. Budget vs. Actual presented

- Lori asked for a more specific break down on special project funding to be presented at September meeting.
- Lori moved that the Treasurers report be approved Rita seconded. All in favor none opposed.

IV. Staff Report

a. Phone Calls: 43

b. Email: 72

c. Visitors: 59

d. Assists: 18

e. Member Referrals: 39

f. Facebook: Likes: 1072

g. Website Visitors

- June: 5984
- July: 4855
- August: 1297

h. New Members (186 Proud Chamber Members)

- Country Massage-Amanda Hendricks
- Tri County Veteran Services-Bryan Hunt
- Cutting Edge Salon-Shirlan McKay
- Back 40 Fencing-Troy Martin

i. Things to mention!

- 5 inquiries on rentals in Condon
- 2 new families moving to Condon, seeking town, community and local information
- 3 emails sent to Alumni looking for jobs/opportunities

V. Business

a. **Fourth of July**

- Donation from Wright Chevrolet
- Suggestions to offer more old fashioned games
 1. Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest
 2. Tug of War

- a. We would love for a Main Street Business to take over this event and offer it next year on the Fourth of July as an activity and event for visitors to take in! Please contact us if you are interested.
3. It was mentioned again that community members would like to see A Lady Liberty as part of our celebration and possibly a Captain America.
4. Correspondence from Hester Keys thanking the Chamber for hosting such a wonderful and fabulous Fourth of July.

b. Waste Management Funds

1. Kiosk Updates

- a. It was suggested that we look at revamping and changing out the Kiosk at the park. The new JDRT Focused Kiosk will replace the existing structure with and much more attractive structure and photos/information. We anticipate the information to be much more pertinent to what travelers and visitors are look for when they pass through our beautiful community. The John Day River Territory recently placed the same kiosks at 4 locations around the John Day River Territory and we are thrilled to have one in Condon.
 - i. K'Lynn made a recommendation that the members act on the opportunity and take the funds from the "Good Idea fund/Waste Management Gift" the cost for the new installed kiosk will run just under \$3,000.
 - ii. Peter made a motion to approve the cost of the new kiosk using the funds from the "Good Idea fund". Lori seconded, all in favor, none opposed.

2. Historic Main Street Benches

- a. We started the conversation regarding updated the benches on our historic main street replacing the existing structures. The idea was very well received and it was a unanimous consensus to pursue the project and include a few decorative bike racks. The Waste Management Fund Committee will add this to their project list and at this time are seeking suggestions for what you would like to see done with the generous gifts from Waste Management.
- b. We want to hear your ideas, see your designs and can't wait to see what the community envisions.

3. Condon Community Center – Rod McGuire

- a. An open discussion was had about a Condon Community Center and the hopes to create a place where community members can gather, dance, have fun, hold meetings, etc. K'Lynn will start the discussion with the County regarding the building behind the Library. The excitement about a Community Center was contagious. If you have a suggestion or if you would like to be part of the committee pursuing this project please contact us!

4. Fall Festival

- a. November 17th 10-2 pm
- b. Now signing up vendors (space is limited)

- c. Volunteers needed for set up and take down. Please contact the Chamber for 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.

5. Grant Request

- a. A grant request was submitted by Sage & Stone Spa to help with signage on Main Street Business.
- b. Discussion
- c. Rita made a motion to approve the grant request in the amount of \$511.73 Don seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

6. Community Photo

- a. Date/Time/Location
 - i. Discussion-it was decided we will schedule the community photo/bbq for the first summer concert of the 2019 season.

7. Other Business

- a. Gilliam County Public Library-Missoula Children's Theatre.
 - i. Morgan Jamieson made a request on behalf of the Gilliam County Public Library seeing funds to help assist in bringing the Missoula Children's Theatre to Condon. The request was for \$500. Elizabeth made a motion to approve the request, Rachel seconded. All in favor, none opposed.
 - ii. They will also be looking for families to host actors, if you are interested in hosting please contact the Gilliam County Library.

8. Trick or Treat Main Street

- a. 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.
- b. Participating Business Certificates will be emailed and businesses will be responsible for printing notification of participation.

9. Condon Light Festival & Parade

- a. 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".
- b. 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.

c. Member Announcements

- Eliane Bray is now working for the North Central ESD in the print shop and is available for all your printing and design needs. Eliane is in the office Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Eliane is the owner of Butte Creek Studios and is so excited to be working here in town.
- Lori Anderson thanked Brad Shannon for helping keep up the Summit Springs Fountain while she and Kent were on vacation.

