



**OREGON PARKS ASSOCIATION
BOARD AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
JANUARY 20, 2006
CLATSOP COUNTY/HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS
ASTORIA, OREGON**

Meeting Called To Order By President Maureen Crawford (Crook County):

Board Members Present: Christine Johnson (Lane County); Larry Robison (Coos County); Chris Wayland (Washington County); Lorrie Harvey (Baker County); Brian Carroll (Linn County); **Members Present:** Mike McLees (Clackamas County); Georgia Solomonson (Clackamas County); Jeff Smith (OSMB); C. Wayne Rawlins (OPRD); Marilyn Lippincott (OPRD); and Steve Meshke (Clatsop County); **Guests Present:** Art Schlack (AOC)

1. Announcements/Introductions: Crawford called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Introductions were made and then Mike McLees announced that as of January 1, 2006, a new department was created at Clackamas County called Business and Community Services with Dan Zinzer as the Director. This new department includes Clackamas County Parks and Forest Property Resources, North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District, the County Library, the Law Library, and the County Fair. Before the end of the year, it may also include Dog Control and Economic Development.

2. Approval of Minutes: Crawford asked for approval of the minutes from the November 15th meeting, and if there were no objections she would entertain a motion.

Motion: Wayland moved that the minutes from the November 15, 2005 meeting be approved as submitted. Carroll seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous in favor.

3. Treasurer's Report: Johnson distributed a copy of the Treasurer's Report and then read it into the record.

Motion: Carroll moved that the Treasurer's Report be approved as presented, McLees seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Crawford said that Tim Wood, OPRD Director, is putting together a conference to bring together the park leaders in Oregon, on January 31, 2006. OPA has offered to cover the \$12 registration fee up to \$1,000. Rawlins said that OPRD thanks OPA very much.

4. Committee Reports

Legislative – Hutton: Hutton was not present so Carroll reported – the Legislative Committee held a meeting in Eugene on December 16, 2005 to discuss issues that are of concern for both ORPA and OPA and whether or not we could work together on them. Bob Keefer, current Chair of the ORPA Legislative Committee, was present and provided an agenda for the next legislative year -- it was reviewed for issues we specifically wanted to target. Some of these included:

- Supporting OPRD if the issue of separating the State Fair from OPRD came up.
- Supporting OPRD's grant programs.
- The issue of putting a cap on SDC's as well as including schools and libraries in this fund. Art Schlack, with AOC, added that they have been watching this issue for a while and are very concerned especially with the idea of putting a cap on the amount of SDC's collected as well as putting allocation of the funds in the control of the County Boards.
- Forest Legacy (aka Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act) – only one more payment due to Counties in the fall before this program needs re-appropriated. Schlack added that this is a very big deal for the State of Oregon – Oregon gets more money from this program than any other State and we will be competing with two major hurricanes and a war for funds in the President's budget. Schlack added that if by chance it is appropriated, if it will be at the level it was before or not is anyone's guess.
- Sports Fish Restoration Program – this item wasn't discussed at the meeting but Carroll feels is a major concern. Carroll stated that he received a grant back in July or August of 2005 and still as not received a contract from ODF&W. We need to voice our concerns about problems with getting contracts on time as well as reimbursement payments. Rawlins suggested talking with the Chief of Fisheries or calling the US Fish and Wildlife office in Portland and talking to someone in their Fish Restoration Dept. – let them know our concerns – there being such a short window that the projects covered under this grant program can be completed. He also said a note to Roy Ellicker, the acting Director, wouldn't hurt either.

The other topic discussed at this meeting was the Lobbyist that ORPA hired to act as watchdog on legislative issues that might affect parks and whether or not we should pay to have them provide the same service for OPA. However, Bill Penhollow contacted Randy Hutton suggesting the possibility of AOC providing this service to OPA. Art Schlack said that depending on what we wanted AOC to do for us would determine if there would be a fee or not. Carroll stated that his main concern is hearing about issues in enough time to be able to respond. Also, if we hired AOC to provide a service for us and an issue came up that the Counties were in favor of but AOC was not, how would it be handled. At this point it was determined that the Legislative Committee needed to meet again and outline the services we would want AOC to provide for OPA.

Membership Committee – Carroll: Carroll had nothing to report. Johnson stated that membership renewal letters will be going out in the next couple of weeks.

