

**Port Orford and North Curry Chamber of Commerce  
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors  
January 12, 2009  
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 January 12, 2009, at 1:00 p.m.

- **Board members present:**  
David Smith, Jim Billings, Dian Marple, and Chuck Schaumburg
  
- **Board members absent:**  
Cindy Schaumburg and Evan Kramer  
one board seat is vacant
  
- **Participants & guests:**  
Alicia Billings-chamber websites/POORT liaison  
Jeff Ferguson-Jerry's Rogue River Jet Boats  
Steve Wellhite-Jerry's Rogue River Jet Boats  
Ed McQuade-Garrison Lake restoration committee  
Mark Murray-chamber senior board/committee  
Carol Berger-Port Orford News/arts council  
Reverend Christine Richardson-guest

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

- **Election Results:** President Smith announced the following election results:
  - Jim Billings and Dian Marple were reelected to the PO-NC Chamber of Commerce.
  
  - vacant board position: the person with the most write-in votes for the vacant board position was Jim Auburn. President Smith will contact Mr. Auburn to determine if he will accept the position and report back to the board with Mr. Auburn's answer.
  
- **Election of officers:** President Smith called for the election of officers for the PO-NC Chamber of Commerce. The election results were as follows:

- President Smith called for nominations for chamber president for 2009. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to reelect David Smith as chamber president.
- President Smith called for nominations for chamber vice-president for 2009. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to reelect Jim Billings as chamber vice-president.
- President Smith called for nominations for chamber treasurer for 2009. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to reelect Evan Kramer as chamber treasurer.
- President Smith called for nominations for chamber secretary for 2009. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to reelect Dian Marple as chamber secretary.

President Smith declared that the officers listed above were reelected to the Port Orford-North Curry Chamber of Commerce.

### **Minutes**

The minutes for the December 8, 2008 board meeting of the PO-NC Chamber of Commerce were not available for review or action. This item was tabled until the next board meeting.

### **Additions to Agenda**

Chuck Schaumburg added one item to the Agenda under New Business, 1<sup>st</sup> bullet: Hospitality 101 Grant.

### **Public Input**

- **Touchstone Energy Program from Coos-Curry Electric Co-op**  
There was a brief discussion about the Touchstone Energy Program and merchants were encouraged and urged to get their contracts to participate in the program turned in to Coos-Curry Electric Co-op as soon as possible.

### **Committee Reports**

- **Management & Marketing:**  
President Smith reported on TLT funds.

The president added that a decision needs to be made regarding the renewal of the SOVA listing. Chuck Schaumburg pointed out that the listing should include North Curry County. Following a discussion concerning language that should be added, if possible, to the SOVA listing, a motion to approve the SOVA membership and listing based on and subject to review by Chuck Schaumburg and Jim Billings, to include, if possible, North Curry, Cape Blanco Lighthouse, the Hughes House, and windsurfing, the motion was seconded and carried.

The Oregon Coast Magazine ad was discussed. The president will work on the Mile by Mile ad but will wait to find out if the chamber will receive any TLT funds.

- **Financial Report:**

Jim Billings gave the financial report.

- **Visitors' Center/Parks Update:**

Jim Billings gave a report on the visitors' center and the parks. There are still good numbers of visitor sign-ins for this time of year. The Whale Watch count was 643 whales.

Alicia Billings advised that a bio-filter system is being planned for Battle Rock Park. The system should help catch and filter storm water, oil, and other materials in the parking lot's runoff. The system should also help resolve the existing erosion problem.

Alicia Billings informed the board that there are still about 40 of the old jail "ivy tiles" available for purchase as a memento/piece of history at \$10 each. Tile #1 will be raffled off. The drawing for the raffle will be February 14, Oregon's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday.

