

Rio Dell-Scotia Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting

August 4, 2025

Present - Nick Angeloff, president; Tracy O'Connell, secretary; members Sarah Reback, Susan Pryor, and Gabe Smith; and community members Jessica Davis, Wally Copinni, Aundra Vaughn, Mavis Amen, Colt Amen, Dusty Titus and daughter Kiana Tius, and Georga Burns.

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m.

The financial report was approved, with Sarah moving and Susan seconding.

Those present discussed Wildwood Days which had just taken place. Wally said there were 75 riders in the bike event. There are plans to hold it again next year with a couple changes. He said the pancake breakfast got a much bigger turnout than the year before, which he attributed to it being at the fire hall instead of the school.

Nick pointed out that illness had affected the ability of the Kiwanis Club to prepare the spaghetti feed and pancake breakfast. Mavis said she had stepped in to help, and Aundra said the fire department had, as well. Discussion included how many people it would take to put it on and if the chamber would want to do it some future year if the Kiwanis did not.

Looking ahead, the board discussed the desire for a different theme than the one of the past three years; whether it was important for the chamber to have a float; whether those not in line on time should be disqualified from being judged to discourage lateness and get the judging done more efficiently;; and whether it was even important to offer prizes. Tracy said Susan reaches out for sponsorships to buy prizes and when they come in at the end it's hard to organize the funds in a way that applies them as the donor intended. Nick said it would be good to talk to Dorothy Johnson at DJ's for her thoughts on this because her group gets so involved each year.

Mavis said she planned to run the Halloween decorating contest the same as Christmas and would supply a link to be used on Facebook and in the newsletter to take people to the rules and sign-in place. Discussion included the chamber getting involved with purchasing decorations for the median, which was set aside for this

year, and including the Latino community with its Day of the Dead celebration. Sarah said she would reach out to that community, which celebrated with an altar at the Resource Center last year.

Sarah said she met with Mavis after reviewing the chamber's constitution about the election of officers, which was thin on procedures. Mavis looked at the process in Fortuna and thought that would be a good one to follow.

Mavis said she and Amanda Carter had reviewed the existing computer/web maintenance contract and she prepared a proposal enumerating what she would do and the cost involved, which she will provide in electronic form to the board.

Nick said he would take charge of getting a new map of Rio Dell-Scotia for use on the web and as a brochure for tourists..

The board moved to increase the monthly pay for distributing the newsletters, paid to Sandy Dunker, from \$42/month to \$75, with Nick moving and Gabe seconding, pointing to the time involved in each stop and the price of gas.

Discussion of the placement of future flags, the fourth kiosk, and the renovation of existing flagpole holes on the Wildwood median, was put on hold pending the outcome of Melissa Marks' discussion with Kyle Knopp about assigning work to the city crew, and word from the CCC's about its availability to volunteer.

The need to upgrade and manage the appearance and contents of the two existing Rio Dell kiosks was discussed. Jessica said she would be interested in maintaining the contents, to include possible topics of local businesses, local recreation and tourism opportunities, school activities, and more.

Wally was interested in pursuing a two-day Latino-themed event next June and wondered if the chamber would want to be involved. He has support from the Latino community and would like to bring someone to the next meeting to discuss it further. The board agreed.

Susan said the fire department was interested in starting a bocce league, and anyone wanting to enter a team should contact Shane.

The need to repair the goat statue on the median was brought up, but the head is missing. Dusty said he's a welder and could help if the head were found.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy O'Connell