Membership Meeting
GM Minutes 2/7/2024
4pm @ Riverside Lanes

- **Call to Order:** 4:07 pm by Director Holland

- **Minutes:** Mike Trout motioned to approve, Cindy Wines 2nd, all ayes, none opposed

- **Guests:** Jim Lingo-newly registered member for Generator Systems & Services LLC; Clinton Daniel representing Congressman Fulcher's office present with announcements: Intern jobs are open in all 3 offices, no political qualifications are needed. Town Halls and Tele-Town Halls happening soon around the state, please call if interested. Co-sponsoring the DAM Act and legislation to repeal family death or estate tax.

- **Guest Speaker/Program:** Gus Garbe/USACE Dworshak, Natural Resources Manager - fact sheets handout presented to all attendees; discussed current projects; the Corp. has partnered with U of I for a masters student to study/measure 7k acres of mitigation area for large game/Elk habitat to be completed Sept 2024; a Timber Sale is open now until Mar 13 for bidding on 313 acres with a 3 year execution plan to reduce fuels, improve habitat, thin and renew forest health to ground that hasn't been exposed to natural burn in over 100 years; talk to Gus if interested in a bid package; the Bi-partisan Infrastructure Bill has opened up funding toward projects including repaving of Dent Acres this summer and will close the campground from Aug-Sept 2024; apx. $20 million is projected toward Hatchery projects for upgrades, heat exchangers, and electric generator systems over 4-5 years; fish repopulation goals at the hatchery are for apx. 2.1 mil Steelhead, 2 mil Chinook and 550k Coho to be released locally; the Corp. is also working with P.L.A.Y. on another trail adoption; ATV trails are mapped and available at the Dam Visitor Center or online.

- **Announcements:**

  Chamber would like to add events: Sip n Shop, Show n Shine Cruise, Oktoberfest-any members interested to participate please let us know

  Chamber Adventure Guide reprint/update: to include paid advertising options-contact director for more information and to sign up

  LCO City Bowling Tournament Feb 17-18 at Riverside Lanes

  Idaho Fest of the West at Big Canyon Acres coming Memorial weekend-Save the Date

Free Lunch/Dinner: Cindy Wines drawn and awarded certificate

- **Executive Director Report:**

- Welcome New Members: P.L.A.Y.; Future Leaders Learning Center-Orofino; Backcountry Tax Service; Bear Country Getaway
- Event report: Elk River Winterfest; Lolo Trail Muzzleloader Club Winter Shoot; Pierce Winter Festival; Elk River Ice Fishing Derby-apx. 240 participants; Holiday lights contests announced; news coming to web and paper
- Balance Sheet: A/R $187.50 Cash $7,456.63 FYTD 1.31.2024
- Outreach: over the last month: Meta aka Facebook 8,224 post reach, 2,248 interactions, 21 new followers = 2,940 total; Website data 2,494 pageviews, 1,133 users (FB engagement down 22%, Google analytics down 12%)
- 2024 membership renewal invoices out and due by March

- **Economic Development Report: Susan Jacobson, Director -** Avista has reopened their Energy Efficiency Grants with almost zero cost to businesses. Lighting can be swapped out to LED, as well as HVAC and equipment updates. T-Mobile is offering entrepreneurial grants. Food businesses can take advantage of Value Added and Middle Producer Grants, for a short period. The Orofino Adventure Park and the Community Pool projects are in the works for grant funding and local partnerships. Watch for press releases coming soon. She attended FARE Idaho and Shot Show conferences, making great contacts and connections.

- **Committee Reports:**

Fundraising - Auction Theme: Monopoly Rags to Riches, May 3 - SAVE THE DATE! Tickets will be on sale soon. Sponsorship opportunities available. Please talk to Erica if interested.

Special Events:

- **Green Things Horticulture Class - Feb 3, 10, 17, 24 at Orofino VFW**
- **Bald Mt Valentine fundraiser - Feb 10 at Pierce Community Center**
- **Orofino Senior Center Valentine Sale - Feb 10**
- **Super Bowl Party - Elkhorn Tavern, Chubby's & Tom's Tavern - Feb 11**
- **Jake Jacobson Acoustic Songwriter Sessions - Feb 15 at Big Canyon Acres**
- **Clearwater Historical Museum Talks, History of Teaken/Cavendish - Feb 20 at Clearwater Library Conference Room**
- **Help IDYCA and Chamber take down Christmas lights - Feb 24 8am-Noon**
- **TLC Foundation Bingo & Trivia - Mar 2 at Orofino VFW**
- **Bridal Fair at Big Canyon Acres - Mar 23**

- **Discussion:**

- **Next meeting: March 6 @4pm Clearwater Saloon Orofino**, Branch & Vines treats, speaker CVH/Lenne Bonner

- **Adjourn: 4:47 pm - Happy Hour open**

SIGNED:

_____ Malia Erlewine, 2023 President

_____ Erica Holland, Director