



BOARD & GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

May 16, 2008

Lane Co. Parks, Eugene

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Todd Winter at 11:23 a.m. at the Lane Co. Public Works conference room in Eugene.

Board Members Present: President – Todd Winter (Lane Co); President Elect – Chris Wayland (Washington Co); Past President - Brian Carroll (Linn Co); Directors – Maureen Crawford (Crook Co), Larry Robison (Coos Co), Randy Hutton (Jackson Co), & Doreen Ferguson (Josephine Co); and Secretary/Treasurer – Paula Preston Mills (Clackamas Co)

Board Members Absent: None

Members Present: Thomas Gray (Clackamas Co), Judy Ferrell & Loralyn Spiro (Lane Co), & Jeff Smith (OSMB)

Guests Present: Christine Johnson

INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

MEETING MINUTES: The minutes from the March 2008 meeting held at Josephine Co. in Grants Pass were reviewed.

Motion: Chris Wayland made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Randy Hutton seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Paula Preston Mills distributed copies of the Treasurer's report to those present for their review.

The checking beginning balance as of March 1, 2008 was \$15,918.63 with revenues of \$1.20 in interest and \$100.00 in membership dues paid. Expenses included checking fees of \$4.00 and a payment to Seventh Mountain Resort for conference deposits of \$500 and Design Works Studio for \$95.40. The ending balance as of April 30, 2008 was \$15,420.43.

The time deposit rolled over on May 8th with a maturity value of \$11,457.92, a gain of \$224.16. The new maturity date is October 11, 2008 when it will automatically roll-over for another six months unless other options are sought.

Paula stated the electronic postcard notice received from the IRS, regarding a new filing ruling for organizations with receipts less than \$25,000, was filed electronically as required by May 15 for the 2007 calendar year. This is in lieu of a standard tax return.

Motion: Brain Carroll motioned the Treasurer's Report be approved as presented. Larry Robison seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislative: 1) Chris Wayland would like to see the membership roster completed with the total number of membership, including names of all agency staff. At this time there are about 80 individuals listed. Chris requested that all agencies participate to so this resource/information can be used for legislative purposes.

Membership: Paula Preston Mills reported that she has emailed Deschutes Co., as requested by Marilyn Lippincott from OPRD, but has not heard back from them yet. She also said that a packet has yet to be sent out as she needs the President's letter electronically.

Marketing: Todd Winter reported that Loralyn Spiro facilitated the updates for the website and they have been completed.

Nominations: See Old Business – nothing further to add.

Conference: The committee met prior to the board meeting on this date. Deposits have been paid; the schedule has been set, topics narrowed down, and menu choices completed. The focus is on sustainability of funding to support the county parks systems in the state. More details will be available at the July meeting.

Gary Ward Scholarship: Todd Winter reported that there is double the amount (\$800) of funds for this year due to a carry-over from 2007. He advised that scholarship applications opened May 1st with the deadline being by July 1st. At the March meeting a motion was carried that the application be redesigned for next year. Todd agreed to draft changes that will outline how the scholarship money can be used.

OLD BUSINESS

Interim Nominations: Maureen Crawford coordinated the efforts to fill the Director 3 vacancy through a mail out ballot. At the March board meeting a motion was carried to allow the ballots to be opened and tallied in front of two witnesses, with the results compiled and forwarded onto the OPA.

Todd Winter reported that ballots received were opened and counted on March 21, 2008 in the presence of Jeannie Searcy, Karen Spalding, and Maureen Crawford from Crook Co. and the results were: Maureen Crawford (Crook Co) – 14 votes, Mike McLees (Clackamas Co) – 4 votes, and Jim Chambers (Lincoln Co) – 2 votes.

NEW BUSINESS

OSMB: Jeff Smith advised on the following:

- 1) The Grants Seminar is tagging on to the OPA Conference, Thursday, September 18th at Aspen Hall in Bend. This would be a 1-day event with a half-day field trip on Wednesday afternoon September 17th. There is no registration fee and lunch will be provided. Paula Preston Mills will check into room extensions at Seventh Mountain at the current rate.

Jeff asked if OPA would be interested in sponsoring the lunch and/or transportation for the field trip (limit 150 people)? Some discussion was held regarding this request; especially given the consideration of fuel costs for travel and the convenience to attend both the conference and seminar without having a separation from work on two different occasions.

