

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Connie Robison called the meeting to order at 12:12 p.m.

**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**

Neal Johnson introduced his guest, Tim Clelland, who has joined Walrath Insurance Agency. Other guests included our program speaker, Becky Drewery, Cindy Chaney, and Diane from CSAW, and Traci Birdsell, Lewis-Clark State College Director for Clearwater Valley Educational Talent Search.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Traci Birdsell with LCSC Clearwater Valley Talent Search introduced the Educational Talent Search program to the Membership. They provide assistance in preparing for college, admission applications, applying for financial assistance and scholarships, tutoring, career exploration, and access to summer Math/Science programs.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

There will be a Board of Director's meeting this Friday.

For the month of February, 8 tourism and 1 relocation packet went out. This month the office has had 4 relocation packet requests and 2 tourism packet requests.

80 packets highlighting Orofino were put together for the Kiwanis Regional meeting for this weekend.

Community Clean up Day is coming up April 28<sup>th</sup> and we will be sprucing up Heritage Plaza and the parking lot at that time. Please mark your calendars for that day.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Public Affairs-** The committee had a conference call with our legislators last week. The call helped in killing a bill that would have prohibited ATV use on paved county roads.

**Promotional-** Business after Hours will be held April 11 at the Lodge at River's Edge from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

**Special Events-** The Auction will take place May 4<sup>th</sup> at Lodge at River's Edge. This year's theme is "Orofino's Night in Hollywood". The tickets are \$25 each or 2/\$45 and include dinner, a drink ticket, a commemorative glass, and entry into the door prize drawing. Chairwoman Sawyer encouraged members to "donate big" this year.

**Welcome and Membership-** Orofino Chamber of Commerce welcomes the City of Orofino as new members.

**Economic Development** – CCED had a Biomass mini-conference on which Chris Kuykendall updated the membership. There is an estimated 95,000 tons of slash which would possibly be available in our county. The pursuit of value-added markets looks positive.

**GEM-** The GEM committee meets quarterly.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

No Report

### **PROGRAM**

**Programs** – April 4, Jim May – Clearwater Valley Hospital Foundation

Vice-President Ryan Smathers introduced our program speaker, Becky Drewery who is a Clearwater County Detective, but also serves as the Alcohol Enforcement Team Coordinator, designated by the Clearwater Substance Abuse Workgroup (CSAW). Drewery updated the Membership on the Training for Intervention Procedures (TIPS) program which offers training in Clearwater County for people who serve and sell alcohol.

Drewery stated that nearly 70% of adults in our country drink alcohol. Servers of alcohol help to set the tone of behavior for those they serve. The purpose of TIPS training is to help create an environment to promote safety to those being served.

Drewery showed the Membership a tape of an attorney who explained the liability to those who hold a liquor license when people they serve cause injury to themselves or others. The attorney went on to explain that serving those who are already drunk, underage or abusers of alcohol can be grounds for the business being found negligent. It is difficult to balance being cognizant of this liability but not living in fear of it.

According to Drewery, some insurance companies are requiring alcohol training for their insured businesses which sell and serve alcohol. We are on the verge of alcohol training for those who serve and sell alcohol becoming a law.

Drewery is offering the first TIPS class on March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at the Ponderosa. Cost for the class is \$25 and will last for about 2 ½ hours. The class will address intoxication factors such as size of person, rate of consumption, drug use, and food consumed. Those interested in the class or having their employees take the class can call Drewery at the Clearwater County Sheriff's office at 476-4521.

### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, President Robison adjourned the meeting at 12:59 p.m.

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Connie Robison, President

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Heather R. Burnham, Executive Director