



**OREGON PARKS ASSOCIATION
BOARD AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
May 19, 2005
JUNIPER ARTS GUILD/CROOK COUNTY
PRINEVILLE, OREGON**

Meeting Called To Order By President Randy Hutton (Jackson County):

Board Members Present: Christine Johnson (Lane County); Larry Robison (Coos County); Maureen Crawford, (Crook County); Chris Wayland, (Washington County)

Members Present: Brian Carroll (Linn County); Paula Preston-Mills (Clackamas County); and Jeff Smith (OSMB)

1. Announcements/Introductions: Hutton called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. There were no announcements or introductions.

2. Approval of Minutes: Hutton asked if everyone had received an electronic copy of the minutes from the March 18th meeting, and if there were no objections he would entertain a motion.

Motion: Crawford moved that the minutes from the March 18, 2005 meeting be approved as submitted. Robison seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in favor.

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

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

Carroll suggested that some of this money be set aside to provide scholarships for this year's OPA Conference, independent of the Gary Ward Scholarship Fund.

Motion: Wayland moved that the Board take some of the funds from the Treasurer's Report that we show as assets and set it aside for scholarships for this year's conference in the amount of \$370. Robison seconded the motion.

After some discussion, Wayland amended his motion to change the amount to \$500. Robison seconded the amendment and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Discussion followed regarding our Time Deposits and who makes the decisions regarding how this money is managed. Preston-Mills will talk to Mike McLees before the July 19, 2005 deadline to provide information on whether we want to roll it over or change how this money is invested.

4. Committee Reports

Legislative – Carroll stated that one bill is receiving some attention right now -- SB 1028 regarding navigability and what the public's rights are in the use of waterways. The debate is once a waterway is declared navigable, which most Oregon waterways are not, then the public has a right to use the water and the land up to the ordinary high water mark -- an issue that has been around many years. Carroll spoke with Paul Donhefner who feels that this bill will probably not go anywhere. Other related bills with similar language include SB 423, which is the Stealheader's bill and SB 1014, which was created at the request of the Coalition for Oregon River Rights.

Hutton said that he attended the Oregon Outdoor Recreation Council meeting and David Wright, Assistant OPRD Director, was talking about their budget. It appears that the revenue estimates for the State of Oregon are going to come in quite a bit higher than projected and higher than the Governor's recommendation. The Legislature is now talking about turning the State Fairgrounds and War Memorials over to State Parks and funneling some of the extra money into Parks to take over maintenance of these facilities. Hutton feels that it also might be a good time to ask for an additional 10% of RV revenues to come to the Counties. They've talked about increasing the funds in the grant programs, but most of the Counties agree that they don't need capital money; they need operation and maintenance money. And this is the message we need to get out.

Membership Committee – Crawford stated that she sent out eleven reminder letters to the County's that hadn't sent in their renewals yet.

Marketing & Networking – Johnson asked if everyone had had a chance to take a look at the draft website design and gave out the address again for anyone wanting to take a look at it. Johnson reminded everyone that out of the 29 requests sent out to the various Counties's to contribute text and pictures, she only received eight responses. At this point we need to decide if we want to have Chris Ashburn, our web designer, take the time to research these County's websites to copy information for our pages, at an additional cost to us of course (approximately \$200). This way the OPA site will be more complete when we go live.

Motion: Wayland moved that this Board authorize the expenditure, not to exceed \$300, to have Chris Ashburn of DesignWorks proceed as stated above. Robison seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Nominations Committee – Robison said that he is looking for nominations to fill the vacant Director #3 position (04-07 term). It was suggested that possibly someone from Metro Regional or Klamath County might be approached.

Conference Committee – Mellissa Bench briefly outlined what we have so far regarding the upcoming conference. The registration fee will be \$185.00. Food will be more expensive than in past conferences but we are limited in our choices. Monday will include registration, golf, the opening General Session, with a representative from Jeldwin Corp. providing the opening statement, and then a barbecue in the outdoor pavilion. Tuesday will consist of four sessions including a grant writing training presented by ORPD, a PowerPoint presentation by a representative from Pacific Yurts, Dr. Rick Kirschner will be talking on the Art of Change, and then finally a real-time online reservation program presentation by a representative from Friend Communications. Tuesday evening will include the banquet, awards, nominations, prize drawing and entertainment. Wednesday morning we will hold our Board meeting. There are also a lot of extra curricular activities available at the resort to occupy spouses, etc.

Motion: Wayland moved that this Board approve the items presented by the Conference Committee and affirm that they are going in the right direction for the annual conference this fall. Robison seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in favor.

5. Old Business:

Gary Ward Scholarship Sub-Committee – Hutton said that this sub-committee would be meeting following the Board meeting.

6. New Business:

Jeff Smith – OSMB: Carroll asked if OPA wanted to take a position on SB 1028? After some discussion it was decided that we would generally be supportive as long as all the funds go back to the Marine Board and none of the funds went to the Division of State Lands. Also would like to hear what the other County's thought as well as get the AOC's opinion.

Smith did say he had some good news – the water levels are up! All are at or near full pool, which will make a more positive difference on the Fuel Tax surveys. Grants – received \$10,000,000.00 in requests. The first round will include \$2.7 million in State funds and \$1.0 million in Federal. Staff reports should be available by mid-June.

7. Good of the Order:

Hutton distributed a fee survey that he would like everyone to complete so he can see where everyone is at in the State.

Wayland added that there was an article in the Oregonian about a new State record for small mouth Bass – the 5th State record out at Hagg Lake -- 8# 2 oz. caught by a 12 year old boy. They think it may also be a new world record for the 10-16 age group.

9. Next Meeting:

Hagg Lake, Washington County on July 22, 2005. (Wayland will get Johnson the details – time, location, directions, places to stay if needed, etc.)

10. Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Christine A. Johnson, Secretary/Treasurer