

Condon Chamber of Commerce

Membership Meeting Minutes – March 8, 2018

Members Present:

Holly LaRue, President, Pat Reilley, Vice President; Lisa Greene, K'Lynn Lane, Executive Director. Shaina Watkins, Max Klare, Don Williamson, Peter Mitchell, Ritra Rattray, Lori Anderson, Elizabeth Farrar, Delaney Watkins, Rachel Weinstein, Dale Scobert, Pat Shannon, Mary Dyer, David Zaworski, Mac Stinchfield, Jessica Isely, Darla Seale, Jan Manwell.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Welcome & Introductions

III. Approve February 2018 Meeting Minutes

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

IV. Treasurers Report-Lisa Greene

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

V. Staff Report

- a. Phone Calls: 62
- b. Email: 95
- c. Visitors: 79
- d. Assists: 14
- e. Member Referrals: 27
- f. Facebook: Likes: 972
- g. Website Visitors
 - February 6770
 - March 1517
 - Avg. 4076 visitors a month!
- h. New Members (161 Proud Members)
 - Rachel Weinstein
 - David & Kathryn Greiner
 - Triple H Homestead
 - Dan Robinson Wheeler County Ramblers
 - Rivers Edge Deli & BBQ
 - Pat's Pheasant Grill

VI. Business

a. Chamber Restructure/Non Profit 501(c) 6

- Chamber Restructure-Lisa opened up the discussion on the possibility of the Chamber restructuring and becoming an official Non-Profit 501 (c) 6. Lisa shared with the membership the benefits of restricting and the opportunities it will allow our organization. Holly entertained a motion to dissolve the current chamber and starting the process to become a 501 (c) 6 Rachel made the motion Elizabeth Liz seconded. All in favor none opposed.

b. In house payroll

- It was recommended by legal council to consider outsourcing payroll so that the employee would receive a W-2 from the Condon Chamber of Commerce. Other details include a yearly fee of : Payroll - \$720.00 including monthly paper filing and an Annual Filing fee of just \$180.00. Lisa has researched several payroll companies and has found that NW Payroll Solutions out of The Dalles to be the most affordable. She also noted that the Budget committee planned for some expenses such as this and that the Chamber made some adjustments to account for some transitioning this year. Holly entertained a motion to approve Payroll done by NW Payroll out of The Dalles Lori made motion Delaney seconded all in favor none opposed.

c. 2018 Fourth of July

- **Grand Marshal**

1. Grand Marshal Nominations were distributed and ballots were distributed. The 2018 Grand Marshals selected were Kevin & Eileen Potter.

- **2018 Condon's Fabulous Fourth of July Theme**

“An Old Fashioned Fourth of July”

VII. Member Announcements

- a. Thouvenal House is available for short term rentals again
- b. 50/50 Raffle for Condon Child Care drawing will be held at half time of the championship game on Sunday. Center is hoping to raise \$30,000 to finish building project. Need not be present to win.
- c. Peter Mitchell Port's website is interactive and a wonderful addition to the County. Stay up to date on what your Port of Arlington is up to and read meeting minutes online. June 16th A-Town Throwdown a celebration of Stand up paddle board. This year there is a BIG Air & Hydrofoil conetest. This is a new sport brining a lot of people into the region and all over the Pacific Northwest. Vendor space is available for anyone who wants to vend. Local artisans can participate at no charge. Anticipating big crowds for both spectators and participants. Beer & Wine Garden, Live Music, Family and Fun. Please show your support! Sponsorship opportunities available. Registration is done online eventbrite.com you can register and pay online. If you want to help volunteer there is a job for you! This is a BIG community event contact Peter today to see how you can become a valuable piece of the events success. Local Food Vendors, Happy Canyon Beer Garden, Paradise Rose Chuckwagon & Catering. Vendor space is limited.
- d. The Port of Arlington helped assist a local Condon Company with their truck brokerage firm. The Port has supplied funding to do support training and cover initial equipment costs. Coming June 2018 Countryside Dispatch INC. Will be operating in Condon, with a new office building.
- e. Rachel Weinstein Gilliam County Attainable Housing project has been officially funded by the County Court is officially up and running with four programs helping to fund new construction, housing abatement and rehabilitation, Demolition and utility extension. call Rob Turrie at PCDC for more information or to pick up an application.
- f. Pat Shannon owner of the Rivers Edge Deli & BBQ announced they will be hosting a Couples Paint Party taught by Kathy Dill Spears in May. For more information please contact Pat at 541-454-2300.

VIII. Upcoming Events

- a. Community Easter Egg Hunt March 31st – 10 am Condon City Park
- b. Crab or Steak Feed at the Condon Elks Lodge April 7th

- c. Candidates Forum April 15th – 3 pm Condon Veterans Hall
- d. ATV-Poker Run Condon Elks Lodge Fundraiser April 21st
- e. Woolery Golf Tournament-May 5th China Creek Golf Course
- f. A-Town Throw Down June 16th (backup wind days 15/17)
- g. Harvesters Classic Home Run Derby June 29th
- h. Harvesters Classic Softball Tournament – June 30-July 1st
- i. Dave Barnett Memorial Golf Tournament June 30th
- j. Fourth of July Celebration – July 4th
 - Artisans Market & Concert in the Park-Fireworks
- k. Four Wheeler Rodeo-July 7th 12 pm
- l. Artisans Market & Concert in the Park-August 3rd
- m. All Class Reunion August 4th-Condon Elks Lodge
- n. Gilliam County Fair & Rodeo August 29th-September 3rd

Adjournment:

The formal business meeting was adjourned at 9:15 am

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

K'Lynn Lane, Appointed Secretary

Date: 03/12/2018