

Minutes
July 1, 2009

Call to Order-

John Goffinet called the meeting to order

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Minutes approved with adjourned time correction

Guests

Johnny Samsky is the new owner of Clearwater Web solutions, and Peter Stegner form Senator Crapo's office.

Announcements

Roger Burnham was looking for one more person to help load tubes for the fireworks show on the 4th of July.

Jeff Jones thanked the Orofino Chamber of Commerce for purchasing food from the boosters for the upcoming bbq on the 4th of July

Committee Reports

Public Affairs - Dennis Harper

The ATV access issues are on the forefront of the public affairs committee. The law that was passed is running into issues with the Forest Service and they are wanting to close these roads to ATV use. The committee is trying to keep this from happening here and they are working on local legislation that will satisfy the forest service engineers that want to close roads because of liability issues with what the Idaho law allows for ATV riders.

Promotional – Laura-

The Business After Hours for the Riverside Motel and Window on the Clearwater has been cancelled. Lewis/Clark Credit Union will have their BAH August 13, 2009.

4th of July – Phil Shriver

Still need volunteers for the BBQ and Beer Bus.

Programs – Stephanie Deyo

Next program is Ree Brannon from Northwest Passage Scenic Byway.

Program

Today's Program is Sheriff Goetz and Mike Gladhart, Marine Supervisor from the Clearwater County Sheriff's Department.

Sheriff Goetz talked about the invasive species sticker that is required for all boats in Idaho. This did not come from the Sheriff's department it came from the Department of

Agriculture. Next year marine registration will increase \$10 so that there won't have to be a separate sticker to purchase. Sheriff Goetz talked about some policy changes about boat inspections on the Reservoir. They will be working on not doing multiple inspections on boats and gearing toward single inspections. There was a complaint about 1 boat getting inspected 5 times in two weeks. The Sheriff has talked to his employees and they will no longer be doing that. They wanted everyone to know that if you are inspected in May does not mean you will not be inspected later in the year. There was a question from the group about "How do you determine if a boat needs to be inspected again? Is there a reason?" Sheriff Goetz commented saying that there does not have to be a reason for inspection, but the goal is not to do multiple inspections. The U.S. Coast Guard requires for grant purposes to the department to have numbers of inspections that warrant the grant. So it does turn into a numbers driven thing that the Sheriff's department is working to move away from and not focus on. The U.S. Coast Guard sets the rules that the Sheriff's Department has to follow.

Mike started his part of the presentation addressing the issue of multiple inspections. He told the group that some of the confusion that is out there is that boaters on the lake believe they are being inspected after they receive their inspection sticker when a deputy comes up and asks "where are your life jackets?" "The letter of the law," says Deputy Gladhart "is that the life jacket has to be readily accessible to the reach of the boater." Readily accessible means to be within arms reach. Those boaters that keep their life jackets under the bow while everyone is fishing at the back of the boat are in violation of the law and are subject to citation. He was very clear that they do not ticket everyone who is in violation of this law and they do work on educating boaters.

Mike presented a slide show to let the group view some of the violations that occur in Clearwater County. There were pictures of people riding on the bow of boats, pictures of boats with too many people, pictures of kids with life jackets that did not fit and were too big endangering the kids with slipping out of the jacket. He repeated to the group how important it is for life jackets. There were 7 deaths already in Idaho and 6 of the deaths were not wearing life jackets while the one that was died when his personal watercraft was too close to his buddies and his buddy ran over him at 60 mph. Most all of the citations written last year were life jacket violations, not enough life jackets for each person in the boat. There were several violations where there were too many people and not enough seats for the passengers.

Adjourn

John adjourned the meeting at 1:10