

**Port Orford and North Curry Chamber of Commerce
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
June 8, 2009
Port and Starboard Restaurant**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Port Orford and North Curry (PO-NC) Chamber President David Smith on June 8, 2009, at 1:01 p.m.

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

- **Board members absent:**
Cindy Schaumburg

- **Participants & guests:**
Ed McQuade-Garrison Lake Restoration Committee
Alicia Billings-POORT & chamber webmaster
Christine Richardson-chamber member
Lynn Hackleman-potential member & volunteer

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

Minutes

A motion was made by Jim Billings, seconded by Jim Auburn, and unanimously carried to approve, as written, the minutes for the May 11, 2009 board meeting of the PO-NC Chamber of Commerce.

Additions to Agenda

Two items were added to the agenda under new business: Charter Communications Update and Declaration of Cooperation-Oregon Solutions. The agenda was approved as amended.

Public Input

Lynn Hackleman introduced herself to the board and volunteered to help out at the visitors' center.

Committee Reports

- **Management & Marketing:**
President Smith gave a brief report.

- **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 were 2140 visitors' sign-ins in May and 6 resident whales were noted. The parks dept is continuing to work on the clean-up and the SOLV project was a success. He advised that the parks department is trying to obtain some of the playground equipment located at the Langlois School that is closing. Parks plans to have a painting of a whale done on the storm drain near the visitors' center.

- **AWRC Report:**
Chuck Schaumburg reported on the America's Wild Rivers Coast (AWRC) matters. He spoke of the map project and gave an update on the 101 Hospitality grant.

- **Garrison Lake Restoration Committee:**
Ed McQuade reported that the Garrison Lake Restoration Committee will meet quarterly. He spoke about the recent water festival and the water testing project. The Port Orford Ocean Resource Team's (POORT) project to create the branding of Port Orford fish was mentioned.

- **POORT Liaison Report:**
Alicia Billings reported on the POORT happenings, and the marketing by the POORT. There is a nice article on Port Orford in the *Edible Portland* magazine. Ms. Billings mentioned the wave project and the grant application for a new building project at the port. The project, supported by the combined efforts of POORT, the Port of Port Orford, and the City of Port Orford, has been approved to go to the governor for assistance, and all of the parties involved are excited about the possibilities.

- **Senior Board:**
No report was available.

- **Office Report:**
Jim Billings advised that 261 requests for information were processed by the chamber office, and that he has the July 4th fireworks for sale by the chamber, including the permit, ready to go.

- **North Curry County/Langlois Report:**

Chuck Schaumburg gave a brief report on happenings in the North Curry County/Langlois area. Law enforcement's presence has been increased recently due to the latest spate of illegal break-ins and the county, state, and federal (USFS) can be frequently seen cruising through the North Curry County area. Schaumburg talked about the Curry County booth for the state fair, the Copper Salmon Wilderness Area, and the Coastal Scenic Loop brochures.

- **Websites:**

Alicia Billings is working on the chamber's websites. She has refabricated the database for businesses for all three sites and chamber members' businesses will get more exposure than non-member businesses.

Old Business

- **Membership Drive:**

The president advised that the membership drive is still ongoing.

- **Advertising:**

The report was brief.

- **Speed Sign:**

The speed sign project was discussed.

- **Brochures:**

President Smith produced a draft brochure for review and proposed that the board authorize an additional sum to print more brochures. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to increase the budget for the brochures an additional \$500 for a total of \$2000 to print the Port Orford-North Curry Chamber of Commerce brochures.

- **Renewals:**

The chamber membership renewals are almost ready to be mailed.

New Business

- **Charter Communications Update:**

Evan Kramer advised that he had been contacted by Charter Communications regarding Charter's ability to provide basic internet, cable TV, and phone in one package. He is signing up to see what they have to offer.

- **Declaration of Cooperation – Oregon Solutions:**

President Smith read the declaration document and recommended that the board give him approval to sign. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to approve, as presented, the Declaration of Cooperation – Oregon Solutions.

- **July 4th:**

The board held a dialogue concerning the July 4th activities. The only thing the chamber is involved in on July 4th is selling fireworks. The chamber wants its members to be able to run their own businesses and make money on the 4th.

- **Business of the Month – June 2009:**

There was a brief discussion concerning the *Business of the Month* award for June 2009. The Downtown Fun Zone was nominated. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried that the Business of the Month for June 2009 will be the “Downtown Fun Zone,” and the president agreed to prepare the appropriate certificate and present it to the Business of the Month.

Adjourn

The next meeting is scheduled for July 13th at the Paradise Café.

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Future Meetings and Community Events:

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| 7/13/2009 – 1:00 p.m. – Chamber Board Meeting – Paradise Café |
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