

RIO DELL-SCOTIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD MEETING

DATE: June 1, 2018 TIME: 12:00 LOCATION: Chamber Office 406 Wildwood Avenue P.O. Box 95, Rio Dell CA 95562

EVERY MEETING: Need to sign checks

Board Members: Nick Angeloff, President; Tracy O'Connell, vice president; Sharon Holt, secretary; Jim Brickley, Susan Pryor; Eldon Whitehead, historian; Gabriel Smith

Non-Voting Positions: Melissa Marks, treasurer; Frank Bacik, emeritus

1. CALL TO ORDER: Called to order by Nick Angeloff, president, at 12:07
2. ATTENDANCE: Jim Brickley, Tracy O'Connell, Sharon Holt; secretary, Nick Angeloff; president, Gabriel Smith, Eldon Whitehead
3. ABSENT: Frank Bacik, Susan Pryor, Melissa Marks
4. SECRETARY: Minutes of May have been approved by consent and sent to PSA.
5. TREASURERS REPORT: BALANCE AS OF 06/01/2018 Savings Checking: NO REPORT
6. COMMITTEE REPORTS/OLD OR ONGOING BUSINESS:

ONGOING BUSINESS:

FACILITIES: Office Location: Use Policy will need to be drafted for conditional use by community members/organizations. **No action.**

Post office box: Transaction has been completed and mail is being dispatched to P.O. Box 95.

Membership plaques/stickers: PENDING.

WILDWOOD DAYS COMMITTEE MEETING: (preparation begins January) **parade: 1918 Armistice LEST WE FORGET. RED POPPY SYMBOL. TREE DEDICATION AUGUST 4, 2018; 12:30 PM MEMORIAL PARK.**

Tree in the Memorial Park is a Flowering Cherry and was donated to the city by Mark & Jenny Gillum. Jim has ordered red poppies from American Legion. Sharon has ordered the tree tag from Saving Hallowed Ground. This will be the only dedicated tree between San Francisco and Portland. Jim has created a poster for the dedication which he presented and board edited. Jim will follow up. Eldon will put the parade information on his Facebook page.

Application: UPDATED TO PDF FILLABLE FORMAT AND POSTED ON WEBSITE. Sharon will check on this as the applications do not appear to have been loaded.

Purchase prizes: Susan PENDING

Judges: Susan PENDING

Sign-up/staging: Jim and Sharon have begun the staging queue based on the current entrants and the destination of Memorial Park for the dedication.

Emcee: Maggie Fleming. Sharon will confirm.

Sound system: SCOTIA BAND.

Grand Marshall: Multiple veterans

Car: Nick

Banner: on shelf

Entrants: Dixie Gators, Honor Guard, Buglers

Finances/Rent: documentation of the daily business associated with the building i.e. identifying tenants, tracking all rents and having immediate identification for non-payment, policy for trash removal, policy for conditional daily use, and accessibility for visitors and community usage. Rodney will be paying \$300/month directly to EPAD, so Melissa requested EPAD add that to current rent. However, EPAD has reported they are looking for emergency grants to get through basic expenses after June. NO OFFICIAL REPORT PRESENTED

Community garden: NO ACTION AS OF JUNE 1.

Chamber Accounts: Both accounts are updated and functional.

Art on the Blvd.: The next sculpture is the Elk and will be installed across from Kreations on June 4 at 2:00. The Eagle is in progress and will be installed at a date and time to be announced. Discussion ensued that the Chamber needs to prepare to acquire another grant to perpetuate this program for additional sculptures. Nick will also look into the potential for a series of Native American sculptures supported by Bear River and other bands of Humboldt County.

Holiday Lights: July 4-Wildwood Days: The star lights are in transit. Nick is hoping to have sponsors for each light for July 4th, Wildwood Days and Holiday Lighting through December. If we can get sponsorship, we can perpetuate the purchase of additional Holiday lighting.

Eagle Prairie Bridge: Petitions with approximately 225 signatures have been sent to the governor's office in response to communications about the bridge closure. The petition requests the bridge being opened at least partly during the painting and doesn't name the chamber as a partner in the activity.

Mike Ward of Automotive Workshop is working with the businesses to help get their profit and loss reports in to the CPA to chronologue the losses being claimed in the expectation of reimbursement from Caltrans. Nick is helping to facilitate the accounting. Shan Grundman is spearheading the request for remuneration from Cal-Trans and that attorney, Bill Bertain will submit the documentation to Cal-Trans.

Board members discussed, via email, the issue of allowing the Chamber's name to be used in the revised, cover document, a draft of which was circulated to the board last week. A preliminary vote of 4 in favor, 1 opposed, & 2 not responding resulted. A motion will be needed at this meeting to put this item on the record.

