

COLUMBIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
GENERAL MEMBERS
MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: January 19, 2022

Location: Eagle Cotage, Columbia State Park

Called to Order: 6:02 by Ms. Sharps

Roll Call: President; Rosanna Sharps, Vice President, John Favela, Secretary: Denise Favela, Treasurer: Jo Rodefer, Directors: Michael Sharps, Leannha Rodes, and Richard Haratani

Business Members: Janine Osborne Ryan, Nate Lint, Don Marinovich, Jaron Brandon, Jose Islas, Jessica Islas, Sherrin Grout

Guests: John S. Mills, LeeAnn Hatton, Chris S., David Wynne, John Shulz, Cal Wivell, Kendra Wivell, Joel Memmer – Chief Ranger, Central Valley District

Approval of the Minutes: November 29, 2021 via Board email

Agenda items:

1. Meet the New Board Members
Roll called
2. Treasurer's Report – Ms. Rodefer
Reported Current Bank Balance as \$89,126.01
Motioned Ms. Favela. Second Mr. Haratani, Motion Carried
3. Chamber's Website Page for Minutes– Mr. Sharps
Mr. Sharps reported that the minutes will now be posted to the Chambers Web page for general viewing.
Mr. Sharps noted that we have a new phone number for the Chamber as – 1-888-488-1850
4. Columbia State Historic Park Updates – Joel Memmer

Mr. Memmer reported on behalf of Ms. Robinson. Park updates included: the RFP's being worked on at The What Cheer Saloon, City Hotel, The Stage Coach, The Engine Company, Fallon House, Rack cards, The Columbia Diggins event.
5. County Updates – Jaron Brandon; Tuolumne County District 5 Supervisor.

Pedro “Y”. New signage in February. County is working on a Walking / Bike path. Visionary 2-year plan for 72 units for low-income families. County is working with Nancy’s Hope to get them a New location. Building more with Habitat for Humanity

6. CCOC Event’s Chair Assignments

- a. Columbia Ice Skate Park – Ms. Sharps
- b. Columbia Winterfest Days of Music & Gold – Ms. Sharps
- b. Victorian Easter – Mr. Haratani
- c. 4th of July – Ms. Rodefer (Confirmed)
- d. Fiddle & Bango / Chili Cook-off – Jodi Barnett / Alex Sharps (Confirmed)
- e. Art Show – Kim Khyll (Confirmed)
- f. Harvest Festival – Janine Osborne & Cheryl Nelson (Confirmed October 20th)
- g. Merry Merchants – No interest
- h. Columbia Town Christmas Party – Nate Lint (Confirmed Columbia House)
- i. Las Posadas Nativity Parade – Daniel Wright
Went very well in the past (Not Confirmed)

7. New Business

a. Denise Favela for Zydeco Event

Ms. Favela requested that she would research the Boogie on the Bayou event. Ms. Rodefer motioned and Mr. Sharps second, Motion Carried. Ms. Favela will begin working on carrying the event forward and will report back.

b. Barbara Balen for Cinco de Mayo

Ms. Balen explained that Columbia is truly the birthplace of Cinco de Mayo. Ms. Balen requested to write a letter from the Board to send to the Puebla to request a sword that she claims that was donated from Columbia and other local towns in Tuolumne County. Or at least pictures so that we could have confirmation for the State Park to display.

Ms. Rodefer motioned to allow Ms. Balen to write a letter from the board to be sent to Puebla , Mr. Haratani second, motion carried.

c. Jo Rodefer for Dog Days of August

Ms. Rodefer suggested “The Dog Days of Summer” event. Something like a dog parade.

Mr. Haratani motioned to have Mis Rodefer research the event. Ms. Favela second. Motion carried.

8. Rosanna Sharps; Columbia Winterfest Days of Music and Gold

Ms. Sharps met with the State Park, Mr. Memmer and Kristan Robinson Bates on December 8th. The State is reviewing the application.

9. Michael Sharps; Columbia Ice Skating Rink

Mr. Sharps read aloud Ice-Skating Rink Concerns and Mitigation.

10. General Assembly Meeting Members Statements / Questions to the Board;

Member Mr. Marinovch brought up concerns for the Skating rink and Winterfest and the impact to Columbia. Many of these concerns were addressed in the Ice Skate Park “Concerns and Mitigation.”

Other members and guests shared concerns which were answered by the “Concerns and Mitigation” read aloud.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:57 Motioned by Mr. Sharps in a yield in time, Second Mr. Haratani, Carried

NEXT MEETING DATE: February 16, 2022, 5:30 pm

LOCATION: Eagle Cotage