COULEE CORRIDOR CONSORTIUM

MEETING MINUTES

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SOAP LAKE, WA

12/16/2016

Those present were: Tim Alling, Chair; Mark Amara, 1st V Chair; Ken Caylor, 2nd V Chair; Barb Caylor, Treasurer; Birdie and Lowell Hensley, Diane Crummett, and Susie Barr.

The meeting was called to order at 12:20 pm by Chair Tim Alling.

Barb Caylor agreed to record the minutes.

Partner Reports:

* Masquers Theater is presenting the comedy “Noises Off” Feb. 17-March 5, 2017. Soap Lake’s Park Plan is on track with new restrooms being delivered today. The Soap Lake Conservancy and the City of Soap Lake have written a resolution to protect the lake.
* The 50th anniversary at Grand Coulee Dam will be Jan. 3, 2017 to celebrate the starting up of the third powerplant.
* The Third Annual Columbia Basin Eco Gardening Symposium will be in Moses Lake April 22, 2017. It will focus on vegetable gardening. You can sign up through Grant County Conservation District for this free event.
* Tim Alling attended the Grant County Tourism Board meeting. On his way to the meeting, he saw many Bald Eagles, other birds and wildlife. He reported we need to get contacts with the media for articles on sights along the byway.
* The 2016 reimbursement invoices and worksheets have been sent to the cities that helped fund the Coulee Corridor Byway.
* The Othello Community Museum will be open during the Sandhill Crane Festival in 2017. The Coulee Corridor Byway will have a booth at the Sandhill Crane Festival in March.
* The Branding Committee that was in Othello last month will be back in February with their results.
* The Othello Beautification Committee has Christmas decorations up on Main Street. They have purchased 6 more street lights that will be installed next Spring. Work on Othello’s 14th Avenue is completed and it is open to traffic.
* The Railroad Museum in Reardon is open on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. It is located about 60 miles from Grand Coulee and 60 more miles to Silverwood Theme Park in Idaho.
* The Native American Museum at Wanapum Dam on the Columbia River near Vantage is very interesting to visit.
* The new loop of the Coulee Corridor Byway east of Connell to Warden is on county and state roads. Will check on legislative action needed to complete.

The minutes of the Nov. 18, 2016 meeting were accepted by a motion from Birdie Hensley and seconded by Mark Amara.

The agenda was modified by a motion from Susie Barr, seconded by Birdie Hensley to add discussion on the American Road advertising.

The 2005 Grant Committee will wait for Denis Felton’s return for a report.

Grant applications for 2017 funding are turned in for Othello. Connell’s is coming up.

Elections were held for the 1st V Chair position. Susie Barr nominated Mark Amara. There were no other nominations. Ken Caylor moved to close nominations. Vote was taken. Mark Amara will continue as 1st V Chair. Nominations were opened for Secretary. No nominations were accepted. Secretary position is still open. Susie Barr moved to close elections. Passed.

Discussion on American Road advertising was mainly to use that money for new pamphlets, local advertising outside 50 miles, and for kiosk publication. Birdie moved, Mark Amara seconded to put the advertising in American Road magazine on hold for next year 2017. It was passed to do so for one year to see where we are at.

A discussion was had on how to get people to our meetings. A membership change was presented but not acted on. A notice of membership dues will be sent out in January of each year. Birdie Hensley will work on designing a card as an attachment that can be filled out and mailed in.

The next meeting will be in Ephrata on January 20, 2017 at Time Out.

The future meeting locations were chosen for 2017.

February 17, 2017 Moses Lake August 18 Soap Lake

March 17 Othello September 15 Mardon

April 21 Grand Coulee October 20 Connell

May 19 Warden November 17 Moses Lake

June 16 Coulee City December 15 Soap Lake

July 21 Omak

Respectfully Submitted

Barb Caylor