

**OROFINO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 7, 2009
PONDEROSA BANQUET ROOM**

CALL TO ORDER

President John Goffinet called the meeting to order at 12:18 p.m. There were 23 members and 1 guest present. Staff included Burnham.

MINUTES

General Membership Meeting minutes are emailed to members.
The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented.

GUESTS

Our guest was our program speaker, Joe DuPont.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We proudly announce two new members; Clearwater Technical Group and Salon Savvy.

Diane Hairston announced an upcoming Clearwater Business Committee seminar on November 5th from 9 a.m. to noon at the National Guard Armory. The seminar will focus on Idaho Labor Laws and Unemployment Tax reporting.

Teri Bolling announced that October 13 from 8:30 to 1:30 she will be hosting a broadcast about navigating the noise in today's market environment at Edward Jones.

Neal Johnson invited the membership to Business after Hours at Walrath Insurance from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please enter through the side door.

Dan Burnham has submitted his resignation from the Board of Directors. The Board is looking for someone to fill his seat through the end of his term in 2011. If interested please contact any Board member or the Chamber office.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

So far this month 1 tourism and 2 relocation packets have gone out. The Chamber office needs your business brochures and business cards to have stocked in our brochure racks and to send out in our packets.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Affairs- The new Forest Supervisor is setting up a meeting with the Chamber of Commerce on November 2nd. Details will follow as they become available.

Promotional- Business after Hours will take place tomorrow from 5-7 p.m. at Walrath Insurance. The theme will be Oktoberfest.

The "Trunk or Treat" Halloween event is being planned for Halloween Day from 3-6 p.m. at King's. Last year close to 200 kids participated, visiting the decorated car trunks for candy. Wolverton stated that she would like some help with this event.

There will be a Christmas Festival meeting on October 12th at 5:10 p.m. at the Edward Jones office.

Lumberjack Days- Thanks to all who participated in our Lumberjack Days fundraiser. It was a great success and netted \$5292.57.

President's Cup Golf Tournament- Also thanks to all who helped out with the President's Cup golf tournament. We had 32 teams participate and brought several out of town players to Orofino. The tournament netted \$4759.00. There was a three way tie for first place between the teams of Morrow, Coleman and Nekich; Medley, Medley and Holstein; Baldus, Blakeman and Riggers. 4th place went to Burnham, Moser and Gortsema. Special thanks to all of our sponsors: Lewis-Clark Credit Union, Bob and Ann Gee, Wells Fargo, Ponderosa/Brass Rail, U.S. Bank, Dining on the Edge, Glenwood Pharmacy, American West Bank, Dugger Plumbing, AAA Precision Tool and Cutter Grinding and Suddenlink. Also thanks to Larry Coonts, Bob Gee, Dan Burnham, Jeff Wicks, Mike Clay, Tony Teel, Steve Ballard, Norma Reinhardt, Julie Hollibaugh and Tammy Davis for helping make the event run smoothly.

Christmas Festival- The Christmas Festival Committee is working on a Christmas Passport drawing idea to bring patrons to local businesses during the Holiday season. Squares on the passport will be available for advertising space purchase soon. The Christmas Festival will take place December 3-5.

President Goffinet also extended his thanks to all who helped with the Lumberjack Days and President's Cup fundraisers.

PROGRAM

Programs- October 21st- County Commissioners John Allen and Don Ebert
November 4th - Joint School District #171 Superintendent, Dale Durkee

Vice-President Stephanie Deyo introduced our program speaker, Joe DuPont with Idaho Fish and Game. DuPont has 8 years full time experience with the agency and is based out of Lewiston.

DuPont gave a PowerPoint presentation on Deyo Reservoir, on which planning began in the mid 1990's. The local community rallied around the project to make it happen and Fish and Game was able to provide some funding for the project. Deyo Reservoir is located four miles west of Weippe in the area of Three Mile Road, Four Mile Road and Schmidt Mill. When complete the reservoir will be about 55 acres. Mary Lou Deyo donated the property specifically for a fishing reservoir and the project is on a time crunch to become completed.

The University of Idaho put together a conceptual design with RV parking, boat ramps a boardwalk path, primitive parking and 20X8 foot docks of which 7 will be for overnight use and camping. Funding issues with the project are still being worked out.

According to DuPont, close to \$500,000 has been donated and spent to develop Deyo Reservoir so far. Another \$1M-\$1.5M is needed to complete the project. When complete, Deyo Reservoir will provide year-round safe boating and fishing 24 hours a day. 20,000 to 40,000 hours of angling is expected annually which should bring between

\$300,000 to \$800,000 annually to the local economy. There are plans to plant trout, bass and bluegill.

DuPont also updated the membership on the forecast for the upcoming fishing season. The Clearwater River is not expected to have as good of a run as last year which had numbers as high as 40,000, this year they are estimating 10,000 to 15,000. This is the first year that they have started raising summer Chinook at the Clearwater fishery. They will be releasing these year after next and is expected to give diversity to fishing offering different varieties of fish to offset bad run years and spreading out the fishing opportunities.

DuPont also talked about the fertilization/nitrification on Dworshak. The fertilization has been going on for three years now and this year zooplankton has been seen. Next year this should be very beneficial to Kokanee fishing and they are hoping to see them between 9 and 11 inches.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, President Goffinet adjourned the meeting at 12:57 p.m.

John Goffinet, President

ATTESTED:

Heather R. Burnham, Executive Director