

Condon Chamber of Commerce

Membership Meeting Minutes – September 13, 2018

Members Present: Holly LaRue; President, Pat Reilley; Vice President, K'Lynn Lane; Executive Director, Lori Anderson, Don Williamson, Elizabeth Farrar, Rita Rattray, Mac Stinchfield, Max Klare, Dustan Hall.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Approve August 2018 Meeting Minutes

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

III. Treasurers Report-Lisa Greene

- a. Budget vs. Actual presented

IV. Staff Report

- a. Phone Calls: 26
- b. Email: 67
- c. Visitors: 55
- d. Assists: 18
- e. Member Referrals: 33
- f. Facebook: Likes: 1079
- g. Website Visitors
 - August: 4042
 - September: 1295
- h. New Members
 - 188 Proud Members
 - The Twickenham River House
 - Condon RV Park
- i. Things to mention!
 - A lot of fun was had at the first Annual Condon Water Olympics held on August 19th at the Condon Swimming Pool. We had over 13 participants and we raised over \$200.00.
 - \$300 donation from the Gilliam County Fair Board (for work done on posters for events)
 - \$12,500 gift received from Waste Management
 - \$15,000 special projects grant received
 - 4 inquires on rentals in the area
 - We received a special award for the most outstanding organizational booth at the Gilliam County Fair. Business cards, brochures and flyers were distributed

V. Business

a. Waste Management Fund Committee

• Kiosk Updates

1. We will be installing three new kiosks in the following locations: Condon City Park, Burns Park & Mountain Identifier. The new JDRT Focused Kiosks will replace the existing structures. We anticipate the information to be much more pertinent to what travelers and visitors are looking for when they pass through our beautiful community.

2. The cost per kiosk is roughly \$3,000.

• **Historic Main Street Benches/Bike Racks**

1. New bench design ideas were presented to the membership. Those present loved the direction the committee was pursuing. A total of six benches will be replaced on Main Street. If you or your business would like to donate to the project please let us know!

- a. Do you happen to have an old Tailgate or 2 old steel Element/Farming Wheels you would like to donate to the Chamber for the Historic Main Street Bench Project? Please let us know if you would like to contribute to the unique designs.
- b. Each bench is expected to cost \$1000
- c. Lori suggested we do a “Tailgate Party” to celebrate the completion of the bench project!
- d. Elizabeth Farrar is chairing the bike racks and is working with an artist to create a dual art installation rack that will tie in with our Historic Main Street. All project ideas will need to be reviewed by the City of Condon Historical Committee.
- e. An update will be provided at the October membership meeting regarding the benches and bike racks.

2. **Welcome to Condon Sign**

- a. Mac gave an encouraging update on the Welcome to Condon Sign that will be placed on the East entrance of town. Larry Hardie has agreed to help with the lettering and Mac anticipates being able to round up enough local craftsmen to create the rock foundation. Mac is also working on the placement of the sign and plans to update the membership at the October membership meeting.

3. **Very Good Idea Fund**

- a. 10% will be put into the Very Good Idea Fund

4. **Fall Festival**

- a. Please join us on November 17th 10-2 pm for our Annual Fall Festival. Vendors WANTED (space is limited) if you would like a table please register now! Be sure and invite friends and family to come up and shop for the day!
- b. Volunteers needed for set up and take down. Please contact the Chamber for a wonderful 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
- c. Location-we are still waiting to hear of the status of the Memorial Hall and have a backup plan in place.

5. **Shop Small/Christmas in Condon Promotion**

- a. The Annual Shop Small/Christmas in Condon promotion will kick off on November 17th and run until December 21st. We are looking for sponsors for the promotion. If you are interested in sponsoring or helping sponsor the Shop Small promotion please let us know.

- i. \$225 to sponsor the entire promotion! Your business will be featured on the punch cards and will be highlighted on the prizes.**

- 1. Other sponsorship amount options**

- a. \$100**
- b. \$50**
- c. \$50**
- d. \$25**

- b. Summer Concerts/Artisans Markets**

- Proposed dates for the 2019 Summer Concerts/Artisans Markets in the Park

- 1. June 7th or June 14th

- a. This event will also include the town photo/BBQ

- i. Discussion: members present felt the 14th would be the best date for a June concert.

- 2. July 4th & July 6th

- a. Discussion on having a concert on July 4th or if we should have one on the weekend instead. We are looking for feedback and comments from community members as to what they would like to see.

- i. Wheeler County Blue Grass Festival will be held on Friday July 5-Sunday July 7th.

- 3. August 2nd or 3rd

- a. Discussion on how we could add to the ALL Class Reunion

- We are looking for band suggestions! Please send us your suggestions and we will follow up with the bands as we confirm dates for our 2019 Summer Concerts in the Park.
- We are also looking for sponsors for the Concerts in the Park! Sponsors receive a huge amount of publicity; this is a wonderful way to promote your business! Please contact us for sponsorship information.

- c. Scarecrow Contest**

- All businesses and community members are encouraged to participate in the Annual Scarecrow Contest. The contest will begin October 1st and run through October 31st. This year ballots can be cast online through Facebook or by emailing your vote to the Condon Chamber of Commerce.