- **AWRC Report:**

Chuck Schaumburg reported on the America's Wild Rivers Coast (AWRC) matters. Schaumburg advised that the following are important happenings in the area and that chamber board and members should attend the following:

- 2/2/2009, 4p – 7p – the kick-off of the Hospitality 101 grant training at the Gold Rush Center in Gold Beach
- 3/8-10/2009 – Welcome Center Conference/Tradeshow at Curry County Fairgrounds in Gold Beach
- 5/13/2009, America's Wild Rivers Coast spring kick-off – the 5 chambers are: Klamath, Crescent City, Brookings-Harbor,

Gold Beach, and Port Orford/North Curry – Gold Rush  
Center in Gold Beach

- **Garrison Lake Restoration Committee:**

Ed McQuade gave a brief report on the Garrison Lake Restoration Committee. He advised that the committee will be meeting soon to decide whether or not the committee members want to continue with the committee, and if they do wish to continue, to determine the future objective of the committee. Mr. McQuade also mentioned the upcoming water festival on 3/28.

- **POORT Liaison Report:**

Alicia Billings reported on POORT activities and advised that the water festival is slated for 3/28/2009 at the community center.

- **Senior Board:**

Mark Murray advised the board that he wants to organize a chamber barbecue fundraiser perhaps on 2/14, Oregon's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday or sometime in March. Mr. Murray will work with President Smith to organize the event.

- **Office Report:**

The office report was brief, and Jim Billings advised that 172 requests for information were received by the chamber office in December.

- **Agriculture Subcommittee Report:**

Chuck Schaumburg gave a brief report.

- **Websites:**

President Smith advised that the chamber's webmaster Alicia Billings is working on the chamber's websites. A concern was voiced about the use of relocation website grant funds and its designation in the chamber's budget. Following the discussion, President Smith was asked research the question and report back to the board.

### Old Business

- **Membership Drive:**

The president advised that the membership drive is still ongoing.

- **Advertising:**

There was a brief report on advertising.

- **Maps:**

The new masters for the Port Orford/North Curry maps are in the possession of President Smith. Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative, Inc. will provide copies of the new map to the visitors' center for distribution to visitors and local merchants.

- **Speed Sign:**

Mark Murray advised that he is still interested in and working on raising funds for the speed sign project.

- **Renewals:**

The chamber membership renewals were discussed.

The board received a request from the Port Orford News to trade its chamber membership for advertising. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried to trade the chamber membership of the Port Orford News for advertising.

- **Christmas Lighting Contest:**

The Christmas Lighting Contest was reviewed. Gold Beach won the toss between Gold Beach and Port Orford.

There was a discussion of the potential business and residential winners in Port Orford. The winners were 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places for:

Businesses: 1<sup>st</sup> Wooden Nickel  
2<sup>nd</sup> Downtown Fun Zone

Honorable mention:

Kar Kare Center  
McNairs' True Value

Residential: 1<sup>st</sup> Ed Shriver  
2<sup>nd</sup> McGowans

- **Mile by Mile:**

The Mile by Mile publication was discussed earlier in this meeting.

### New Business

- **Hospitality 101 Grant:**

The Hospitality 101 Grant was discussed earlier in this meeting.

- **Nominees for the Chamber's Annual Awards:**

The board briefly discussed the nominations for the chamber's annual awards and discussed a cut-off date for chamber members to submit annual awards ballots to the chamber. Jim Billings and David Smith will tally the ballots and prepare/order the appropriate awards.

- **Chamber's Annual Awards Banquet:**

President Smith advised that the chamber's annual awards banquet is scheduled for January 30, 2009 from 6p – 8p at the Port & Starboard Restaurant. Anyone who wants to attend the banquet can sign up at the Port Orford Visitors' Center.

- **Nominees for Business of the Month:**

The board discussed creating a new award for "Chamber Business of the Month." Following discussion, it was the consensus of the board that the board shall create a monthly award and choose a business each month to receive it.

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

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**Future Meetings and Community Events:**

1/30/2009 – PO-NC Chamber Annual Awards Banquet – Port & Starboard
2/9/2009 – 1:00 p.m. – Chamber Board Meeting – Paradise Café