

**Port Orford and North Curry Chamber of Commerce
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
October 13, 2008
Paradise Café**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Port Orford and North Curry (PO-NC) Chamber President David Smith on October 13, 2008, at 1:04 p.m.

- **Board members present:**
David Smith, Jim Billings, Dian Marple, Chuck Schaumburg, Cindy Schaumburg, Evan Kramer, and Bob Mielenz

- **Board members absent:**
None

- **Participants & guests:**
Jim Auburn-mayor of Port Orford
Carol Berger-Port Orford News/Arts Council
Reverend Christine Richardson-guest
John Roorbach, Candidate for Mayor of Port Orford

It was determined that a quorum of the board was present.

Minutes

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve, as written, the minutes for the September 8, 2008 board meeting of the PO-NC Chamber of Commerce.

Additions to Agenda

Two items were added to the Agenda under New Business: PO/NC Chamber Newsletter and Chamber's Sign Space Above the Port of Port Orford.

Public Input

Chuck Schaumburg announced that he had been hired by Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CCEC) to speak to all of the boards of all chambers of commerce in Curry County and Coquille, Myrtle Point, and Bandon chambers in Coos County about the Touchstone Energy Co-op Connections Program that CCEC is sponsoring for its members in its service territory. The Co-op Connections Program is a "shop local" program under which local merchants sign up to provide some kind of a discount or other incentive to CCEC members

with the Co-op Connections Program cards to shop in their establishment/store/shop/etc. instead of traveling out of the area to shop. Mr. Schaumburg will visit with local merchants and offer them access to the program. Mr. Schaumburg responded to questions.

Committee Reports

- **Management & Marketing:**
The board received a brief report.

- **Financial Report:**
Jim Billings gave the financial report and responded to questions.

- **High-Speed Internet:**
David Smith reported on the high-speed internet agenda item.

- **Visitors' Center/Parks Update:**
Jim Billings gave a report on the visitors' center and the parks. There were 3640 sign-ins in September. The traffic numbers are still high. There are now two new park hosts. Billings advised that the parks dept is looking for volunteers who like to play tennis to assist in upgrading the tennis courts.

- **AWRC Report:**
Chuck and Cindy Schaumburg reported on the America's Wild Rivers Coast (AWRC) matters. The Southern Oregon Visitor's Association (SOVA) travel hosts/Oregon welcome center staff will be coming through the area to visit the Crissy Field visitor center on the Oregon/California border.

Evan Cramer departed, but it was determined that a quorum of the board remained.

- **Garrison Lake Restoration Committee:**
There was no report available.

- **POORT Liaison Report:**
Jim Auburn and David Smith reported on POORT activities and marine reserves and believe the marine reserves proposed by POORT are best for the community and the fishing fleet.

- **Senior Board:**
There was no report available.

- **Office Report:**
The office report was brief and Jim Billings talked about requests for information that have come to the chamber office.
- **Agriculture Subcommittee Report:**
Chuck Schaumburg spoke about the Rural Crime/Neighborhood Watch Workshop that was recently held in Langlois.

Old Business

- **Website Calendar/Updates:**
Chamber webmaster Alicia Billings is working on the website calendar and updates.
- **Membership Drive:**
The president advised that the membership drive is still ongoing. The chamber has 6 new members. The membership count is 44.
- **Advertising and Maps:**
A brief report was given.
- **Website:**
David Smith advised that Alicia Billings is still working on getting the website repaired.
- **Speed Sign:**
David Smith reported that approximately \$1400 have been donated to the speed sign project. Mr. Smith agreed to contact the person who wants to match the donated funds and to go ahead and get started on getting a fixed speed sign installed and operating at the north entrance to Port Orford.
- **Area Maps:**
Copies of the area maps are available at the visitors' center for merchants to pick up for distribution to their customers.
- **Relocation Website:**
The chamber's relocation website is under construction.
- **Renewals:**
The chamber membership renewals were discussed.

- **Community Picnic:**
No report was given.

New Business

- **DSL Sign Up:**
The DSL sign-up report was given by David Smith. The sign-up process is going well.
- **Masquerade Ball:**
The chamber's masquerade ball was discussed. Plans were made for the Chamber's Masquerade Ball on November 1, 2008. Board members were given tickets to sell, and the board was advised that silent auction items are needed.
- **Christmas Lighting Contest:**
President Smith asked the board if it wanted to sponsor the Christmas Lighting Contest competition with the Gold Beach Chamber of Commerce. Following a brief dialogue, President Smith was instructed to contact the Gold Beach Chamber of Commerce and to set up the Christmas lighting contest competition similar to last year's contest.
- **PO-NC Chamber Newsletter:**
President Smith asked the board if it would be willing to produce a PO-NC Chamber Newsletter. A chamber member would like to advertise in a Chamber Newsletter and on a Chamber Events Calendar. The chamber president will look into starting a PO-NC Chamber Newsletter.
- **Chamber's Sign Space Above the Port of Port Orford:**
The Chamber has received an offer to purchase its sign space above the Port of Port Orford. Following a brief discussion, the board agreed, by consensus that the sign space is not for sale and President Smith was instructed to pen a negative response to the offer to purchase the sign space.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

Future Meetings and Community Events:

11/1/2008 – 6:00 p.m. – Chamber Masquerade Ball
11/10/2008 – 1:00 p.m. – Chamber Board Meeting-Port & Starboard