



GM Minutes 8/2/2023 12noon @ Ponderosa

- **Call to Order: 12:12pm** President, Malia Erlewine
- **Minutes:** Ashley Steinbruecker motioned to approve with correction to A/R balance sheet total, Elizabeth Morgan 2nd, all ayes, none opposed
- **Guests:** Cassie & Dwayne Bansemer, Kaci Ralstin/Senator Risch office Regional Director, Leticia Seloske/Senator Crapo office Regional Director
- **Guest Speaker:** Houck Design/John & Dee - proposed park project titled Orofino Adventure Park: houckdesigndiscgolf.com 512-426-7722 UDisc.com Presented: 80 countries have disc golf, 9,465 courses as of 2022, started their company 18 years ago, industry leader with safety and sporting in mind, M Disc Golf smaller courses, Junior and Adult divisions, include local history and theme, tourism effect, spectators, National and International impact, #1 course in the world and many top 100, use natural elements to create something unique and special, trails for biking and walking and dog/people parks designed in harmony with disc course, ropes and bouldering possibilities, market demographics, landscaping for sustainability, low maintenance, popularity, fast growing sport, crossover tourism/sport possibility, leagues, event opportunities
- **Announcements:** Robert Meade, newly appointed board member representing Weippe and Friends of the Library; introduction/bio, wife Cassidy and son Thomas
Discussion: a Chicago based land developer possible purchase of property in Weippe with intent to add a Dollar General store; information, research, data gathering, current status, request community input via email or phone, Weippe City Council meeting Aug 14 at 7pm



Free Lunch/Dinner: Terri Kiele awarded

- **Executive Director Report:**
 - New Members: Clearwater Mountain Biking Club, Chambers Tree Service, Johnboy's Towing, Wags to Riches - all information available on chamber website; new BBBS Orofino Manager is Harold Kerley; Caitlyn Miller US Bank Orofino Branch Manager
 - Event report: Orofino Show and Shine 63 cars and great turnout, supports our school district for scholarships; Farmers Market receiving good participation; Lolo Trail Muzzleloader Club Rendezvous 50 shooters and more visitors
 - Balance Sheet: A/R \$3,600, Cash \$34,587 FYTD 7.27.2023

- o Outreach: over the last month-Meta aka Facebook = 13,624 post reach (up 42%), 6,205 post engagement, 21 new followers, 2,857 total; Website data: 2,229 pageviews, 1,221 users (pageviews & users down 60%)
- o new remote meeting technology the Owl - introduced to members: provides better sound and images for our zoom meetings
- **Economic Development Report: Susan Jacobson, Director** Community needs assessments and projects being completed: what's next?, community pool is still front and center, next tier includes outdoor recreation/activity, City of Orofino property development off Hwy 12 near Business Park, appreciate Chamber and Rotary financial and board support of Houck Design project proposal, Disc Golf Clubs adopt and grow courses; Cloninger's Marketplace #4 in Weippe intent to expand and develop with ACE Hardware, apartments and fuel with a full service grocery, Dollar General has not been in contact but the community has stated concern with marketing and the background data/"food desert" to other small communities; downtown Orofino Revitalization project with City of Orofino research/comments; broadband advisory committee forming and need volunteers to guide improvement funds available; AARP grant received for benches needs help placing them from community members

- **Committee Reports:**

Legislative Committee – Dennis Harper: absent, reach out if you have questions or concerns

Special Events:

- o **Farmers Market Tues 11-3 & Third Thursday Night Market 4-7pm**
- o **Crazy 8 Shop Run 8/2-5 Wild Hare**
- o **Pierce 1860 Days 8/4-6**
- o **Music in the Mountains Elk River 8/5**
- o **Elk River Days 8/11-13**
- o **MaryLou Triathlon at Deyo Reservoir 8/13**
- o **Wild Weippe Days & Rodeo 8/18-20**
- **Discussion:** Review needs/wants from communities for beautification, improvements,etc.; looking forward to next year for schedule of meetings and preferred times/locations; possible member survey to comment on GM time; Joe Pippenger commented on turn-out and participation being good at the 4pm meeting time; Malia remarked that youth recreation opportunities make positive/productive adults who remain in our community
- **Next meeting: September 6th 4pm at House of JuJu Orofino**
- **Adjourn: 1:11pm, 20 in attendance**

SIGNED:

_____ Malia Erlewine, 2023 President

_____ Erica Holland, Director