

**OROFINO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 21, 2007
PONDEROSA BANQUET ROOM**

CALL TO ORDER

President Connie Robison called the meeting to order at 12:19 p.m. There were 24 members and one guest present. Staff included Burnham.

MINUTES

The minutes of the general membership meeting are now being emailed to the membership with the meeting reminders. The minutes of the general membership meeting were approved as presented.

GUESTS

Bobbi Flowers with S.L. Start introduced her guest, the S.L. Start Regional Manager, Brenda Anderson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Laura Wolverton from King's announced that on Saturday the 1st of December, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. the Progressive Merchants will give away \$1000 in Orofino Gold, \$50 at a time as part of the Christmas Festival.

President Robison reminded the membership of Lin Chamberlin's potluck retirement party on Nov. 30th at the Forest Service Building at 5:00 p.m.

President Robison announced that we will hold our annual elections for Board of Directors positions at the next general membership meeting. The nominating committee has identified three candidates; Karen Simmons with Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, Tanna Zywina with Valley Rentals and the Helgeson, and Stephanie Deyo with the Clearwater Valley Hospital Foundation. Anyone interested in running for a board seat should contact one of the nomination committee members; Ryan Smathers, Monica Jones, or Eric Statler. *Update: Karen Simmons has withdrawn her name from the Board Election ballot.*

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Thanks to John Goffinet, Lee Woolsey, Chris and Dick Laws, Ryan Smathers, Keith Hanson, and Dan Burnham for their assistance with decorating Heritage Plaza on Saturday. It looks great.

Remember to have your businesses decorated for the Holidays by next Friday the 30th for the Christmas Festival which will take place Friday the 30th and Saturday the 1st.

Please remember Lin Chamberlin's retirement celebration next Friday at 5:00 at the Forest Service Building. It is a potluck and Chocolate Extravaganza.

The Chamber office will be closed tomorrow and Friday for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Affairs- The committee has finished a draft of the Public Affairs Legislative Policy Position Statements and the Board has approved it. Documentation on the Dworshak Fertilization Project is back and the results are positive. People are catching 9” and larger fish this year and next year the season should be great. Fertilization will commence in March next year. This year, Dworshak had 34 Bass tournaments as opposed to 7 last year.

Promotional- The Business After Hours scheduled in November at Mountain Motor Sports has been postponed until January. The Eagles Nest will host a Business After Hours in December.

Special Events- No Report

Welcome and Membership- We will have welcomings on the 4th of December. The businesses will be announced at a later date.

Economic Development –CCED met with Jim Ellick the new Idaho Director of Commerce. The next CCED meeting will be November 28th in Elk River.

GEM- The next GEM meeting is December 6th at noon at the Krystal Café.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

No Report

PROGRAM

Programs- December 5, in depth committee reports and Board Elections
December 19, Christmas Program

Vice-President Ryan Smathers introduced our program speakers, John Elsbury and Rich Hull with Boy Scout Troop 536. Elsbury updated the membership on Scouting and Hull presented a Powerpoint presentation highlighting many activities that the Boy Scouts participate in.

Elsbury relayed that he began scouting in 1965, reentered Scouts in 1991 and was recruited by Steve Staab to be Scoutmaster of Troop 536 in 1993. He has been with the Troop since that time.

Scouting began in 1910 in the United States, 3 years after it started in Europe, but the Scout Manual was written long before Scouting was put into practice. According to Elsbury, today’s Manual is one of the best ever written, but the first one was great with an opening chapter on how to build a log cabin.

Scouting relies on its graduates to carry the torch. The top rank to strive for is that of Eagle Scout. In order to attain the rank of Eagle Scout, 500 tasks must be completed and they must finish them before the age of 18. Each Eagle Scout projects must meet the requirements of being worthy, demonstrating leadership, demonstrating organizational skills, and documentation.

Elsbury proudly introduced his Troop's current Senior Patrol Leader, Shawn Perkins who told the membership that his friends motivated him to become a Scout. Perkins stated that the hardest part of being Sr. Patrol Leader is dealing with "kids" and making sure that the Troop understands that everyone must pitch in. He sees Scouting as an extended family.

Elsbury went through the 12 tenets of the Scout Law and Hull showed corresponding pictures with each law. The tenets state that a Scout is: trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

Elsbury is very proud of the Cedar Creek Campground which is an endowment to the Scouts of Clearwater County. It is made up of about 120 acres that was endowed about 60 years ago.

Pat Larson announced that the Boy Scouts are in the final stages of their popcorn sales and if anyone is interested in purchasing popcorn for Christmas or appreciation gifts, to please leave your name and a Scout will contact you.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, President Robison adjourned the meeting at 1:06 p.m.

Connie Robison, President

ATTESTED:

Heather R. Burnham, Executive Director