

**OROFINO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 2, 2007  
PONDEROSA BANQUET ROOM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-President Ryan Smathers called the meeting to order at 12:17 p.m. There were 17 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**

Heather Burnham introduced JoAnn Gay to the General Membership. Gay and her husband have purchased the Greer Tavern and are Chamber Members and this is her first Chamber Meeting. The membership also welcomed guest, Ben Hudgins of Unigrep, Inc., who provides business computer support.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Paul Pence with the U.S. Army Corp. of Engineers gave a lake update. Dworshak Reservoir's level is at 70%. It is expected to be full in June. They are seeing a lot of bass fishermen right now. The main cable for the Marina has broken and slip users are asked to not bring their boats to the Marina until the cable can be fixed.

The lake fertilization project is running into a couple permit snags, but hopefully will be underway soon.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Thanks to everyone who participated in Community Clean up Day. Heritage Plaza looks great.

We will be transporting auction items from the Chamber Office to the Lodge on Friday starting at 9:00. If you can lend a hand, please stop by. Also, join us on Friday at 6:00 for the Annual Chamber Auction.

Booze basket drawing tickets are available for purchase now \$1 each or 8 for \$5.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Public Affairs-** The committee met Thursday and discussed this year's Salmon Season. As it stands now, fishing will not be open from Orofino Bridge to Lenore, however the numbers are going up and it is unclear as to what will happen.

**Promotional-** The next Business after Hours will take place May 16 at The High Country Inn and Country Catering at 6:00 p.m. Lewis-Clark Credit Union will host in June.

**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. Thanks to all who have so generously donated to the Auction.

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July committee is planning a Raft Race to take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> with proceeds going towards next year's fireworks. The committee is looking for volunteers and prize donors.

**Welcome and Membership-** Welcoming Committee welcomed Ben Hudgins with Unigrep, Inc. located above the Post office yesterday. Orofino Chamber of Commerce welcomes new members Home Away Vacation Rentals and the new owners of Konkolville Motel, the Chapmans.

**Economic Development** –The Request for Proposals for funding for the program for the next three years is due soon. The Private Sector donating has been going very well which shows that the program is realizing results. The RFP is due May 15 and anyone who wishes to make a 3 year monetary commitment is encouraged to do so before May 11.

**GEM-** The committee will meet again in June.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

No Report

### **PROGRAM**

**Programs** – May 16, Back Country Medics  
June 6, Officer Dodge and the Drug Dog

Vice-President Ryan Smathers introduced our program speaker, Danielle Hardy, the newly hired Teen Center Coordinator. Hardy explained that CYA is the umbrella organization for the Teen Center, which was finished with construction in April of 2006. Hardy's main job as Coordinator is to ask for time and to ask for money to help sustain the Teen Center. The time commitment comes from the requirement that there must always be an adult present during the hours that the Teen Center is open.

Hardy explained that Clearwater Youth Alliance (CYA) is the umbrella organization for the Teen Center. The focus of CYA is to provide safe, positive environments for their youth. Aside from the Teen Center, CYA started the Learning Enrichment After-school Program (LEAP) and the Childhood Early Enrichment Program (CHEEP).

Hardy used a Power Point presentation to outline the Teen Center concept. The Teen Center has a Management Team made up of 30 high school students who set the rules, hours of operation, and other management tasks such as financial and ordering responsibilities. The Center boasts games, a full kitchen, and study areas. The Teen Center is starting a Catering Club which will offer catering for groups and birthday parties and will generate income for operations.

According to Hardy, adult mentors are a large part of the Teen Center. Since there needs to be an adult present during all hours of operation, volunteers are heavily relied upon. Adult volunteers are not responsible for discipline at the Center, as the Student management team is in charge of discipline actions. She encouraged the Membership to volunteer time if even just once a month or once a year. In the future, Orofino High School students will be allowed to work at the center and receive credits for their time. The students also have a wish list for items needed for the Center which can be donated by members of the community.

Vice-President Smathers suggested that the Membership start attending meetings more regularly as our attendance has been low lately, and there being no further business, adjourned the meeting at 12:57 p.m.

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Connie Robison, President

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Heather R. Burnham, Executive Director