



Columbia Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting

Prepared by: Myia Davila

Meeting Date: March 15, 2023

Location: Eagle Cotage, Columbia State Historic Park

Called to Order: 5:32 pm by Rosanna Sharps

Present: Rosanna Sharps – Chairman President, Jo Rodefer – Treasurer, Myia Davila – Secretary

Board of Directors: Nate Lint, Michael Sharps, Janine Osborne, Howard White

Absent Members: John Favela – Vice Chairman

Quorum: Met, 7 members present.

Guests: Jaron Brandon-Tuolumne County District 5 Supervisor

Kristan Robinson – Columbia State Historic Park Concessions Specialist

Approval of Previous Minutes: On February 20, 2023, minutes from February 15, 2023, Meeting were approved via email and posted on the Chamber website.

Treasurer's Report: Jo Rodefer, Treasurer

Current Balance: \$19, 309.44

\$10, 240.11 belongs to the Chamber General Fund

\$ 9,069.33 belongs to the Columbia "Ice" Skate Park

Motion: to approve Treasurer's Report: Myia Davila; seconded by Michael Sharps; Board all in favor; motion carried.

Columbia State Historic Park Updates: Kristan Robinson-Bates, Concession Specialist, reported that the Stagecoach Request for Proposal (RFP) intent to award notices should be soon. The Award Board has made a decision and the proposals are with the Director for review. The District Concession Specialist is aware of the Award Board's decision.

The three new concession proposals for the San Francisco building, the Questa building, and the Schwartz building are under district review. A 30-day notice to vacate the Chamber of Commerce's storage building was provided to the Columbia Chamber of Commerce on March 15, 2023.

The next RFP in progress is lodging for Calaveras Big Trees State Park.

A new marketing director has been hired and should be in place in April 2023.

Current Park events are still scheduled on ongoing depending on attendance and weather including Gold Rush Days, School Tours, Town Tours, and Columbia Diggins. Concessionaires should expect children every Thursday through April 13.

The Fallon House roof was replaced in February.

Tuolumne County Sherriff's Office armed suspect incident on March 10, 2023, ended with the suspect turning himself in. The Columbia State Historic Park is reviewing incident notification options for improved future communication.

Tuolumne County Updates – Jaron Brandon, Tuolumne County Supervisor indicated that the Columbia Area Advisory Council (CAAC) is redefining roles. TCTC is looking at developing a trail and input on appearance is encouraged. New Fire Station locations is tentatively being reviewed. The Columbia Inn is still for sale. Grants are pending for various projects.

Event Update –Columbia "Ice" Skating Park committee met last week and decided to close the rink temporarily because of weather conditions.

Event Update: Victorian Easter, April 9, 2023. Event coordinator is Rosanna Sharps. General Fund allocation for Easter is \$1,356.64. The Chamber will be assisting with the cost of eggs. Discussed providing volunteers lunch for time donation and opposition was indicated which may affect other events.

Motion: to not pay volunteers for participation-Jo Rodefer; seconded by Myia Davila. Board voted with 5 ayes, 2 abstains, and 0 no votes.

Event Update: 4th of July 2023. Event coordinator is Jo Rodefer and co-coordinator will be Justy Ragan. No new information was provided as planning is still underway.

Event Update: Columbia Art Show, September 17, 2023. Event coordinator is Kim Kyhl. The event is scheduled and no updates were provided.

Event Update: Harvest Festifall, October 14 and 15, 2023. Event coordinator is Myia Davila. Vendor applications are still coming in, but the dates coincide with the Twain Harte Arts and Craft Fair. The Chamber may want to review the dates for 2024.

Event Update: Boo Boulevard on October 29, 2023. The event is a Columbia State Historic Park and Friends of Columbia event and the Chamber will assist in sponsoring candy.

Event Update: Las Posadas will be on December 10, 2023. Event coordinator is Daniel Wright. The event is scheduled, and no updates were provided.

Event Update: Columbia Town Christmas Party, December 13, 2023. Event coordinator is Christina Lint. The event is scheduled, and no updates were provided.

Event Update: Columbia Winterfest Days of Music & Gold, 2024. Event coordinator is Michael Sharps. No updates provided.

New/Other Business: Dry goods storage update – Schedule move date is before April 15, 2023. New location will need to be cleaned and prepared prior to moving items.

New/Other Business: Certified Public Accountant – Jo Rodefer will meet with a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) on March 16, 2023 to discuss details.

New/Other Business: CCOC Survey Questions will be prepared for all Chamber members but will emphasize current concessionaires. The process will start with Survey Monkey, but if responses are minimal, in-person contact may be needed. Board members should email questions prior to next meeting for discussion.

New/Other Business: Changing CCOC Membership dates to January 1 through December 31 is not lucrative.

Motion: to revert back to Chamber calendar year from April 1 through March 31 by Janine Osborne; seconded by Howard White. Board all in favor; motion carried.

Information: Howard White provided information regarding the Tuolumne County Volunteer Fair at the Sonora Fairgrounds on March 30, 2023, from 3:30pm to 6:30 pm. More information can be found at www.TCVFair.org. Love Tuolumne County will be having the All County Volunteer Weekend on April 29 and April 30. The event will occur annually during the last weekend of April. Further information can be found at www.lovetuolumnecounty.org.

Motion: to adjourn-Jo Rodefer; seconded by Myia Davila. Board all in favor; motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned: Adjourned by Rosanna Sharps, 7:15 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 5:30pm, Eagle Cotage