



Oregon Parks Association

**OREGON PARKS ASSOCIATION
BOARD AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
JULY 21, 2006
LANE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS
EUGENE, OREGON**

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

Board Members Present: Christine Johnson (Lane County); Chris Wayland (Washington County); Randy Hutton (Jackson County); Todd Winter (Lane County); Lorrie Harvey, (Baker County); Larry Robison, (Coos County) **Members Present:** Paula Preston-Mills (Clackamas County); Wayne Rawlins (OPRD); Marilyn Lippincott (OPRD); and Jeff Smith (OSMB)

1. Announcements/Introductions: Crawford called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. There were no announcements.

2. Approval of Minutes: Crawford asked for approval of the minutes from the May 19th meeting, and if there were no objections she would entertain a motion.

Motion: Wayland moved that the minutes from the May 19, 2006 meeting be approved as submitted. Harvey 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. She also reported that when the remaining Time Deposit matured on July 18th she had the money from the two Time Deposits combined into one nine-month Time Deposit that will earn 5.25%.

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

4. Committee Reports

Legislative – Hutton: Hutton reported that the Legislative Committee met with Tim Wood, Director of Oregon Parks and Recreation Dept. and felt that it was a very open and congenial meeting. No decisions were made but they did discuss Target 2014, Public Law 106 and Measure 66. Hutton feels that the next step would be to put together some sort of plan or offer and submit it in writing to OPRD. Winter suggested that the OPA Legislative Committee reconvene for a work session to discuss possible

ideas for a proposal. The meeting was set for Friday, August 4th at 10:00 a.m. in Eugene.

Membership Committee – Carroll: There was nothing to report.

Marketing & Networking – Johnson: Johnson had nothing new to report but would try to have a “hit” report for the next meeting on the numbers of people visiting the OPA website and where they are coming from. She would also be updating the conference pages as plans continue to come together – a registration form will also be included.

Nominations Committee – Hutton: Hutton reported that no new nominations had come in, except one nominating him for the Director 2 position.

Motion: Hutton moved that nominations be closed. Winter seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in favor. Hutton will mail out ballots to the membership for a vote.

Conference Committee – Chambers: As Chambers was not present, Crawford briefly confirmed conference dates, times, location, etc. She also described the opening General Session, which will be held during a guided boat tour of the bay by Marine Discovery Tours. This trip will also include dinner and drinks. *(Since the July 21st meeting the boat tour has changed somewhat – please refer to the website for more up to date information.)*

5. Old Business:

Hood River Inn – Report Back: Winter visited the Hood River Inn, at their invitation, to check it out as a possible site for a future OPA Conference. Winter reported that the Inn has a new conference facility, great food, and a lot of things to do in the area. They also have a local train that gives rides, including dinner trips. The Inn tentatively set aside time in September 2007, for us.

6. New Business:

OSMB – Jeff Smith: Smith said that there will be a Round 3 and will probably be considered at the January Board meeting – small projects only. With projects that require permits, they are finding they are taking longer and longer to process. So for Round 1 next biennium, if your project will require a permit, you will want to start the process earlier.

- Grant Workshop – The next grant workshop will probably be in February. In the next newsletter OSMB might include a survey regarding better location and facilities for the workshop. The workshop will also include a session on DEQ storm water.
- Floating Restrooms – The price agreement for floating restrooms is out for bid. The push-pedal flush system is being replaced with an electronic flush system, so any

restrooms using the old system will not be able to order parts in the future. The good news is, is that the old systems can be retrofitted with the new one systems.

- CXT – Smith said that Nick Bianco has left CXT and has started his own company. Hutton has all the information on his new company if anyone is interested you can contact him.

OPRD – Marilyn Lippincott and Wayne Rawlins: Lippincott said that they will be collecting one more month of RV revenues before they can determine how much money will be available for the next round of the County Opportunity Grant program. It looks like it will be about \$400,000. They are moving the time line up a little bit and hope to announce it by the 1st, with applications due September 15th, and then forwarded on to the November Commission meeting for approval.

- Grants Workshop – OPRD is working on putting together a joint program grants workshop covering all the different types of programs you can apply for.
- Land & Water – Looks like Oregon's share will again be about \$418,000.
- Veteran's & War Memorial Grant Program – Moving forward with this new program and looking at the end of August for a public hearing. About \$500,000 will be available for this program.
- Oregon State Fair – Lippincott said that they have brought back big name entertainers, instituted free parking, but raised admissions \$1 to \$10. The fair is from August 25th through September 4th and you can get more information on their website.
- Youth Investment Grant Program – Wayne Rawlins said they were working on another new grant program that is geared toward outdoor programs to help get kids back outdoors – the Youth Investment Grant Program. This new program may be given to an agency outside of OPRD to manage.
- ATV Grant Program – Rawlins said they are continuing to work on revamping this program.
- Legislative Concepts – Rawlins said that there are several things they are looking at around ATV use and one is a helmet law. Terry Bergerson is putting statistics together relating to the number of deaths and ATV use. Another concept is that if an ATV is built for one rider, then it should be illegal for a second rider to be on that machine. And the third concept is making title registration mandatory. Rawlins said they are still looking at standardizing decibels for Oregon and mandatory training for ATV operators – looking at the possibility of on-line training programs.
- Local Government Grant Program – Looking at making some changes – increasing the amount available to \$9.5mil and expanding eligibility for the program – possibly the maintenance program portion. Hutton would like to see the purchase of Yurts and cabins available through the grant program.

7. Good of the Order:

Crawford said we didn't receive any scholarship applications this year – since this was the first year for the program and the time frame was so short – do we want to extend the deadline just this one time? It was agreed to extend the deadline to September 10th. (A motion was made to approve the extended deadline, but did not come across on tape.)

Preston–Mills said that in the process of looking for some public service posters regarding drowning awareness, she was referred to the US Army Corps of Engineers who had some really nice ones if anyone is interested.

Baker said that they irrigate the turf in their parks from a ditch which they have Water Rights to and they are now dealing with some legal issues – basically the local farmers are saying they have no legal right to use their Water Rights to water turf – should only be used for agricultural purposes, etc. She asked if anyone else had dealt with this issue and could offer some insight. A brief discussion followed.

8. Next Meeting:

Annual Conference in Newport, OR from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., on September 13, 2006 – Cove Room, Best Western Agate Beach Inn.

9. Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Christine A. Johnson, Secretary/Treasurer