

**Port Orford and North Curry Chamber of Commerce
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
September 8, 2008
Port & Starboard Restaurant**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Port Orford and North Curry (PO-NC) Chamber President David Smith on September 8, 2008, at 1:06 p.m.

- **Board members present:**
David Smith, Jim Billings, Dian Marple, Chuck Schaumburg, Cindy Schaumburg, and Evan Kramer
- **Board members absent:**
Bob Mielenz
- **Participants & guests:**
Alicia Billings-chamber webmaster & POORT
Ed McQuade-high speed internet rpt/Garrison Lake restoration rpt
Jim Auburn-mayor of Port Orford
Carol Berger-Port Orford News/Arts Council
Reverend Christine Richardson-guest

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 August 11, 2008 board meeting of the PO-NC Chamber of Commerce.

Additions to Agenda

One item was added to the agenda under New Business, Proposed Resolution to endorse concept of a Port Orford Community Stewardship Area.

Public Input

There was no public input.

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:**
Ed McQuade reported on the Verizon DSL sign-ups that took place on the 5th & 6th. They were expecting an estimated 60 to sign up on the first day and a few on the second day. They had an actual count of 148 on Friday and 50 on Saturday. McQuade described the sign-up process and verification of accessibility, and added that there is a great interest in high-speed internet in the Port Orford area.
- **Visitors' Center/Parks Update:**
Jim Billings gave a report on the visitors' center and the parks. There were 3981 sign-ins and 46 tour buses in August. There are now two sets of binoculars for Battle Rock Park and the trees donated by Gerri Creighton have been planted in Buffington Park.
- **AWRC Report:**
Chuck and Cindy Schaumburg and David Smith reported on the America's Wild Rivers Coast (AWRC) matters. They are still working on the workforce training grant.
- **Garrison Lake Restoration Committee:**
There was a brief report from Ed McQuade.
- **POORT Liaison Report:**
Alicia Billings gave a report on POORT activities, and potential marine reserve nominations & protected areas.
- **Senior Board:**
Carol Berger gave a brief report for Mark Murray. The event to raise funds for the speed sign is still being planned.
- **Office Report:**
The office report was brief and Jim Billings talked about requests for information that have come to the chamber office. David Smith reported on the chamber's membership renewals.
- **Agriculture Subcommittee Report:**
Chuck Schaumburg spoke about crime prevention, protection, theft, and other matters. The Curry County sheriff will attend a public meeting on Rural Crime/Neighborhood Watch to be held in Langlois in the near future.

Old Business

- **Website Calendar/Updates:**
Chamber webmaster Alicia Billings is working on the website.

- **Membership Drive:**
The president advised that the membership drive is still ongoing.

- **Advertising and Maps:**
A brief report was given.

- **Website:**
Alicia Billings advised that there have been problems with the chamber's web server. The problems involved some serious security issues. She notified Chamber President Smith and due to the serious security issues, he authorized immediate action to secure the chamber's websites. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to ratify President Smith's actions and Alicia Billings moving of the Chamber's Websites to Lotus Web Design's servers to host the chamber's websites and to authorize the annual hosting fees for the portorfordchamber.com, discoverportorford.com, and portorfordinformation.com and to relocate the websites. In consideration of the seriousness of the security issues, the board approved the president's actions, and the president agreed to notify the board should he be compelled to take similar actions in the future.

- **Speed Sign:**
No additional report was available.

- **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 have been mailed and renewals are being returned.

- **Community Picnic:**
The president reported that the Labor Day Community Potluck picnic was a great success.

New Business

- **DSL Sign Up:**

The DSL sign-up report was given earlier in the meeting.

- **Masquerade Ball:**

The chamber's masquerade ball was discussed. Plans included the date for the event and the price of tickets at \$30 per person with the proceeds to go to the Port Orford/North Curry County Chamber Scholarship Fund. Details were discussed, including limit of 100 tickets, the menu, over-21 event, music and entertainment, silent auction and gathering of auction items, and costume contest.

A motion was made to schedule the chamber's masquerade ball for November 1, 2008 as set forth in the discussion, and the motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

The chamber board approved the creation of the PO/NC Chamber Scholarship Committee to create the scholarship criteria to be recommended to the chamber board for approval. The committee members appointed by President Smith were: David Smith, Jim Billings, Cindy Schaumburg, and Jim Auburn.

- **Proposed Resolution: Stewardship Area:**

President Smith explained the purpose of the proposed resolution for the chamber's endorsement of the concept of a Port Orford Community Stewardship Area with the objectives of influencing state and federal legislation in the creation of marine reserves. It was reported that most of the local fishermen are in favor of the stewardship area.

A motion was made that the Port Orford and North Curry County Chamber of Commerce adopt the proposed resolution to support and endorse the concept of the Port Orford Community Stewardship Area. The motion was seconded, and following additional discussion about the stewardship area opening doors for additional grant funds to promote growth at the port, the motion unanimously carried.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Future Meetings and Community Events:

10/4/2008 – 6:00 p.m. – Heritage Society Dinner & Dance
10/13/2008 – 1:00 p.m. – Chamber Board Meeting-Paradise Café
11/1/2008 – 7:00 p.m. – Chamber Masquerade Ball