



## GM Agenda October 3rd, 2018 12pm Ponderosa Conference Room

- **Call to Order:**

Meeting Called to order by President Ann Wright at 12:10pm.

- **Minutes:**

Minutes were read by Jo Moore and motion was made to approve minutes as written, Elizabeth 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. All in favor, motion carried.

- **Guests:**

No Guests.

- **Announcements:**

Ashley Steinbruecker with CVH announced they have Ladies Night Out coming up, it will be at the clinic, Dr. Lima will be speaking along with the Physical Therapist. They will be having ladies that are uninsured or underinsured schedule free female exams and mammograms. They will be doing a bra decorating contest. The theme is Bras and Brats. Super fun event, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.

They also have Taste of the Clearwater coming up, October 27<sup>th</sup>, it is a combines moonlight ball and wine tasting, small live auction, silent auction, 2-3 wineries (Jovinea from Lenore and Lindsay Creek from Lewiston), there will be also be micro brews there (Moscow Brewing Company and Bravas) Dining on the Edge will be catering. Will be Saturday 1-5pm at Big Eddy Event Space.

- **Drawing for Free Lunch**

Ashley Steinbruecker is winner of free lunch.

- **Executive Director Report: Melina Johnson**

**Maps:** I had sent out a request for ads, we have enough sold ads so I am now just working with the City and County to make sure the map is accurate so we can get it out for printing. There are some errors on the map as street names are wrong and some businesses are located incorrectly on the map. I am getting that fixed and then the maps will be printed. Looking at having this completed in the next month.

**Extended County Map:** Businesses have asked that we make a bigger map that extends out to the outlying areas and can cover the areas our new website has, Pierce, Weippe, Peck and Elk River. Some businesses have expressed interest in this already so need to get approved by board and work on selling ads for that.

**ITC Grant:** We went with NCITA for our grant along with Kamiah, Grangeville and Riggins. I have been working with all of them to get the grant \$ we feel our county deserves, this is still ongoing and will continue to work at getting this \$.

**Books:** Colleen Bausch brought in a very large stack of books that her husband Woody Bausch had printed. They are a picture book of Idaho's Clearwater Country, they are very neat books and we will be using them for our relocation/tourism packets that go out in the mail and will also be distributed to our local brochure racks. If you are interested in seeing one come by the office, they are great. Colleen has more she will be donating to the Chamber.

**WebCams:** In our 2018/19 ITC Grant we have received money to purchase webcams that will be located around Orofino and live streamed to our Chamber Website. One will be located at Dworshak Reservoir facing out over the marina, one will be facing out over the Clearwater River and one showing Downtown Orofino. These webcams will show current recreation, water levels, activity and increase tourism in Orofino.

**Surveys for Riverbank Music Festival:** Surveys were sent out to our sponsors/vendors and attendees of the Riverbank Music Festival, we had very good positive feedback on the surveys, looks like we will move forward with Riverbank 2019 at this time. We will be looking for sponsorships for the event first to determine expenses for 2019 concert.

**Survey for Legislation:** A survey was sent out to Chamber members asking for input on current legislative issues for Orofino. I have joined a joint legislative chamber committee with Lewiston and Moscow, our first

meeting was last week, I was only able to stay for an hour and a half, they discussed education and optional sales use tax. I am excited to get more involved in legislative issues, I will be meeting with our county commissioners next to go over the issues that are brought up from the survey and get an idea of what the Chamber should be addressing.

- **Committee Reports**

- **CCED – Chris St. Germaine:**

Letter Update from Chris:

Greetings on a lovely cool rainy day of autumn. For many of us the month of September included garden harvest or stocking up at the Farmers Market; canning and processing veggies and fruits for the upcoming year. While us veggie types toil in the soil our hunter partners/friends were out scouting for elk, deer & grouse; and we can not forget our fish mongers who are casting for the illusive aquatic food that fills our freezers, smokers and jars. All the good parts of why we live in rural – Clearwater County- Idaho!

The economic development office was a buzz in September with several existing business expansion efforts. We are working directly with small manufacturers get prepared for a ID National Laboratory project with NuScale to build micro reactors across the region. We had the opportunity to connect business ventures to meet the needs identified; we worked collectively to secure workforce Development funding to train Certified Nursing Assistants to meet the needs of health care providers; and, our Workplace Readiness project is well underway to help enhance basic work skills to entry level employee candidates to help resolve our workforce shortage.

Additionally, the office is providing support and coordination for beneficial infrastructure projects: in partnership with Soil & Water Conservation District, we secured \$ 155,000 in flood mitigation funding to support culvert upgrades along the Snake Creek Road; we are working on a funding solution for Weippe flood mitigation effort; in partnership with the Clearwater RC&D Council we have submitted for funding support to bolster the SOLIDWORKS and 3D printer work station; and continue to coordinate the US Dept of Transportation grant to recondition the rail line from Jaype to Lewiston.

