

# **Condon Chamber of Commerce**

## **Membership Meeting Minutes – April 12, 2018**

**Members Present:** Holly LaRue- President, Pat Reilley-Vice President, Lisa Greene- Treasurer, K'Lynn Lane-Executive Director, Elizabeth Farrar, Max Klare, Don Williamson, Rachel Weinstein, Pat Shannon, Rita Rattray, Eileen Torrey, Cody Bettencourt, Shellie Johnson, Rob Turrie, Mary Dyer, Kathryn Greiner, Peter Mitchell., Mac Stinchfield.

### **I. Call to Order**

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

### **II. Welcome & Introductions**

### **III. Approve March 2018 Meeting Minutes**

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

### **IV. Treasurers Report-Lisa Greene**

- a. Budget vs. Actuals was presented, there were no questions.

### **V. Staff Report**

- a. Phone Calls: 43
- b. Email: 87
- c. Visitors: 64
- d. Assists: 21
- e. Member Referrals: 32
- f. Facebook: Likes: 1009 +37 since March
- g. Website Visitors
  - March: 7562
  - April: 2905
  - **Average: 5167 Visitors a month!**
- h. New Members (169 Proud Members)
  - RDO – John Deer Wasco, Oregon
  - Watkins Excavating
  - Countryside Dispatch
  - Kerns Irrigation
  - GMW Industries
  - Condon Scholarship Foundation
  - Dunn Bros Sheep Company
  - Greater Oregon Behavior Health Inc.
- i. Things to mention!
  - Correspondence packets mailed out to two students one who was researching Gilliam County and the other was doing a report on Oregon and Myrtle Potter wanted to be sure she knew about this part of the state.
  - We sent the new Attainable Housing Program's information to two alumni who are planning to move back home!
  - Summer Events listed on the Travel Oregon website with assistance from Elizabeth Farrar and Rachel Weinstein.

- We assisted in helping plan a three generation family vacation to the area this June, the woman mentioned how thrilled she was that she called to inquire about the area. Her entire family is looking forward to making the trip.
- Incentive page to draw in visitors from Cottonwood Canyon State Park/Townsend Guest House/Wilson Ranches Retreat/Homer Guest House in progress. Updates to come!

## **VI. Business**

### **a. PCDC Attainable Housing Program/Opportunity-Rob Turrie**

- PCDC along with other stakeholders in the Community were part of an Oregon Solutions Project to look into what we can do to increase the inventory of available housing in Gilliam County.
  1. Incentives Program's were distributed to members who are present and are available upon request. For more information or to request an application please contact Rob Turrie with Pioneer Community Development [rturrie@ncesd.k12.or.us](mailto:rturrie@ncesd.k12.or.us)

### **b. GEODC Annual Meeting & Luncheon Recap-K'Lynn Lane**

- It was a wonderful turnout at the Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation Annual Meeting and Luncheon. With the help of our Vice President Pat we set up a very nice display promoting our members. I anticipate several of those we visited with will be coming to Condon or through this summer. Many were excited to hear about the light parade and the concerts in the park. Thank you Darla Seale for helping with the wonderful table centerpieces. It's an honor to attend events like this and promote our wonderful businesses and our Counties as a whole. We sure have a lot to be proud of!

### **c. 2018 Fourth of July**

#### **• Grand Marshal Reception Host Wanted**

1. The Grand Marshal Reception will be held during the BBQ on July 4<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for a business or an organization who would like to help "host" the reception.

- a. Shellie Johnson has offered to make 2 dozen cookies to contribute

#### **• Donation/Raffle**

1. Letters requesting a donation were mailed early last week, please consider donating to this year's Fourth of July Raffle, it's a fantastic way to promote your business and services or showcase your brand. Raffle ticket sales fund the following years fireworks. Please submit your donation by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### **• Volunteer**

1. If you would like to volunteer for this year's Fourth of July we have just the job for you. Several opportunities prior to Wednesday's big event!

#### **• Parade & Soap Box Derby Participation is Encouraged**

1. Join us as we celebrate "An Old Fashioned Fourth of July" take advantage of this unique opportunity to advertise for your business! Businesses and organizations are encouraged to participate in the parade and 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Soap Box Derby.

