

# **Columbia Chamber of Commerce**

## **General Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date:** November 17, 2021

**Location:** Eagles Cottage, Columbia State Park

**Called to Order:** 5:30 pm

**Those present:**

**CCOC Board Officers:**

Leannha Rodes –President, Business Member

\*John Favela, Vice President – Business Member

\* Denise Favela, Secretary – Business Member

Jo Rodefer, Treasurer – Business Member

**CCOC Board Directors:**

Michael Sharps – Business Member

Rosanna Sharps – Business Member

Howard White – Supporting Member

Richard Haratani – Supporting Member

Nate Lint – Business Member

Janine Osborne – Business Member

**CCOC Members:**

Teresa Torbett – Business Member

Kim Baker – Supporting Member

Sharon Grout – Supporting Member

Donn Marinovich – Supporting Member

**Not present:**

\* John and Denise Favela had to leave the meeting early due to an event running simultaneously at their business establishment.

Jaron Brandon – Business Member

Daniel Wright – Supporting Member

**Guests:**

Brian Todd – President of Twain Harte Chamber of Commerce

Kristan Robinson-Bates – CSHP Concessions Specialist

Mike Merritt – CSHP State Park Interpreter III.

**Approval of the Minutes:** Ms. Favela, Secretary, was not available to take notes at the previous meeting due to pneumonia and has been ill for several weeks.

**Agenda:**

**1. Introduction of new officers for 2022:** Officers: Rosanna Sharps-President, John Favela-Vice President, Jo Rodefer-Treasurer, Denise Favela-Secretary. Board of Directors: Leannha Rodes, Richard Haratani, Howard White, Michael Sharps, Nate Lint, and Janine Osborne.

**2. Treasurer’s Report:** Ms. Rodefer stated \$79,126 total. \$67,000 from Chicken Ranch Casino for Ice Skate Park & Winterfest, and \$5,000 from Sonora Area Foundation for Ice Skate Park & Winterfest.

**3. Guest Speaker:** Brian Todd, President of Twain Harte Chamber of Commerce and his event coordinator, Diane. Shared current events.

**4. Boo Boulevard – CSHP Event:** A big thank you to the State and to Mr. Sharps boosting the Facebook page for \$100. The event was very well attended.

*Motion: Rodes / Rodefer – “I move to approve reimbursement to Michael Sharps for Facebook Advertisement.”*

Voice Vote: The motion carries. 10 Yes. 0 No.

Mr. Sharps declined the reimbursement and offered it as a donation since it was shared from Columbia Booksellers & Variety Stores Facebook page.

**5. Ice Skating Park & Winterfest Update:** Ms. Sharps explained that CSHP offered a one-month usage of the lower southern end of the parking lot. Ms. Sharps explained that one month is not enough time to be profitable and that profits are to be used for the main event the Columbia Winterfest. Supporting member mentioned that the lower parking lot is in a flood zone. Supporting Member said that we may get push back from the State. Ms. Sharps mentioned that other locations are being considered outside of the State Park.

**6. Victorian Feast Update:** Mr. Haratani said that guests can order tickets online and the event will continue if a certain number of reservations can be met.

**7. Town Christmas Party:** December 8<sup>th</sup>, Angelo’s Hall, 5:00 pm, potluck dinner.

**8. Las Posadas Parade:** Event coordinator, Mr. Wright, not in attendance.

**9. Telephone Status:** Mr. Sharps, provided information about the new phone carrier OpenPhone. New phone number is (888) 488-1850.

**10. State Park Report-Rack Cards:** Mr. Merritt said the cost of the rack cards will be split three ways between CSHP, CCOC, and Friends of Columbia. Columbia Chamber of Commerce's portion is \$387.00.

*Motion: Rodes / Rodefer – "I move to approve payment to Friends of Columbia for \$387.00."*

Voice Vote: The motion carries. 10 Yes. 0 No.

**11. County Report – Rad Program:** Mr. Brandon, District Supervisor, not in attendance.

**12. New Business:** Ms. Baker, shared an event called "Yeow" to take place on January 29, 2022, at the Fallon Theater to be produced by Jodi Barnett of Friends of Strawberry Festival. Informational only. Not a CCOC event.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:00pm

**Next Meeting Date:** December General meeting postponed for Holiday Event. Next meeting scheduled for January 19, 2022

**Location:** Eagles Cottage, 6:00 pm