

**OROFINO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 18, 2007
PONDEROSA BANQUET ROOM**

CALL TO ORDER

President Connie Robison called the meeting to order at 12:17 p.m. There were 28 members present and 2 guests 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

Clo Ann McNall introduced Ronda Nelson, who will be covering the Chamber meetings for the Clearwater tribune, and Mr. Charlie Pottenger.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Orofino's Show and Shine will take place on Saturday. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. T-Shirts and raffle tickets are available at Valley Motor Parts.

Business after Hours will take place tonight at Lewis Clark Credit Union from 5:00 to 7:00. They will be selling raffle tickets for lots of great packages and all proceeds go to the Children's Miracle Network.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Thanks to all who participated in the TIPS Training on June 26th. All who took the course passed. We will need to do one more class before Lumberjack Days so that at least one person on each shift will have had the training.

There will be a Board of Directors Meeting next Monday.

In the month of June, 7 Relocation packets and 2 tourism packets were mailed out.

Special thanks to all volunteers for the 4th of July Beer Bus. Ryan Smathers, Tanna Zywina, Bobbi Samuels, Chris Laws, Monica Jones, Dan Burnham, Janet Burnham and Mike Clay for all their help that day.

The Raft Race was also a success looks like it will happen again next year. Thanks to all who participated, donated prizes, and worked on the committee.

We are still accepting donations for the fireworks show. The show lasted longer this year with bigger fireworks, but also cost more.

We hope to see you all at the Business after Hours tonight at Lewis Clark Credit Union.

The Pierce-Weippe Chamber is hosting their 2nd annual wine tasting on Saturday July 28th at the Pierce Timber Inn Courtyard. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Affairs- The committee met prior to the 4th of July with Parks and Recreation and got their attention with between 14-16 attendees present including a member of the Nez Perce Tribal Council.

Data collected so far on the reservoir fertilization project is positive. There are more bass fishermen on the water than ever before and they expect the world record bass to come out of Dworshak this fall.

There was a Corp. meeting on Monday discussing the Master Plan.

Promotional- The next Business after Hours takes place tonight at Lewis-Clark Credit Union. The committee is looking for a Business after Hours host for next month.

Special Events- The 4th of July was successful this year. The raft race grossed \$825 and is estimated to net around \$540 to go toward the fireworks fund. The Beer Bus grossed \$1368.27 and netted \$775.90. Thanks to all volunteers. So far we have received \$3983.54 in donations for the fireworks fund.

Welcome and Membership- We welcomed Tri-Pro Lumber this month.

Economic Development –No Report

GEM- No Report

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No Report

PROGRAM

Programs- August 1, OPD Chief Jeff Wilson

August 15, Representative Ken Roberts, the meeting will be held at the Teen Center and be catered by the catering club. *Update: The meeting will not be held at the Teen Center.*

There was no time for an introduction of the guest speaker as the joint Clearwater County and City SWAT team stormed the meeting and handcuffed and removed President Connie Robison and Vice-President Ryan Smathers from the room. Members were surprised by the demonstration of the drug bust procedure.

Chief Deputy Chris Goetz took the podium to update the membership about the SWAT team and explained that the “bust” they had just witnessed was the final training procedure for the day for the team which is made up of a collaboration of officers from the Sheriff’s Department and the Orofino Police Department. The current Team Commander is Randy Herman. The designation of the team as a SWAT Team has allowed them to apply for and receive grants and Homeland Security funds. The Team typically responds to four or five county calls and two to three city calls a year. There are certain criteria which must be met before the SWAT Team is used on a call. A point system is used, and a call must have more than 25 points before calling the team out. All team members have their SWAT gear with them at all times so that they are ready at any time they are called to service. This puts the local team at an advantage over other

SWAT teams because it takes them less time to ready themselves to go on a call. Teams in other areas meet at a central location to gear up before heading out. The team also has an armored van which is a surplus vehicle that has been painted black and is used for transportation as well as protection.

Chief Deputy Goetz explained that the policy of the team is to take the perpetrator out of the situation as soon as possible so that they can conduct interviews and keep others in the situation away from weapons that they could use against the SWAT Team. Officer safety is the number one concern of the team; the second concern is bystander safety and finally the suspect safety. Chief Deputy Goetz told the Membership that a flash bang device is a visual and sound diversion that they do not use when there are elderly and children present but will in the case that suspects have weapons or run down a hallway. The use of a flash bang is expensive and can cause significant damage to a home or business. Officers are trained annually on flash bangs and tear gas and receive many hours of training on the use of tazers. Each team member must undergo 40 hours of training at SWAT school and all on the team attend the same school for the purpose of uniformity in their training.

The County's budget for the whole SWAT Team is just \$500 per year so monies from Homeland Security as well as the auction of evidence items no longer in use have been very useful. The local SWAT Team is better equipped than the Team in Boise.

By the end of the meeting President Robison and Vice-President Smathers were thankful to be back in their original seats.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, President Robison adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Connie Robison, President

ATTESTED:

Heather R. Burnham, Executive Director