



GM Agenda June 5th, 2019 12pm Ponderosa Conference Room

- **Call to Order:**

Vice President, Danny Lund, called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.

- **Minutes**

Elizabeth Morgan read the minutes and made a motion to approve as written. Connie Robison 2nd the motion. All were in favor and minutes were approved as written.

- **Guests:** Mike Hanna with Senator Risch's Office.

- **Announcements:**

- **No General Membership meeting in July.**
- Sky Down Skydiving will be in Orofino June 14th-16th. Call to schedule your jump at 208-455-2359.
- Clearwater River Jet Boat Races will take place on June 14th-16th in Orofino. There is a boat show on Friday night on Johnson Avenue starting at 6PM. Saturday and Sunday racing will start at 10AM and the Jet Boats will race from Ahsahka Beach to Greer Beach six times on Saturday and four times on Sunday.
- First Responders Ball will be held at Clearwater River Casino on June 21st.
- Saturday, June 29th - The Clearwater Memorial Public Library Foundation urges the business community to support the third annual fundraiser, Shindig 3, as they try to raise funds needed to expand and enhance the children's section of our library. The second phase is about complete and Cleo, our director, is happy to give you a tour of the expanded section anytime that the library is open. You may sponsor a table for the Shindig for a tax-deductible donation, and buy tickets for \$40 per person, which includes a full dinner and drink. Come out and enjoy the fun! Tickets are available at the library, or call to make a reservation!
- July 6th - EnduroCross racers are coming to the Lumberjack Arena in downtown Orofino for a night of racing action fit for the whole family. Experience EnduroCross – off-road motorcycle racing on a custom track filled with insane obstacles.
- Lolo Trail Muzzleloader Club – 43rd Annual Rendezvous Shoot, July 19th - July 21st.
- Danielle Hardy with LCSC announced that there will be LCSC Representatives at the Outreach Center on June 25th from 5-7pm. Idaho has the highest rate of non-higher education and the state of Idaho has given a nontraditional scholarship for \$3,000 a year to help people that are non-traditional students, which is

99.99% of people served in Orofino. Please invite anyone who may be thinking about going back to college or interested in higher education.

- **Drawing for Free Lunch:** Our lucky winner for our free lunch drawing was Jon Stephenson.



- **Executive Director Report: Tessa Mullinix**

CHAMBER AUCTION – May 3rd

We don't have final numbers in as we are still waiting on a few invoices and bills to be paid, but financially it was a very successful year.

I would like to thank all those that volunteered throughout the entire process. The committee, the volunteers, the set-up crew, the auctioneer, and especially all those that donated. Without the support of this community, it would not be possible for the chamber to host their biggest fundraiser.

FLOWERS:

Cathie Mosier with the Orofino Flower shop and Boyd Brookshier planted flowers in our baskets on Johnson Avenue a few weeks ago and they look great! Thank you Cathie and Boyd, LCCU, Heather & Ryan Smathers, Lahni Ireland, Heather Mastroianni, Ashely Steinbruecker, Jeff & Monica Jones, Scott Taylor and Terri Kiele, for water every morning.

MANIAC DAM RACE

On June 1st, it was a great day for a race! We had 150 participants registered and the weather was perfect.

A huge effort went into organizing and making this race a success. Without the help of our planning committee, volunteers, sponsors and participants, this event wouldn't have been possible.

The Chamber would like to thank Dworshak Dam and Reservoir for allowing the race to happen and also for their help with set up; P1FCU for sponsoring the t-shirts and donating apples, Orofino Physical Therapy for sponsoring winner medals and for the goodie bags and stretch table, Clearwater Valley Hospital for sponsoring our chip timers and providing sunscreen and chap stick, Orofino Market Place for donating Gatorade, granola bars and bananas, LCCU for donating oranges, Barney's Harvest Foods for the bottled water, Mike Collins and Cyrus Hall for the chip timing, the City of Orofino for providing cones, Idaho Youth Challenge Academy and Cadets for the help with set-up and break-down, Clearwater County Sheriff's Department for having deputies on site and keeping us safe, Sam Boccasini for an outstanding job as the Maniac, and KLER Radio for covering the race, playing music, and announcing at the race. Lastly, I would like to thank the planning committee for all of their time and hard work: Ashley Steinbruecker, Lahni Ireland, Jeff and Monica Jones, as well as all the volunteers the day of the race: Lee Lira, Reiley Strom, and Irene Tenant. What a great race day!!

