Membership Meeting
GM Minutes 6/5/2024
4pm @ Elkspresso B&B

- **Welcome!**

- **Guests/Introductions: self introductions**

- **Guest Speaker/Program: Kane Steinbruecker, Chief Fire Warden C.P.T.P.A.;** established in 1905 as a wildland fire suppression organization by early timber businesses to protect resources; strike first and strike fast is the goal to protect community and keep everyone safe; on average 80 fires per season apx. 7 acres each are fought by their crews; 1 million acre coverage area; fire safety and responsible actions are promoted; 50 employees, multiple equipment and support vehicles to provide aggressive response including helicopter partnerships; Federal appropriated Legislative funds, Idaho State General Fund and private contracts provide funding mechanism; business partnerships are available to support the organization by contracting with CPTPA to provide for needs as required, ie: food, lodging, showers, logistical support, fuel, accounting services, etc.; local businesses can benefit and they would like to source locally and support the community that supports them. When firefighting is needed, the responders are prioritized by the land ownership and resources available. Interagency and national agreements and compacts exist to utilize services from around the world. Red Cross collects donations to be distributed to CPTPA when needed.

- **Announcements:** * Elkspresso B&B is for sale. Contact Kim if interested.
  * Big Canyon Acres hosting Farm to Table events monthly throughout summer on the third Sunday.

Door Prize Drawing: Terena Anderson awarded lunch

- **Executive Director Report:**
  - Welcome New Members: Airbridge Broadband, Clearwater Health Fitness & Performance Clinic, Ziply Fiber, ID Voc Rehab, A Compassionate Care Co., Rodgers Tree Care, Red Door Tattoo & Piercing, Wild Weippe Rodeo, Idaho Food Bank
  - Event report: Chamber Fundraiser Auction; Free Fishing at Tunnel Pond; TLC Cornhole Tournament; #1 ThunderRun; SLORA; Big Canyon Fest of the West; LC Valley Bluegrass Pickin' on the Clearwater; Maniac fun run on Dworshak had 125 participate; Elk Creek Reservoir Derby 120+ participants; Classics on the Clearwater at Long Camp RV Kamiah
  - Quarterly Reporting Balance Sheet - Q2 at July meeting

- 90 day Outreach as of May 29, 2024 - FB 3,019 followers (18 new) Reach 24,380 up 7% Engagement 7,192 (down 39%); Google 4,119 users (down 15) Views 10,407 Event Count 30,474 (down 1%)
- 2024 membership renewal invoices outstanding $2,025

- **Economic Development Report: Susan Jacobson, Director;** BEAD grant to Clearwater County to identify gaps in communication with broadband; speed testing is needed by everyone to provide the data needed to show the gaps; chamber will forward a link from Plydamas; events overload the systems available currently; Orofino Adventure Park will move forward with GEM grant received by the City of Orofino; Houck Designs and local organizations partnering to help develop the property; Orofino Community Pool is progressing forward; Pierce awarded a GEM grant to improve their park; Elk River looking toward getting a helipad; CCED is available to help with expansion or development for businesses with services at no cost; Clearwater Mountain Biking Club assisting with trail development.

- **Committee Reports:**

Special Events:

- **Idaho Free Fishing June 8**
- **Orofino Farmers Market Tues 3-7 pm City park, 3rd Thu on Johnson**
- **Rotary of Orofino - Red Cross blood drive at LDS church June 13**
- **#2 ThunderRun ATV ride June 15**
- **Clearwater River Rush Jet Boat Races June 14-16**
- **TLC Father's Day Softball Tournament June 15-16**
- **6C Ridgerunners Father's Day Ride June 15**
- **PLAY Camp 60 Rally 25th Annual June 29**
- **4th of July Orofino and Thunder in the Mountains July 6th**

- **Discussions:** Dworshak replaced the deck at the Big Eddy lodge, new flooring inside and more to come, then open house soon after; Freeman Creek will close Sept 8 for major maintenance repairs; Junior Ranger program now available weekly at Dworshak State Park; 6th grade forestry tour day 1 happened at Big Eddy location by 4H and UofI Extension and day 2 in Pierce, Latah County provides a similar event; summer reading programs underway at libraries; Elk River Library focusing on the youth teens for new programs

- **Next meeting: July 3rd @4pm at House of JuJu Orofino**

- **Adjourn to Happy Hour!**

SIGNED:

_____ Malia Erlewine, 2023 President

_____ Erica Holland, Director