Motion: Todd Winter presented a motion to support OSMB's grant seminar monetarily with an amount to be determined at the July 2008 meeting when further info is available on the needs. Chris Wayland seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

- 2) There is no current OSMB legislation.
- 3) 1.3 million was approved in the Round 2 grants. Counties counted for about \$400,000.
- 4) Round 3 remains up in the air regarding funds availability – more will be known by fall.
- 5) Bids are coming in good recently with construction prices very fair.
- 6) Floating restroom retro fits - One complete unit, from Linn Co., was sent to Western Fabrication in Astoria to install the retro fit kit and work out the bugs. This unit is ready to come back. Most of the pieces have been received, but not all of them. All units will be retro fitted in the field sometime in September – October.
- 7) There are two new boating facilities opening soon, they are Calkins Park on Foster Reservoir and Powderhouse on Prineville Reservoir near the dam.

OPRD: No report as both Marilyn Lippincott and Wayne Rawlins were absent from the meeting.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- 1) After a brief discussion the following motion was made:

Motion: Randy Hutton presented a motion requesting that the President of OPA (Todd Winter) forward a letter to the Oregon State Marine Board requesting they look at revising the current formula for the MAP funds prior to the next bi-ennium concentrating on the day use fees. Paula Preston Mills seconded this motion and it was carried unanimously.

- 2) Randy Hutton advised they are in the process of drawing up plans to institute a commercial outfitter pass on the upper Rogue River. He said the Jackson County Parks Advisory Committee recommended that the county do this. They are looking at charging an annual fee of \$60 per year for one boat and outfitters with more than one boat \$90. Day use entry fees would still apply in conjunction with the commercial pass. It has also been suggested that reciprocity with other agency passes will cease as well.

Discussion ensued on this subject as other agencies are looking towards similar additions to their programs.

- 3) Larry Robison said there are two ATV groups, one within the state and one outside the state, that is looking at the possibility of legislation towards the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area to have the management of the area turned back to the local counties that they are in. This is a grassroots effort with the proposal focus on having all the facilities managed locally by the county, rather than the federal government, to ensure consistent usability.
- 4) Brian Carroll said he has a Park Ranger position opening at Sunnyside Park outside of Sweet Home. The starting pay is \$2846 - \$3629/mo. and includes an on site residence.
- 5) Christine Johnson reported that Willamalane PRD dedicated and opened a new park May 15th at Mountain Gate in the Heights area. The park sits on an old gravel pit site and is "gorgeous" according to Christine. She also said that Jake says "Hi".
- 6) Paula Preston Mills advised that the July 11th meeting is being held at Timothy Lake in the

Lodge. Overnight accommodations (Thursday, July 10) are complimentary from PGE for those who wish to use the bunk rooms. Paula needs to have a count of those wishing to stay over as Clackamas County co-hosting and is providing the food for this meeting. Maps and directions were distributed to members present and an email will go out to all the agencies.

A letter, associate membership application and check was received from a Reno, NV portable restroom company that wanted to be an OPA member. The tone and/or focus of the cover letter appeared to revolve around attending the conference to exhibit and promote their product(s).

A discussion was held on the issue and Todd Winter will draft a letter be sent back to them, with the check, clarifying OPA's conference event vs. their expectation and that OPA does not accommodate solicitations. It is possible since Oregon Parks & Recreation Association (ORPA) is having their conference in the area around the same time that this company confused the two organizations as ORPA does have exhibits at their event.

- 7) Todd Winter wanted to comment on Steve Meshke and the situation at Clatsop Co. Parks. He said his understanding is that Clatsop Co. combined fisheries and parks and gave notice to both the division supervisors for the end of June. He is in the process of being interviewed for another similar position within the county according to Jeff Smith. Paula Preston Mills encouraged everyone to lend their support to Steve during this time.
- 8) Brain Carroll revisited the NACPRO (Nat'l Assn of Co Park & Rec Officials) issue saying he sent them an email, but had not heard back from them yet. Paula Preston Mills reminded the members that at the March meeting it was decided that the current OPA president would be member of this organization with OPA paying the annual membership dues. OPA can't be a member as it is an organization, however the president's can be a member via his/her own county affiliation. This would start next year as Lane Co. is already a member of NACPRO.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:47 p.m. with the next meeting on July 11, 2008, 11:00 a.m., hosted by Portland General Electric (PGE) and Clackamas Co. Parks at Timothy Lake in Clackamas County.

Minutes Recorded & Transcribed by Paula Preston Mills