



Oregon Parks Association

**OREGON PARKS ASSOCIATION
BOARD AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MAY 19, 2006
THE RIVERHOUSE, JACKSON COUNTY
SHADY COVE, 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)

Members Present: Brian Carroll (Linn County); Doreen Ferguson (Josephine County)

1. Announcements/Introductions: Crawford called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. There were no announcements, and introductions were made.

2. Approval of Minutes: Crawford asked for approval of the minutes from the March 17th meeting, and if there were no objections she would entertain a motion.

Motion: Winter moved that the minutes from the March 17, 2006 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: Wayland moved that the Treasurer's Report be approved as presented, Hutton seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous in favor.

4. Committee Reports

Legislative – Hutton: Crawford reported that she e-mailed Tim Wood this past Wednesday asking him if he could set aside some time to meet with OPA's Legislative Committee to discuss Target 2014, Public Law 106 and Measure 66. She will let everyone on the Legislative Committee know when she has a date and time that Mr. Wood will be available. Discussion followed rehashing some of these issues for the benefit of those unfamiliar with them. Winter added that the Legislative Committee will want to schedule enough time to meet briefly before the meeting with Mr. Wood, to go over what will be covered in the meeting.

Hutton will be meeting with local river guides on June 6, 2006 to discuss user fees – who is paying what to who and why, etc.

Membership Committee – Carroll: A company called Conservation Technics, Inc. has applied for membership. Carroll has tried to contact them to see what type of company it is and what they expect to get out of an OPA membership, but has not had very much luck. Yamhill County has also rejoined OPA after a brief absence.

Marketing & Networking – Johnson: Johnson really didn't have anything new to report. Working on the final draft of the scholarship application form so she can get it on-line as soon as possible. She will also be updating information on the upcoming conference as it becomes available.

Nominations Committee – Hutton: Hutton stated that there are three positions that will open up this year – President Elect, Secretary/Treasurer, and Director #2. A brief discussion followed regarding what type of awards are available – the Distinguished Service Award, Professional Services Award, and the Legislative Award.

Nominations need to go out to the membership a minimum of 30 days prior to the annual meeting in September, with no less than two nominees for each position.

Motion: Winter moved that the Board open the floor for nominations. Carroll seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Winter nominated Christine Johnson for another term at Secretary/Treasurer. Carroll nominated Todd Winter for President Elect. Wayland nominated Jim Chambers for President Elect. Crawford nominated Todd Winter for the Director #2 position.

Ferguson nominated Len Ramp and Ken Hickenbottom, Josephine County Parks Advisory Board for the Professional Service Award.

Conference Committee – Chambers: Chambers was not present so Johnson reported that the final dates for this year's conference are September 11, 12, & 13, 2006. Members of the Conference Planning Committee were given a tour of the rooms and facilities at the Best Western on Agate Beach and found them very nice and will be a great venue for the conference. Room rates are \$74.00 and \$84.00 plus tax and a block of rooms will be held for us on the sixth floor. The Committee also narrowed down the sessions we would like to present, which include: Communication and Harassment Issues and DEQ Requirements, Carroll will be setting both of these sessions up; RV Park requirements for the future – Winter and Johnson will set this one up; and, Tourism in Oregon Update, with Crawford and Preston-Mills working on this one. We are also researching the possibility of holding the Opening General Session on a boat as part of a dinner cruise. The registration fee will remain the same as it was last year. The entertainment for the banquet will be provided by Winter who will be putting together a PowerPoint presentation of pictures requested from all the counties worst and best moments, etc.

5. Old Business:

Draft of By-Laws Change: Crawford read the final draft of the changes to the By-Laws.

Motion: Wayland moved that the Board adopt the changes to the By-Laws concerning the Gary A. Ward Scholarship Program. Carroll seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in favor.

6. New Business:

AOC Community Development Committee – Crawford: Crawford said that she received a request from Bill Penhollow for a representative to replace Jeff Powers on the Community Development Committee. Winter has volunteered to sit on this Committee and Crawford will be sending him all the information on it.

Motion: Wayland moved that Todd Winter be appointed to the AOC's Community Development Committee and act as liaison to OPA and its membership. Carroll seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Columbia County – Chuck Ashcroft Memorial Fund – Crawford: Crawford referred to a letter that she assumed every county park system received and asked if OPA should donate to this fund. Carroll felt that since Chuck Ashcroft was an active participant in OPA in the past that it would be appropriate to make a donation.

Motion: Hutton moved that OPA donate \$100 to the Chuck Ashcroft Memorial Fund. Wayland seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in favor.

SCORP Update -- Carroll: Carroll said Terry Bergerson, Planning Dept. Head for OPRD, contacted him looking for County representatives to serve on four different sub-committees under SCORP. The representatives would only have to meet one or two times in a year to a year and a half time period. Chris Wayland volunteered to serve on the General Park Sub-Committee pending approval of his supervisor. Maureen Crawford volunteered for the Youth Programming, Todd Winter for the Diversity, and Brian Carroll for the Senior Program sub-committees.

7. Good of the Order:

Hutton asked if Crawford would be attending the Oregon Outdoor Recreation Council meeting. Crawford said that she would be attending but wouldn't be able to stay for the whole meeting as she had another commitment. Carroll said that he would be there as he was asked to speak on the next phase of the Willamette River Trail.

Ferguson said that she recently had to let go most of her Park Hosts and started using Workkamper News to recruit replacements – and recommends them highly.

8. Next Meeting:

Eugene, Lane County, OR from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., on July 21, 2006 – location to be determined.

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

Respectfully submitted by:

Christine A. Johnson, Secretary/Treasurer