Marketing & Networking – Johnson: Johnson reported that she has been doing a little updating on the web site but has not been able to meet with Chris Ashburn yet to talk about how to enter “key words” for our website. However, once the decision is made whether or not to change the OPA Logo, she will make an appointment with Ms. Ashburn to talk about the logo and key words.

Time Deposits – Johnson spoke with Jan Wilson, Wells Fargo in Lincoln City, and she suggested we might want to combine the two Time Deposits for a \$10,000, seven month certificate that could earn 3.75% interest. Since one of the TD’s matures on February 11, 2006, we need to have a decision now if that is the route we want to go.

Motion: Carroll moved that the Board recommend we not renew the Time Deposit maturing on 2/11/06 and hold it in a savings account until such time as the other TD matures in July 2006. Then we would either combine the two, or if money were needed before then to fund an AOC legislative partnership, these funds would be available for that purpose. Wayland seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Nominations Committee – Hutton: As Hutton was not present, there was nothing to report.

Conference Committee – Chambers: As Chambers was not present Crawford reported that when she last spoke with Chambers he planned on checking prices and amenities at Salishan Lodge. Carroll reported that Carrie King in his office would be willing to help out with the conference. Johnson suggested that we set a date for the first Conference Planning Committee meeting – which should probably occur before the next Board meeting on March 17th – so that we can at least set the conference dates. Harvey suggested we have it the day before the Park Leaders Conference at Silver Falls on January 31st. Johnson will e-mail the Conference Planning Committee that we will meet at the Best Western in Sublimity on January 30th.

5. Old Business:

Gary A. Ward Grant & Education Scholarship Sub-Committee – Crawford: Crawford had the final draft of the scholarship application form. She incorporated the changes that were suggested at the last sub-committee meeting and the form was available if anyone wanted to review it.

Jeff Powers Recognition: Crawford said that she and Todd Winter had planned on presenting the plaque we had made for Jeff at the Redmond City Council meeting on January 16th, but Winter was unable to attend so they will reschedule the presentation for another meeting in the future.

By Laws & Logo Changes Vote Update – Crawford/Johnson: Crawford stated that Johnson sent an e-mail to the membership to vote on both the By Laws and Logo changes. Crawford received only six responses back and they were all in favor of both changes. Regarding the logo change, Wayland suggested taking a vote of the present membership.

Motion: Carroll moved that the Board approve changing the OPA Logo from the beaver to the tree design. Wayland seconded the motion, and the vote from the Board and the membership present was in favor except McLees who was against – motion carries.

Crawford said that the changes to the By Laws would put the responsibility of the Gary A. Ward Grant and Education Scholarship Sub-Committee under the Nominations Committee – specifically, the Chair of the Nominations Committee along with the current President would determine which members would sit on this sub-committee. A minimum of three people, to include the Secretary/Treasurer, would be picked. The duties of this sub-committee will include evaluating and scoring the applications received and then awarding the scholarship(s). Applications would be forwarded to the current Secretary/Treasurer from the P.O. Box.

Robison suggested moving the description of the sub-committee and the list of duties to it's own section and label it "F", after E. Annual Conference Committee. Wayland asked if once the changes were completed and the Board approved them would everyone get a revised copy? Also would the Membership Packets also be update? Crawford responded yes, to both questions.

Motion: Wayland moved that the Board accept the vote of the membership to change the By Laws, to include the details discussed here today. Carroll seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Teleconferencing May Board Meeting – Update: Crawford said that Todd Winter was going to check into the possibility of holding this type of meeting in Lane County. Johnson said that she was told that Public Works had the facilities to provide video teleconferencing, but she was unsure if Randy Hutton was able to move the Board meeting he had scheduled in May at the River House in Jackson County to the meeting date in July. Crawford said that he told her it would work and that everyone should change there meeting calendars to reflect the change – May meeting in Lane County and the July meeting in Jackson County. We will continue to move forward then to see if we can make this work.

