



**OREGON PARKS ASSOCIATION  
BOARD AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2005  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE/RUNNING Y RESORT  
KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON**

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

**Board Members Present:** Christine Johnson (Lane County); Larry Robison (Coos County); Chris Wayland, (Washington County); Maureen Crawford (Coos County); Todd Winter (Lane County); Lorrie Harvey (Baker County); Brian Carroll (Linn County)

**Members Present:** C. Wayne Rawlins (OPRD); Melissa Bench (Jackson County); Paula Preston-Mills (Clackamas County); and Jeff Smith (OSMB); Jim Chambers (Lincoln County); Steve Meshke (Clatsop County); Mike McLees (Clackamas County); Thomas Gray (Clackamas County); Tony Dentel (PGE); Debbie Hanker (Jackson County); Marilyn Lippincott (OPRD); Keith Andresen (Lincoln County)

**1. Announcements/Introductions:** Crawford called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. There were no announcements or introductions.

**2. Approval of Minutes:** Crawford asked for approval of the minutes from the July 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting, and if there were no objections she would entertain a motion.

**Motion:** Winter moved that the minutes from the July 22, 2005 meeting be approved as submitted. Wayland 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, Carroll seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous in favor.

**4. Committee Reports**

**Legislative** – McLees stated that even though it is an off-legislative year coming up, it is real important that we make contact with our local representatives and talk to them about local and statewide issues. Making sure they understand that we have a backlog of needs in all our counties.

Wayne Rawlins added that during the next legislative session, OPRD would

like to see support from OPA when OPRD's budget comes up for review. Last year's session added the State Fair to OPRD's responsibilities and that had a negative effect on their budget. If there was movement by either the legislators or the Governor to re-address this issue, they would like to have the support of OPA to keep OPRD's budget whole.

Chambers brought up an issue regarding access to LEDS when trying to get a background history for park hosts. A discussion followed which included giving him some other options – openrecords.com, AIRS, WebLeds, etc.

Carroll had some good news regarding RV Licensing fees and that is that ODF is no longer a part of this fund.

**Membership Committee** – Crawford stated that she has been trying to get Jefferson County to join OPA for some time and was able to talk with someone from Jefferson County recently at the ORPA Conference. He seemed very interested so Crawford sent them a membership packet.

Jim Dowd is the new Parks Director at Douglas County and Crawford will make it a point to call him soon. Johnson mailed him an OPA Conference registration packet in the hopes that he might be able to attend.

**Marketing & Networking** – Johnson will check with our web designer regarding key words used to help the web's search engines find our website.

Preston-Mills expressed how much she liked the design of the new OPA website.

**Nominations Committee** – Hutton will report next meeting.

**Conference Committee** – Hutton asked for feedback on this year's conference. It was the general consensus of those present that the Running Y Resort was a great venue for the conference. Most of the meals were excellent, the weather was perfect, and the Resort staff was very accommodating. Wayland thought that the session schedule was very well done and that the breaks were timed very well and were very enjoyable. Hutton suggested that depending on where the next conference was located, that maybe we could add an extra day to take advantage of the recreational opportunities in the area. It was suggested that we consider Lincoln County for the next conference, and that we should also incorporate a one-day fee into the registration process.

## **5. Old Business:**

**Gary Ward Scholarship** – This sub-committee has not had a chance to meet again to approve the draft scholarship application form. It was decided to table this issue and try and schedule a meeting before the next Board meeting in November. We

also need to make a point of getting information out next year about the scholarships available and that you do not need to be a OPA member to attend the conference.

Time Deposits – Johnson will check into the interest rates for these as well as possible options to change our investment, should we choose to.

Chambers stated that he is storing six boxes of OPA paperwork and history. He was asked to go through the boxes and see what's there as well as to see if he could find the date that OPA was established.

## **6. New Business:**

Committee Assignments/Future Meeting Dates – Crawford read off the new committee assignments as well as the tentative dates for the next six meetings. Johnson will e-mail everyone with an updated list of both. Harvey asked to be added to the Conference Committee.

Jeff Powers Recognition – McLees suggested that we recognize Jeff Powers for his contribution to OPA and possibly present him with an award at the next OPA Board Meeting.

**Motion:** Carroll moved that we recognize Jeff Powers for his contribution to OPA with a plaque. Winter seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Campground Guide Sub-Committee – A sub-committee was formed to start work on updating/revising the campground guide to get it ready for another printing. The sub-committee consists of Maureen Crawford, Christine Johnson, and Paula Preston-Mills. We will need to get all the discs and associated paperwork from Jeff Powers.

OPA Logo – It was suggested that we might want to change our logo to the tree logo that is used on our new website. Johnson will contact Chris Ashburn, our web designer, to see if we own the rights to the logo.

### OSMB – Jeff Smith:

- Round 2 funding is coming up in March of 2006. A newsletter will be coming out that will contain more details. Between Federal and State funds, there will be about \$1 million available, and they will be considering all types of projects.
- Boat registrations aren't looking too bad so far this year. Last year there were about 190,000 registered boats (a slight drop from the previous year) and as of last week they had about 179,000, with quite a few still to process.
- For those agencies that have corporate projects with ODFW, OSMB is encouraging you to do frequent follow-ups to make sure everything is on track. The contact there is Karen Toffee. Also with regard to permits – OSMB is asking that you keep Doug Baer in their office updated on the progress of your permits as much as possible and don't assume that the Corps and DSL are sending OSMB anything. OSMB is also requiring

more project design details up front during the permit process and more and more other agencies are looking at these projects all the time, which adds to the permit process.

- Jenine Belleque wanted Smith to pass on the she hopes to have MAP funds released by the first week in October.
- The Marine Board's phone system is being changed so there will be all new phone numbers. Jeff will get these new numbers out to everyone soon.

OPRD – Wayne Rawlins: Rawlins encouraged everyone to attend the meeting in Salem on September 27, 2005, to discuss the grant programs – what they can do to make them better, suggest any changes, etc. If you can't attend but have something to add, please feel free to e-mail your comments.

**Motion:** Carroll moved that the Board nominate Todd Winter to serve on the County Opportunity Grant Program. McLees seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Marilyn Lippincott said that the Oregon Tourism Commission, Travel Oregon has a \$100,000 matching grant program every year for marketing projects such as brochures, website design, etc. The program comes up again in August 2006 and Marilyn will get the website information to Christine to pass along.

Jeff Smith had a few more comments regarding the State Price Agreement – the Floating Restroom will be going out for bid around the first of the year, so you can expect a price increase. Also they are in the process of getting a new price agreement on the CXT Vault Toilets. Delivery is still included, but installation will be a separate item. Carroll asked if yurts and cabins were included in the State Price Agreement. Rawlins will check and see and then get the information to Christine.

## **7. Good of the Order:**

There was nothing presented for the Good of the Order.

## **9. Next Meeting:**

Annual AOC Conference, Eugene Hilton, Eugene, OR from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., on November 15, 2005.

## **10. Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:15 a.m.

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