Additional discussion ensued as to the content of the document requesting to be presented to Cal-Trans, specifically the lack of factual documentation as to the statistical claims from the businesses regarding traffic flow in relation to the economic health of the effected entities. After much discussion, the Chamber unanimously agreed that the functional goal of the Chamber of Commerce is to support its members in economic endeavors as related to the welfare of the community at large.

Motion was made by Nick Angeloff; seconded by Jim Brickley; for the Chamber of Commerce to support the document as written. Call for vote resulted in Yea votes: Nick Angeloff, Tracy O'Connell, Eldon Whitehead, Gabriel Smith, Jim Brickley; Nay Sharon Holt; absent Susan Pryor. Sharon Holt reiterated that the nay vote was solely on the specific wording of the document and lack of documentation, not in the content, purpose or intent of the presentation.

Scholarships: Two recipients from each Eagle Prairie and Stanwood Murphy have been selected.

Newsletter: Completed by Harry Pulver. Harry will continue subbing for Nick indefinitely. The June newsletter has been delivered.

A Rivers Last Chance: Tracy attended the Fortuna showing of the film and Jim talked with producers about additional showings. It appears that John Anderson may present the film at the Winema with Humboldt Redwood Company backing. HRC is meeting with the producers to

facilitate a potential showing which will require a monetary investment by the backer. It was agreed that at this time the CoC will not pursue an independent showing of the film.

Rural Nonprofit: Nick presented the information that the nonprofit organization, Rural Humboldt, is insolvent (although debt-free) and has offered to transfer the nonprofit status if the Chamber can accept the responsibility of creating a Board in relation to the criteria of the Articles of Incorporation. The mission statement of Rural Humboldt has been as advocates for rural property owners and rural business development in Humboldt County. Nick will acquire the Articles of Incorporation for discussion.

DISCUSSION:

It appears that the completion of the desired goal of the organization led to the dissolving of the Rural Humboldt non-profit. There are no reported liabilities associated with the nonprofit. Nick volunteered to facilitate with the Secretary of State to transfer of the articles of RURAL HUMBOLDT nonprofit. This would become an auxiliary of the Chamber of Commerce with a separate board of directors, articles and objectives.

Motion made by Gabriel Smith; Seconded by Jim Brickley to allow Nick Angeloff to proceed with the transfer and accept Rural Humboldt nonprofit as an arm of the Chamber of Commerce. Passed unanimously.

Humboldt Branding: NO REPORT

WEB SITE: Total views for the month are: Total Visits: 173; New Visits: 151; Return Visits: 22; Page Views: 283

DECORATIONS: (preparation begins January & February):

Lighting Eagle Prairie Bridge: Pending

Military Service Flags: Replace hangers. Discussion opened with the Fire Dept. on the signage and possibility of changing flagging throughout the year. Rotary TABLED.

MEMBERSHIP LETTER: (preparation, stickers, begins September, letter approval October, distributed December): 2019 Membership application on Website. TABLED

ADVERTISING LETTER: (December)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS/DIRECTORS: (August) PENDING

AVENUE OF THE GIANTS SIGN: (June, payment due Sept) Tracy is prepared to facilitate this for 2019.

NEW BUSINES:

Nick reported that the Arts District has requested that the Chamber donate the old computer to their board. Tracy has attempted to remove all files pertaining to the Chamber and Nick will take the tower to Billie Joe to verify all Chamber documents are removed. Motion made by Tracy; seconded by Jim, approved unanimously.

During the discussion of the 2018 Parade, the MC subject was discussed and it was noted that Estelle Fennell has requested to MC for 2019. That led to the report that 2019 will be the 100th anniversary of the Suffrage movement and the completion of the 19th amendment to be sent to Congress for ratification. Board agreed by consent that the 2019 parade theme will be women's suffrage.

Map Printing:

The 11 by 17 master map of Rio Dell/Scotia is down to one copy. Printing on 'regular' paper one sided (the reverse is out of date about size/scope of community) is 22 cents each. 100 copies approximately \$25. NICK WILL CREATE A NEW MAP UPDATE IN PDF FORM. WILL EMAIL PDF TO TRACY.

Brochures:

New set of tourism brochures have been secured from the Humboldt County Convention and Visitors Bureau and are at the front of the gallery area with the other brochures. Melissa from the Shell station has been restocking her brochure area from our supply since visitors come to them for brochures when our facility is closed. As the Chamber is currently open Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday, the Shell station has been filling in the gap.

Chamber Staffing:

Tracy will be unable to staff on Tuesday June 5, 2018 due to commitment at the Voting Polls.

Next meeting: July 6, 2018 Adjourned 12:59 Submitted by Sharon Holt, Secretary