6. New Business:

Campground Guide Sub-Committee – Crawford – Johnson – Preston-Mills: Crawford stated that this sub-committee hasn't met yet but Johnson has had a chance to review the material we received from Jeff Powers. Johnson said that the biggest

challenge as always, is getting the updated information from each County. And we will need to be well into that process to determine how many pages we will have. At that point we can then go out to bid to see what our printing costs will be. Carroll said that back when Craig Tudor was still with OPRD, there was a statewide campground map that had all the State and Federal campsites on it but not the Counties. Carroll felt it would be worth the money to include County sites on this map as well and then incorporate it in the guide as a pullout. Rawlins said to check with Jean Thompson at OPRD about this map.

OSMB – Jeff Smith: Smith stated that to date, they have not received any emergency requests for flood repairs. Although they have received quite a few inquiries on maintenance issues regarding sediment on ramps. Smith reminded everyone to take pictures and then send him an e-mail with the details and then keep him updated. McLees asked for a better understanding of when they can clean ramps off – specifically during high water and they are just putting the sediment back in the river where it came from – without being ticketed. Smith said he would have to go back and discuss this with OSMB. Round 2 funding begins March 16th in Portland, location to be determined. About \$1 Million in OSMB funds are available and another \$700,000 in ODFW funds. They have received about \$1.5 Million in grant requests.

Smith and Carroll attended the inaugural meeting of the State Programmatic General Permit program (SPGP) in Salem and came away with more questions than answers. This is a new Corps of Engineers permit option and is administered through the Division of State Lands. Only one permit application is required, provided the project meets certain criteria. The intent is to streamline the permit process, provide a greater certainty of approval, and get quicker decisions. There is a narrow scope of projects that fit the requirements of SPGP. Most OSMB funded projects will not qualify.

Smith stated that at this same meeting, DEQ did a presentation on storm water plans and both Smith and Carroll said it was very well done. Carroll said that any project that puts down over 500 sq. ft. of impermeable surface would be impacted. OSMB is aware of this and are incorporating post-construction storm water management plans into their designs. Carroll added that it will impact the grant processes for OPRD, if they require you to do a storm-water management plan, according to the presenter, they may require you do the engineering as well.

Smith said that the whole issue of cultural and historical resource on project sites is becoming more of an issue. In fact, with the Sports Fish Fund it is a requirement – they will not sign off until the cultural surveys have been satisfied. However, US Fish has agreed to recognize SHPO's (State Historic Preservation Office) authority on the cultural aspect of these projects. OSMB has a meeting on January 23rd with SHPO to discuss the whole process and see what it will take to make it work for everyone. Rawlins added that SHPO doesn't want grant applicants to go to them for help until their grants have been approved.

The last item Smith had to present was that at their recently completed Boat Show, where water safety awareness was emphasized, they gave away 4,500 children's personal floatation devices.

OPRD – Wayne Rawlins and Marilyn Lippincott: Lippincott stated there would be about \$400,000 available for Land and Water grants, and applications are due March 1, 2006. WRPA/ORPA Conference is occurring this year from April 24th to the 26th in Vancouver, Washington. ORPA will be holding a one-day event at Welches in September, to include section meetings, awards and limited educational sessions. RV Program – Lippincott said that the 06/07 revenue estimates are \$5,073,913 with 10% of that going into the grant program. This year you will also be able to update the number of campsites you have as long as the sites are available for use by July 1, 2006.

Rawlins: Tim Wood may be adding another \$900,000 to the Land and Water account to bring it up to its previous amount. Rawlins said that the Local Government Grant Program would get another \$500,000 as well. This grant program will now be a once a year program rather than every two years. The next grant round will be February 7, 2006 and will have about \$3.2 million available.

Rawlins stated that an ATV Grant Workshop is coming up on January 26th in Eugene and then in Baker City on February 2nd. They have been working on some legislative concepts for this program including mandatory helmets, training, and registration for all ATV's and riders. The exception would be Dune Buggies. Rawlins said that they are also looking at some rule changes for this program, including 0% match on all land acquisitions, ATV's allowed on the beach if you have an ADA permit, and a new grant program – the Veterans & War Memorial Grant Program in the amount of \$500,000.

Rawlins wanted to remind everyone of the third and final stakeholders meeting in Eugene on January 25th as well as the Leadership Conference on January 31st at Silver Falls State Park.

7. Good of the Order:

There was nothing presented for the Good of the Order.

8. Next Meeting:

Chehalem Park & Rec. District, Newburg, OR from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., on March 17, 2006.

9. Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Christine A. Johnson, Secretary/Treasurer