Last but certainly not least are our efforts with start-up ventures. The Igniting Innovation writers/publishers group meets monthly in the Adult Learning Center (upstairs VFW) 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 3:00 pm. The Foodie group is maturing and we are looking into the opportunity to build Community Shared Agriculture (CSA) local food packages – would you be interested in locally raised poultry, beef, pork, lamb, vegetables, seasonings, jams/jellies, breads and soap delivered on a regular rotation?

Have a project idea or a business challenge/issue/question, give us a call 208-476-9829 we love to help make things happen!

Christ has also been working with 2 Degrees North on a new brochure. It is an artisan trail map through the state.

- **Legislative Committee –**

- **Welcoming's-**

- New Chamber Member Heidi Cunningham has just joined the Chamber, she owns Expanding Horizons Travel Agency. Heidi wants to be more involved in the community. She explained the benefits of going through a travel agency is that she can get you a trip anywhere in the world, she does all the work, the research and planning to relieve stress off the individual. If there are any errors she takes care of everything. The fees are built in, money stays in the community. She specializes in travel to Alaska but can book a travel anywhere.  
Welcome, Heidi!!

➤ **Special Events:**

**Lumberjack Days:**



Lumberjack Days did very well in the City Park, very few complaints, seemed much better than the last location. Complaints were mainly from elderly who couldn't get their walkers through the grassy park. Sales were up, we were able to cater to logging arena events.

**FALL FESTIVAL:**



Fall Festival coming up October 27<sup>th</sup>, this is a kid/family event with Horse rides, petting zoo, face painting, bouncy house, hay rides, games, etc. Event will be from 10-3. Vendors needed.

**HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT ON THE STREET**



Trick or Treat on the street is Halloween night, 5-8pm, if you are interested in having a spot just let us know and we will get you on the list. Fun safe event for families.

➤ **New Business:**

Joe Pippenger said the OCI had a record year for everything, was a great year. Carnival was up, logging show, auction, everything was up and it just shows economy is improving. Did have small issues as far as Beer Garden goes, there wasn't as much room for the carnival trucks, and we may need to do a

little bit of adjustments for next year to make sure there is enough room for everything. Some issues with cleanup crews not showing up, etc. Elizabeth indicated Shane Miller at the City Council meeting did a nice kudos to OCI for their work on getting the park cleaned up, they did a great job. Jo Moore indicated older folks with walkers were having a hard time getting into the park, maybe need a paved walkway for them or designated parking for them so they can come around the back. Joe indicated OCI arena used to only be used for just logging show but many other organizations and events happen there now so the arena is constantly going through changes, this makes it more difficult for getting walkers/wheelchairs through.

- **Program: Speaker: Roger Burnham - PyroManiacs**

Roger Burnham indicated this was about their 20 years of putting on the fireworks show. Joe Pippenger used to get the donations to finance the firework show, he began the first fireworks show. The fireworks show has evolved over the years, we now have live entertainment and all day events.

One of the changes is they have a new firework supplier as the previous supplier was not doing things correctly so they are now going through Pyro Spectaculars and they specialize in big shows, we are small fries compared to the shows they usually do and they emphasize on special effects.

Everyone that works on the show is a Maniac so they came up with the name Pyro-Maniacs. The crew consists of 5 pyro technicians, Kenny Miller has been with him for 10 years, John Lynch who grew up on Wells Bench but now lives in Moscow, he has been with him for 5 years, Allan Barker, one of his best friends in high school, Bruce Hanson has been there for over 10 years, Troy Shores, married to the one that works at Title Company so he married a Maniac. Now high school kids and family help also, some of those kids that help are James and George Bolling.

Roger explained the whole process of how the truck is unloaded the fireworks are set up. High Schoolers can't touch the firework products but set up the racks and do all the packing. The fireworks show typically lasts 13 minutes but it takes all day to get it set up. All fireworks show no matter where you go typically goes 13 minutes. A study was done showing interest/attention decreased after 13 minutes so that is the magic number for how long most all fireworks show lasts, after that your neck would hurt from looking up☺

In 2018 Roger and his crew put their \$ back into the fireworks, they use the \$ they need to provide food and training for the crew but the rest goes into purchasing additional fireworks for the Orofino Fireworks Show.

Roger explained how his father passed away last year and the additional fireworks was in tribute to his father who had helped with the Orofino Fireworks show since the beginning.

Thank you so much Roger and crew for all that you do for Orofino and our community, we truly appreciate you!

- **Adjourn:**

Meeting adjourned at 1:00pm.