VI. Guest Speaker-Deanna Longair

- OregonSaves is a new, state-run retirement program for employees of business who do not currently offer a retirement savings plan. It allows employees to save a part of each paycheck through payroll deductions facilitated by their employer and invest their savings in professionally-managed investment options in a Roth individual retirement account. Hear more details and ask questions on how this can be a tool to retain employees.
- If you have questions please contact Deanna at 541-220-8725 or by email at Deanna.longair@ascensus.com or find our more information at www.oregonsaves.com

VII. Upcoming Events

- a. Biggest Splash/Cannon Ball Pool Fundraiser August 19th 5 pm-7 pm
- b. Gilliam County Fair & Rodeo August 29th-September 3rd
 - Gilliam County Fair/Kids Day 1-4 pm
 - September 1st Gilliam County Cattlemen's Steak Feed 5-8:30 pm \$20
- c. Condon Elks Lodge ATV/Quad Poker Run September 22nd 8 am (RSVP)
- d. October
 - Business and Residential Scarecrow Contest
 - Trick or Treat Main Street October 31st 3-5 pm
 1. Haunted Hot Dogs @ Memorial Hall 5-6:30pm hosted by ALLETE Clean Energy
 - Oktoberfest – October 20th Arlington, Oregon
- e. Fall Festival November 17th 10-2 pm
- f. Condon Light Festival & Parade 5:30 pm
 - Followed by pictures with Santa and family fun at the Condon Elks Lodge
- g. Battle of the Bulbs Residential and Business Lighting Contest.

Adjournment:

The formal business meeting was adjourned at 9:49 am

The next meeting will be on September 13, 2018 – 8:30 am at the Condon Chamber of Commerce

K'Lynn Lane, Appointed Secretary

Date: 08/14/2018



YOU ARE INVITED
TO MAKE A BIG SPLASH!
CANNON BALL
BEST TRICK
BIGGEST SPLASH
CONTEST
 AUGUST 19, 2018 • 5:00 PM
 CONDON SWIMMING POOL
 CONDON, OREGON
 \$5 EVENT ENTRY/\$12 TO COMPETE IN ALL 5
 CONDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FUNDRAISER

2018 GILLIAM COUNTY FAIR
AUGUST 30TH-SEPTEMBER 2ND
HONOR THE PAST
IMAGINE THE FUTURE



HONORING YOUR 2018 GRAND MARSHALS
 FRANK & GARNETT BETTENCOURT

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30TH
 KIDS FAIR 1-4 PM
FRIDAY, AUGUST 31ST
 HORSE EVENTS 2 PM
 REGISTRATION @ ARENA
 ART FASHION REFUGE 6 PM
FRIDAY-SUNDAY MIDWAY EVENTS
 FUN KID ACTIVITIES

- BOUNCE HOUSE
- GIANT SLIDE
- OBSTACLE COURSE
- SPARING PIT
- LADDER CLIMB CHALLENGE
- PHOTO BOOTH

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST
 OSU BENNY THE BEAVER 2 PM
 STEAK FEED 5-9 PM \$20 PER PERSON
 GILLIAM COUNTY CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

OREGON HIGH SCHOOL RODEO
 SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND @ 10 AM
 MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD @ 8 AM
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 1ST
 4H LIVESTOCK AUCTION &
 AWARDS PROGRAM 4 PM

SEE YOU AT THE FAIR!
 FAIR ADMISSION \$3
 FAIR BUTTONS AVAILABLE AT
 LOCAL BUSINESSES IN
 ARLINGTON AND CONDON



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 CALL THE FAIR BOARD OFFICE 541-364-4129

CONDON YOUNG LIFE PRESENTS

GILLIAM COUNTY FAIR

KIDS DAY



AUGUST 30TH, 2018
FROM 1 PM - 4 PM

OMSI
 Engaging Activities for Kids & Families
 Water Wars
 Face-Painting
 Roping Bull
 Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest
 Demonstrations
 Emergency Services
 Photo-Booth
 Food Vendors - Music & More!
Join us for an afternoon of fun!



GILLIAM COUNTY CATTLEMEN'S

STEAK FEED

SEPTEMBER 1, 2018
5-9 PM
GILLIAM COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS
STEAK DINNER WITH
ALL THE FIXINGS
\$20 PER PLATE

 Condon Elks Lodge & Past Exalted Rulers



Gilliam County History-Wildlife-Beauty
**ATV & Quad
 POKER RUN**
 September 22nd-2018

- All day Group Ride (70 miles)- 8 AM Start Time
- \$20 per rider-\$10 poker entry

For more information & to RSVP contact
 Jim Hassing jimbo4138@yahoo.com or 541-993-0416

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 AUCTION & DINNER - OCT 20, 2018

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Each rifle will come in a specially crafted display case, built by Dennis Thompson of The Dalles.

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 Prime Rib Dinner prepared by Paradise Rose Chuckwagon Catering
 Dinner Music by One Hum & Wheeler County Ramblers
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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

HOSTED BY:


**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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FALL FESTIVAL



JOIN US
FOR OUR
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SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 17, 2018
10-2PM

CONDON

MEMORIAL HALL &
ELKS LODGE



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