### **d. Gilliam County Cultural Coalition Grant**

- We were successful in our grant request and will receive \$500.00 to help fund the Summer Concert Series/Artisans Market. We are thrilled and would like to thank the Cultural Coalition for their support.

**e. Community Service Tokens**

- Recipient Darla Seale-Congratulations for 30 years on Main Street you are a gem!
- 50 tokens will be ordered from Name Badges By Jan and Triad Trophies.

**f. Hospitality Bags**

- 12 items needed by June 1<sup>st</sup>
- It's amazing the response we have received from the Welcome Bags. Please consider contributing 12 items to finish out the 2018 year. Next year we will plan for 24 bags! Please drop off your items at your Chamber office Mon-Thursday 8:30-12 or email [kentlori57@gmail.com](mailto:kentlori57@gmail.com) to arrange a pick up. This is a wonderful way to make a first impression and to promote your business.

**g. Candidates Forum**

- Sunday April 15<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm we will host a Candidates Forum at the Memorial Hall in Condon, Oregon. There will be refreshments social from 2-3 where you can come early and visit with your community members and candidates. Questions can be submitted before the forum.
- Please consider attending!

**VII. Correspondence**

- a. Thank you from Kevin & Eileen Potter
- b. Mac's Musings-Changes on Main Street

**VIII. Member Announcements**

- a. Rita Rattray-No Access to Thirty Mile from the Ranch at this time.
- b. Kathryn Greiner-May 10<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm Veterans Memorial Hall Broadband/Fiber Workshop
  - Distance Learning
  - OHSU telemedicine
  - Q Life (Economic Development)
  - Broadband 101
  - Frontier Telenet Emergency Services
- c. June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for trophies and plaques, engraving if you hope to have done by July 4<sup>th</sup>. Contact Nick and Cody Bettencourt at [badgesbyjan@hotmail.com](mailto:badgesbyjan@hotmail.com) for more information or to place your order today. Also visit their new website <http://www.badgesbyjan.com/>
- d. GOBI community services are now active in Gilliam County. We have information available at the office if you would like to know more about what services are available.
- e. A Town Throw Down is coming up on June 16<sup>th</sup> and Peter Mitchell encourages Condon to put together a SUP Team to participate. You and your team can enter for free on [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com) link on the Port's Website. Get ready for live music, great food, drinks, vendors, & fun. Gilliam County vendors needed and wanted, there is no cost to set up. For more information visit <https://www.portofarlington.com/>

**IX. Upcoming Events**

- a. Candidates Forum April 15<sup>th</sup> – 3 pm Condon Veterans Hall
- b. ATV-Poker Run Condon Elks Lodge Fundraiser April 21<sup>st</sup>
- c. Woolery Golf Tournament-May 5<sup>th</sup> China Creek Golf Course
- d. Broadband/Fiber Workshop May 10<sup>th</sup> Memorial Hall
- e. A-Town Throw Down June 16<sup>th</sup> (backup wind days 15/17)
- f. Harvesters Classic Home Run Derby June 29<sup>th</sup>

- g. Harvesters Classic Softball Tournament – June 30-July 1<sup>st</sup>
- h. Dave Barnett Memorial Golf Tournament June 30<sup>th</sup>
- i. Fourth of July Celebration – July 4<sup>th</sup>
  - Artisans Market & Concert in the Park-Fireworks
- j. Fossil Cruz In Car Show/Wheeler County Blue Grass Festival July 6-7-8
- k. Four Wheeler Rodeo-July 7<sup>th</sup> 12 pm
- l. Artisans Market & Concert in the Park-August 3<sup>rd</sup>
- m. All Class Reunion August 4<sup>th</sup>-Condon Elks Lodge
- n. Gilliam County Fair & Rodeo August 29<sup>th</sup>-September 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Adjournment:**

The formal business meeting was adjourned at 9:17 am

The next meeting will be on May 10, 2018 – 8:30 am at the Condon Chamber of Commerce

K'Lynn Lane, Appointed Secretary

Date: 04/12/2018