



# Oregon Parks Association

**OREGON PARKS ASSOCIATION  
BOARD AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2006  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE, BEST WESTERN AGATE BEACH  
NEWPORT, OREGON**

**Meeting Called To Order By President Brian Carroll (Linn County):**

**Board Members Present:** Christine Johnson (Lane County); Chris Wayland (Washington County); Todd Winter (Lane County); Lorrie Harvey (Baker County); Larry Robison (Coos County); Maureen Crawford (Crook County); **Members Present:** Paula Preston-Mills (Clackamas County); Wayne Rawlins (OPRD); Marilyn Lippincott (OPRD); and Jeff Smith (OSMB); Mike McLees (Clackamas County); Jim Chambers (Lincoln County); Betty Gray (Morrow County); Paul Korbolic (Jackson County); Steve Meshke (Clatsop County); Jim Dowd (Douglas County); Thomas Gray (Clackamas County)

- 1. Announcements/Introductions:** Carroll called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. There were no announcements. Carroll asked everyone to introduce themselves.
- 2. Approval of Minutes:** Carroll asked for approval of the minutes from the July 21<sup>st</sup> meeting, and if there were no objections he would entertain a motion.

**Motion:** Winter moved that the minutes from the July 21, 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 added that the Expense/Revenue Report for the conference would be available at the next meeting in November.

**Motion:** Crawford 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** – Winter: Winter said the Legislative Committee met a few times in the last few months to work on a draft of the letter to Tim Wood, which includes some ideas on how OPRD might share some of their surplus revenues with all the counties in Oregon. The Committee will plan to schedule another meeting in the very near future to work on a final draft of the letter. Winter added that Lane County's Legislative Liaison suggested that we use this as an opportunity to articulate to OPRD in specific terms the dimension and attributes of the county park systems in Oregon, including

number of acres, number and size of lakes, moorage available, need for investment, back-log of capital maintenance, need for stable operating funds, reductions in staff, and so forth. Winter would like, over the next few weeks, to put together a questionnaire to send to all the counties in Oregon to start compiling this information, so the decision makers have a clear and complete understanding of what our situation is, where we are and where we are going.

Rawlins added that Tim Wood is very much in favor of exploring some options. McLees also felt that it was important to include OPA's support of renewing Measure 66 in 2014, in the final draft of the letter. Carroll said that Bill Penhollow, our AOC liaison, has seen an initial draft of the letter and supports our goal. Finally, Winter added that everyone may want to talk with their Advisory Board members and commissioners to give them a heads-up on what we are proposing and to also let them know we will be drafting a letter of support for them to sign to go along with the research report on county park systems in Oregon, once it has been compiled.

**Membership Committee** – Carroll: There was nothing new to report.

**Marketing & Networking** – Johnson: Time did not allow for Johnson to run a "hits" report on the website, but she hopes to have it for the next meeting. Johnson asked everyone with pictures from the conference if they would be willing to share them. She would like to put together a picture scrapbook for the website. Carroll will be contacting Kevin Wright with Travel Oregon to follow-up with him regarding linking our website with theirs. Preston-Mills asked if we were going to put a page on the site for exchanging information about park hosts. Johnson will check with our web designer to see what is available that would not require a lot of work to keep updated.

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

**Conference Committee** – Chambers: Chambers felt it was a very enjoyable conference. Maureen, Paula and Christine did a lot of work to put it together and hopes everyone had a good time. People especially enjoyed the boat trip.

## **5. Old Business:**

### **Review and Discuss Draft of Letter to Tim Wood – Todd Winter:**

This item was already discussed in the above Legislative Committee report.

## **6. New Business:**

**Committee Assignments for the Next Year – Brian Carroll:** Carroll said he was accepting volunteers to serve on the various committees. So if you have an interest and a desire to serve, just let him know. We have to have a minimum of three people on each committee. Winter has agreed to chair the Legislative Committee and as President Elect, he is also chair of the Membership Committee. Crawford will chair the Nominations Committee. Carroll will complete the committee assignments and

forward a list to the membership. McLees said he has a contact that would be available to put together our legislative agenda package when needed.

**Meeting Dates and Locations for the Next Year – Brian Carroll:** Carroll said that he is working on this and would like to schedule at least one meeting in Eastern Oregon – is there some sort of training event scheduled over there that we could combine with a meeting? November's meeting usually coincides with the Annual AOC Conference. This year it will be held in Eugene, so the November Board meeting will be in Eugene. Carroll will complete the rest of the dates and locations and it will be forwarded along with the list of committee assignments to the membership. Rawlins asked if we could include a list of OPRD Commission Meeting dates, and we might want to schedule a Board meeting to coincide with a Commission meeting.

**2007 Conference Location – Todd Winter:** Winter sacrificed a weekend and took on the onerous task of visiting the Hood River Inn, as their guest, to check out the rooms, meeting facilities, restaurants and local wineries to see how it would fit as a venue for the next conference. It turns out that it would be perfect for our needs. We could even have our General Session meeting on a train while solving a murder or getting held up. The golf courses are nice and Multnomah Falls is close by. The Inn has already penciled in some tentative dates for us next September.