4th of July

Calendar of Events has been set and details are being worked out. If anyone has any request, ideas, or feedback, I would gladly appreciate those.

- **Committee Reports**

- **CCED – Chris St. Germaine’s Report:**
 - **Update from Chris:**

The wet April certainly has the blooming plants bursting with May flowers all across the County and a few projects that have been brewing were awarded in May:

The City of Orofino was awarded funds to expand its business center to support retention of SJX Jet Boats; the Apple-University of Idaho SWIFT application development training kicked off with a dozen participants; and the Orofino High 5 Idaho project kicked off an effort to boost healthy lifestyles.

In our efforts to support-retain & expand existing businesses we helped folks with government processes and contracting opportunities. We partnered with the local Associated Logging Contractors, Idaho Forest Group and School District 171 to begin building a logger workforce development program. We continue to facilitate the Workforce development projects to get local folks CNA certifications and to provide employability skills with our parents of Problem Solving Court. Our office is supporting a handful of business start-up ventures with everything from business planning support to leveraging available incentives to maximize private investment in new developments.

The now empty Shopko building is getting some attention. The owners, Capital Growth are partnering with us and together we are working every available angle to get the facility back to work in our community. We have submitted the IOOF Hall to a lead the ID Dept. of Commerce shared for a brewery/restaurant looking for a historic building. Our IOOF certainly could provide a great historic space for this kind of development...hope we get a site visit at the very least!

Have an idea for the community, a startup idea or know of a friend interested in relocating a business to Clearwater County – contact us at 208-476-9829 or ecodev@clearwatercounty.org

BUSINESS:

- **Legislative Committee**
- **Welcomings**
 - Tye Barnett Remodeling
 - Cleanline of Orofino
 - Dworshak National Fish Hatchery
 - Jarrett’s Guide Service

- **Special Events:**

- 4th of July Celebration

- **New Business:**

- Proposed Amendment - 2019 By-Laws
The Orofino Chamber Board of Directors have decided to table this proposal.
- New Board Member
On behalf of the Orofino Chamber, we would like to welcome our new board member Erica Holland.

- **Guest Speaker:**

Garret Visser, a Conservation Program Coordinator with the Idaho Wildlife Federation (IWF) spoke to Chamber members at their general meeting June 5.

Visser's visit was prompted by the organization's work with riverside communities to help reverse the decline in salmon and steelhead returns to the Clearwater and Salmon River basins.

The IWF is Idaho's oldest statewide conservation organization protecting sportsman interests. Founded by sporting and wildlife groups in 1936, IWF became the state's leading voice and influence to limit decline and restore game and wildlife populations. In the face of overwhelming decimation of fish and game by overharvest and habitat destruction, IWF accrued affiliate clubs who shared goals to protect and return habitat and wildlife through ecologic restoration, education, and policy change.

Visser was asked if the decline might be part of a cycle; there have been low numbers to return in other years. The numbers seemed to have bounced back for a spell. What effect does the condition of our oceans have on the fish? Is there sufficient food? Were the dams to blame and/or warmer waters?

Many factors contribute to fewer fish returning, and countless efforts and 16 billion dollars have been poured into the fish recovery project the numbers of healthy fish are still dwindling.

Visser stated he was grateful and supportive of the various hatcheries throughout Idaho to do all they can to restore the fish and the communities who depend on them to survive.

"There is no quick fix or easy answer to the issue," said Visser, "It's not a partisan issue, but one that we must all work together to resolve."

For more information, visit info@idahowildlife.org.

- **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:44 p.m.