

**Condon Chamber of Commerce
Membership Meeting Minutes
July13, 2017**

Members Present:

Holly LaRue, President; Delaney Watkins, Vice President; Melanie Wise, Treasurer; K'Lynn Lane, Executive Director, Mary Dyer, Rita Rattray, Sammy McCoin, Lori Anderson, Rachel Weinstein, Pat Reilley, Shaina Watkins.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Welcome & Introductions

III. Approve June Meeting Minutes

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

IV. Treasurers Report

- a. Total Current Assets: \$78,395.51

V. Staff Report

- a. Phone Calls: 74
b. Email: 97
c. Visitors: 209
d. Assists: 28
e. Member Referrals: 35
f. Facebook: Likes: 876
g. Website Visitors (please check out the new and improved Chamber of Commerce Website)
 - June: 4589
 - July: 2312
 - 1. 33% from Google/8% from City of Condon/3% Travel Oregon
- h. **New Members:**
 - Little Creek Outfitters (Marty & Mia Sheppard)
 - Painted Hills Vacation Rentals European Cottages
 - **148 Condon Chamber of Commerce Members**

VI. Business

a. Condon's Fabulous Fourth of July

- Home Run Derby/Harvesters Classic Softball Tournament
 - 1. Submitted \$1,679.25 to the Kaela Reser Memorial Scholarship. 8 teams competed for the championship trophies. The winning team was from Hermiston, Oregon. The stands were full of spectators and fans; it was a wonderful turnout for a first year tournament. Next year the tournament will be held June 30-July1st with the Home Run Derby to be held the night before.
- Dave Barnett-Memorial Golf Tournament
 - 1. Hosted by Paul Barnett and family this year's tournament raised just over \$1050 with funds to be donated to students of the International Club.
- 4-Wheeler Rodeo
 - 1. The 4-Wheeler rodeo was put on by the Gilliam County Fair Board and was sponsored in part by Watkins Trucking was a huge success with a large number of competitors and fans in the stands cheering. The event was a draw for a family from Vancouver who ended up staying and spending the entire Fourth of July holiday with us.

- Artisans Market/BBQ/Concert
 1. The July 3rd Artisans Market was a huge draw for new vendors and shoppers alike! The bbq was a huge success with Paradise Rose selling out and the concert in the park drew in largest crowds to date!
- Breakfast/Morning Program
 1. A huge thank you to ALLETE Clean Energy for hosting this year's breakfast at the park with nearly 380 people eating. The morning program was one of our best yet! A huge thank you to our speakers, the American Legion and Natalie Ositis who performed the National Anthem.
- Windmill Classic
 1. A huge thank you to Kathryn Greiner and Tom Fatland and family for all their work in putting on the Windmill Classic.
- Hula Hoop Contest
 1. Thank you Murray's Condon Pharmacy for hosting and sponsoring the Hula Hoop Contest. This year's winner was Adeline Moser and she hula hooped for 32 minutes. There were 25 participants in the hula hoop contest.
- Fabulous Fourth of July Parade
 1. Thank you Jeff & Nichole Schott Family for once organizing the parade. This was without a doubt one of the best participated in parades we have had in years, with 33 parade entries! Please consider participating next year as a way to promote your business. Thank you to Historic Condon Rental Properties for sponsoring the \$100 towards local certificates for the parade winners.
- Soap Box Derby
 1. Thank you to sponsors Kevin & Eileen Potter who host and sponsor the trophies for the derby. Each kid participating this year won a trophy.
- Tricycle Race
 1. Thank you to Condon's Young Life group for organizing the registration table and races. This year's tricycle race was a huge success with nearly 60 participants both young and old.
- Sidewalk Chalk Art
 1. Thank you Lisa Greene and the Bank of Eastern Oregon for allowing us to use your parking lot and thanks Lisa for managing the masses.
- Kids Races
 1. The kids races are hosted by -Mike Miller & Family. We couldn't do it without them. Thank you to Wheatland Insurance for sponsoring the 4 cases of water for the event.
- Ticket Sales/Raffle
 1. Ticket sales were down this year significantly we would like to really encourage our vendors who agree to sell tickets to try and push ticket sales in advance of the Fourth.
- Suggestions & Comments for next year:
 1. The Floor was opened for discussion
 - a. Businesses encouraged to participate in the parade next year! Use it as an opportunity to advertise and market yourself. Become an event sponsor.
 - b. Make raffle ticket sales a competition between Main Street Businesses to see who can sell the most tickets.
 - c. Tricycle Races-Uses numbers that are easier to put on arm or back. Consider prize money for winners instead of prizes.
 - d. Use a tent at the gate for breakfast/ticket sales
 - e. Encourage a non-profit or organization to do pop/water sales prior to and during the parade.
 - f. Concessions at the Four Wheeler Rodeo

b. Solar Eclipse

- July 20th 7-PM Join us for our “Solar Eclipse After Hours” gathering where community and business members will be encouraged to come and hear about how to plan and prepare for the Solar Eclipse.
- Rachel Weinstein -OSP projects 30,000 to 60,000 vehicles to travel through Gilliam County. She expects to have firmer numbers closer to the date of the event.
- Solar Eclipse Glasses are available in the office for members to pick up.
- Kaylee Griffith of KC’S Country Value is helping organize a street fair in Fossil for August 20th from 2-6 pm so those in the area can also take in the concert in the park. Vendor spaces are free and you are encouraged to contact Kaylee Griffith at KC’s Country Value for more information.
 1. kccountryvalue@gmail.com 541-763-2233.

VII. Correspondence

a. Thank you from Inland NW Musicians

b. Member Announcements

c. Rita Rattray noted that the river has been busy but does seem to be slowing down as the river levels drop. She also mentions what a relief that is for her and Denny. If you have never attended the Calgary Stampede she also suggests it should be added to your list of things to see. Also if you have never taken an overnight trip down the John Day, Rita encourages you to do so, mentioning it was a once in a lifetime experience.

- Camping spots are available at The Corrals Campground this summer and also during the Eclipse.
- Thouvenal Rental house available for Vacation or short term rental options. Located near Historic Downtown Condon. Contact Rita for more information.

d. Upcoming Events

- July 20th-Solar Eclipse After Hours
- July 22nd-Woolery Open Golf Tournament
- 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 9:13am

The next meeting will be on August 10, 2017 – 8:30 AM at the Condon Chamber of Commerce

K’Lynn Lane, Appointed Secretary

Date: 07/18/2017