**Motion:** McLees moved that the 2007 Annual OPA Conference be held at the Hood River Inn, in Hood River, Oregon. Wayland seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in favor. Harvey added that she liked having the boat trip earlier in the day and then going out for dinner afterwards – especially because she had so far to travel.

**Award Gary Ward Scholarships for 2007 – Maureen Crawford:** Crawford stated that we received three scholarship applications. The scholarship sub-committee met this morning and we would like recommend the application received from Baker County to cover the registration cost for next year's conference. We would also like to recommend one of the two applications received from Jackson County -- \$325 for a Jackson County employee to attend Pool and Spa Certification School.

**Motion:** Winter moved to accept the recommendation of the Gary A. Ward Grant and Education Sub-Committee to award grants for two applicants totaling \$510.00. Carroll seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in favor.

**OSMB – Jeff Smith:** Smith said they had a couple of programs in the works, hopefully to be implemented on 2007. 1. Personal Floatation Device Program. Hoping to make more of these available statewide at boat launches in a kiosk-type set-up. Smith asked for feedback from anyone who has tried this type of program. Wayland said they had tried this and not only was theft a problem, but vandalism and maintenance were also issues. Liability was also an issue and having people using the PFD's sign a liability form was problematic. Smith said the person who was heading up this program was Maryanne Kollizar, Mandatory Boating Education Coordinator. 2. Competitive Grant Program for programs associated with boating and water safety. Funds for this program come from the U.S. Coast Guard and are essentially for non-

profit and some governmental agencies. Ms. Kollizar is heading up this program as well.

- **In-Water Work Periods:** Smith says they are starting to see a trend with permitting agencies in regard to in-water work periods. Seeing a shift toward summer in-water work periods. Downside of this though is busy time for contractors, trouble getting competitive bids, and putting facilities out of use. Also shorter time frame for getting work completed.
- **Statewide Programmatic General Permit:** This new permit program went into effect last January as a way for DSL and the Corps to streamline the permit process. This process was very limited in scope and was suspended as of August 10, 2006 as being too complex and too many inconsistent outcomes. Will take another look at the permit process and possibly have a revised program ready in January of 2008.
- **Next OSMB Board Meeting:** The meeting will occur on September 19, 2006 at the Dept. of Forestry Building in Salem at 9:00 a.m.
- **Round 3 Grants:** Round 3 will happen in January or February, 2007. They will only be looking at upland projects that are non-permit related such as CXT's , parking lots, etc. There will be between \$300,000 and \$600,000 available.
- **Grant Seminar Survey Input:** Smith wanted to thank everyone who provided input on the location of the next Grant Seminar. It's narrowed down to either Eugene or Newport. Topics include DEQ Storm water and a representative from SHPO to talk about cultural issues.
- **DSL Compliance Officer:** Word is that DSL has recently hired a permit compliance officer to go out and do the inspections for enforcement purposes. Would it be beneficial for someone from DSL to come and talk on what they are looking for? (Consensus was that yes, this would be beneficial.)

### **OPRD – Marilyn Lippincott and Wayne Rawlins:**

- **Oregon State Fair:** Rawlins said that attendance at the fair was up by almost 19% from last year. Beer sales went up from \$35,000 to \$135,000. Last year they averaged three arrests per day, this year only had one arrest during the entire event. People were staying an average of two hours longer and more people were riding the rides. Also every day of the event was nice and sunny.
- **ATV Grant Program:** Rawlins said that they are still working on the four legislative concepts for this program, which includes mandatory helmets, training and registration. Also included is the Two-Up Law where no more riders on a vehicle than the vehicles are designed for. These concepts will have to receive approval from the Governor before moving on to the next step of a lengthy process. State Parks will be tracking and compiling statistics on major injuries and deaths as a result of ATV accidents as a way to promote the need for approval of these concepts. Dowd asked about the registration process. Rawlins said the registration fee would be nominal, enough to pay DMV for handling the process. Dowd also asked about enforcement. Rawlins said the means were already in place – Oregon State Police's Fish and Wildlife Division staff are already out there checking on hunters and fishermen. These concepts would apply to any recreation lands open to public use.
- **New Grant Programs:** Still working on the Veteran's and War Memorial Grant program as well as the Youth Grant Program. Both proceeding nicely with public meetings soon to be scheduled.

- County Opportunity Grant Program: Lippincott said that applications were due October 6<sup>th</sup> and there is \$658,540 available. Call her if you have any questions. Applications will go to the Parks Commission for approval in January, 2007.
- ORPA: ORPA will have an abbreviated conference next week, September 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> at Welches.
- Local Government Grant Program: This program will be yearly now and Michelle has it on the calendar to announce in February.
- Recreational Trail Program: Announcements will be out in November and December.
- NRPA Congress: This congress will be held in Seattle this year from October 10<sup>th</sup> through the 13<sup>th</sup>.

**7. Good of the Order:**

There was nothing presented for the Good of the Order.

**8. Next Meeting:**

Lane County Public Works, 3040 Delta Highway North, Eugene, OR from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., on November 17, 2006 – Training Room 3.

**9. Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.

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