

**Port Orford and North Curry Chamber of Commerce
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
March 9, 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 March 9, 2009, at 1:00 p.m.

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

- **Board members absent:**
Cindy Schaumburg and Chuck Schaumburg

- **Participants & guests:**
Ed McQuade-Garrison Lake Committee
Mark Murray-chamber senior board/committee
Alicia Billings-POORT & chamber webmaster
Karen Auburn-Oregon Main Street Program
Dave Wilhite-chamber member
Tim Poqwizd-Port Orford city council member
Grace Bonnell-chamber member

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

Minutes

A motion was made by Jim Billings, seconded by Evan Kramer, and unanimously carried to approve, as written, the minutes for the February 9, 2009 board meeting of the PO-NC Chamber of Commerce.

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 deferred until the next board meeting.

Additions to Agenda

The Agenda was approved.

Public Input

There was no public input.

Committee Reports

- **Management & Marketing:**

President Smith advised that he had attended the Welcome Oregon Conference and that it was well attended. The president also reported on the Mile-by-Mile ad which has been prepared and which is about 1/3 of a page. Publishing this ad keeps the spot available to the chamber in the next publication.

- **POORT Liaison Report:**

Alicia Billings reported on the POORT happenings.

- **Websites:**

Alicia Billings is working on the chamber's websites. Ms. Billings announced that the relocation website at portorfordrelocation.com went live today 3/9/2009, and she described the website, how it can be used, and how it can be updated by the chamber. Ms. Billings continues to work on all of the chamber's websites.

- **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 963 visitor sign-ins in February. A "whale watch" and "beach clean-up" are scheduled for March. The Parks Dept received a grant from SOOLV and parks is continuing the brush cutting and the cleanup of the boat ramp area.

- **AWRC Report:**

David Smith reported on the America's Wild Rivers Coast (AWRC) matters. The 101 Hospitality is moving forward, but Port Orford is still not getting any recognition.

- **Garrison Lake Restoration Committee:**

Ed McQuade reported that the outflow system on Lake Garrison is working as it should. The committee met in January and there was a lengthy discussion as to whether the committee should continue. The decision was made to continue the Garrison Lake Restoration Committee but that the committee will not meet every month. The Water Festival is scheduled for April 2009 and the committee and Ed McQuade will promote

Garrison Lake as an animal refuge and fish habitat in addition to an alternate water source for Port Orford.

- **Senior Board:**

Mark Murray gave a brief report and talked about the speed sign project.

- **Office Report:**

The office report was brief, and Jim Billings advised that 346 requests for information were received by the chamber office in February.

- **Agriculture Subcommittee Report:**

No report was available.

Old Business

- **Membership Drive:**

The president advised that the membership drive is still ongoing.

- **Advertising:**

There was a brief report.

- **Speed Sign:**

The board held a brief dialogue.

- **Mile-by-Mile:**

The Mile-by-Mile publication and ad were discussed earlier in this meeting.

- **Chamber's Contract With the City of Port Orford:**

President Smith advised the board that he had taken the draft contract to the city and that a proposed contract is expected to be presented at the next Port Orford City Council meeting.

New Business

- **Brochures:**

There was a discussion about the chamber's budget and what the chamber member receives as a benefit for a chamber membership. There was a discussion about the possibility of ordering new brochures. President Smith appointed a brochure committee to start gathering content for a brochure and to put a brochure together. A motion was

made to allow the brochure committee to spend up to \$1500 to create a new brochure and order the printing of the new brochure for distribution.

- **Oregon Main Street Program Support Letter:**

President Smith read a draft chamber letter of support for the Oregon Main Street Program. A motion was made and seconded to endorse the Oregon Main Street Program and to execute the chamber's letter of support. It was noted specifically that the chamber does not endorse any proposal to change main street Port Orford from a four-lane highway to a two-lane highway. The motion unanimously carried.

- **WiFi at the Visitors' Center:**

The board held a discussion concerning the possibilities of having WiFi connectivity at the Port Orford Visitors' Center. The president will research the potential of having that service available to visitors to Port Orford.

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

There was a brief discussion concerning the *Business of the Month* award for March 2009. The Paradise Café was nominated. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried that the Business of the Month for March 2009 will be the "PARADISE CAFÉ," and the president agreed to prepare the appropriate certificate and present it to the Business of the Month.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

Future Meetings and Community Events:

4/13/2009 – 1:00 p.m. – Chamber Board Meeting – Paradise Café