- 1. Business winners will receive; 1st place-One Year Membership to the Condon Chamber of Commerce, 2nd place-1/2 off Membership Dues, 3rd place-1/2 of Membership Dues.

- 2. Residential winners will receive gift certificates to local businesses in the amount of 1st-\$50 2nd-\$25 3rd-\$20

- d. Trick or Treat Main Street**

- 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 pm.

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

- e. Condon Light Festival & Parade**

- 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”.
 - 1. 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. Thank you to Parade sponsor Columbia Basin Electric!
 - 2. Join us after the parade for photos with Santa at the Condon Elks Lodge.
- f. Hospitality Bags**
- Lori Anderson would like to thank the businesses who participated in this round of hospitality bags and remind businesses that it’s not too late to participate. The hospitality bags are a wonderful way to welcome new members to our community and a great way to promote your business and services.
- g. Fireworks Display**
- A multiyear contract was presented to the membership giving Western Display Fireworks the first right of refusal to provide our display.
 1. Discussion and clarification needed regarding the contract. K’Lynn to follow up and present findings in October.
 - Fireworks contract for 2019 display was presented in the tune of \$5500.00. Lori made a motion to approve the contract for the 2019 show, Elizabeth seconded. All in favor none opposed.
- h. Member Announcements**
- My Time Towing & Recovery are here to help you clean up any abandoned cars within the city limits. The removal of the car is done at no cost to the landowner. If you have a car or a vehicle you would like to have removed from your property, please contact Don at 541-384-2242.
 - Don Williamson is also working on an indoor/outdoor shooting range at the Air Base. The range will be used by Sheriff’s departments in three counties and will be an asset to 4-H organizations and community members. They are currently looking for investors and someone who holds a Federal Firearms License.

VI. Upcoming Events

- a.** Condon Elks Lodge ATV/Quad Poker Run September 22nd 8 am (RSVP)
- b.** Symptoms of Influences of Drugs Seminar September 25th -6 pm Gilliam County Emergency Services Building
- c.** Business and Residential Scarecrow Contest October 1-31st
- d.** Gilliam County Historical Society Annual Dinner October 10th
- e.** Oktoberfest – October 20th Arlington, Oregon
- f.** Trick or Treat Main Street October 31st 3-5 pm
 - Haunted Hot Dogs @ Memorial Hall 5-6:30pm hosted by ALLETE Clean Energy
- g.** Columbia Basin Annual Meeting November 1st
- h.** Fall Festival November 17th 10-2 pm

- i. Condon Light Festival & Parade 5:30 pm
 - Followed by pictures with Santa and family fun at the Condon Elks Lodge
- j. Battle of the Bulbs Residential and Business Lighting Contest.

Adjournment:

The formal business meeting was adjourned at 9:23 am

The next meeting will be on October 11, 2018 – 8:30 am at the Condon Chamber of Commerce

K'Lynn Lane, Appointed Secretary

Date: 09/17/18

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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4th Annual OKTOBERFEST
AUCTION & DINNER - OCT 20, 2018

Two Henry Tribute Edition Rifles in Auction!!

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

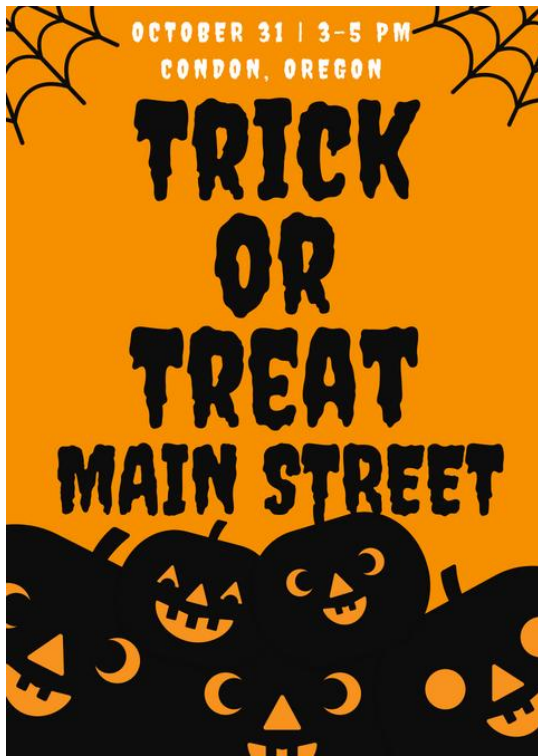
Back In the Big Tent on the Port of Arlington Peninsula!!
Prime Rib Dinner prepared by Paradise Rose Chuckwagon Catering
Dinner Music by One Hum & Wheeler County Ramblers
Huge Silent and Live Auctions • Dance by Countryfied

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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

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ALLETTA PHOTOGRAPHY

FALL FESTIVAL

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SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 17, 2018
10-2PM

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COMMERCE



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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541-384-7777 OR WWW.CONDONCHAMBER.ORG



**BATTLE OF
THE BULBS**



**BUSINESS & RESIDENTIAL
LIGHTING CONTEST**

CONDON, OREGON DECEMBER 1ST-21ST

