

# EAGLE POINT



# & the Upper Rogue

Chamber of Commerce  
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## Draft Chamber Board of Directors Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7 a.m. by President Richard Gyuro. Minutes and treasurer's report were each approved.

Rep. Mike McLane was a guest. He addressed a number of issues regarding the just completed short legislative session. After re-districting those living in Eagle Point will be represented by Rep. Dennis Richardson. Rep. McLane will leave the outlying area around Eagle Point, and a huge territory to the east.

Rep. McLane spoke favorably about the job Rep. Richardson did on balancing the budget. McLane said there were 302 bills introduced in the short session. Little was done to benefit jobs. He was pleased to see the data center (Face book bill) pass. But, was disappointment that the Columbia River water bill did not pass. It would have been a major benefit for eastern Oregon.

The governor's education and health bills passed.

Upper Rogue Chamber President Tami Meerten said Shady Cove is involved with the ODOT highway project through Shady Cove.

Treasurer Ann Grossman said the chamber now has about 100 members. She sent 87 membership bills out through March. Richard said he wanted the list to divide with the board.

### Old business:

The revised by-laws with resolution 2012 passed. The by-laws will be included in the March newsletter to and are to be approved at the Apr.2 membership meeting.

An update on Vintage Faire was given. Boy Scout Troop 48 wants to be involved in a Dutch oven cook out and probably with a campsite along the bank of the creek.

An art contest involving something historical was mentioned with prizes. Bob Pinnell was to check with the schools.

It was announced that a photo book on early settling of Eagle Point will be available Apr. 2.

It was moved and approved that there be a \$25 charge for booths at Vintage Faire, except for non-profits, which will be free. The Independent was asked to do an entry form.

Richard reported Dave Hussell had a contract between the Chamber and the city in process. Richard said Eagle Point Women's Club are getting volunteers for Harnish. He said there was a Mar. 28 noon meeting at Harnish for volunteers. He said Dave Hussell and city staff would be there. The city will put in a new monitor so the computer will be available. Richard said he hopes to hand out brochures .at Richard's request, a motion was presented for the Chamber to spend up to \$100 for lunch Mar. 28. The motion was approved. Bob Pinnell and Tami Meerten are working on a brochure.

An insurance rider is needed by the city from the Chamber for the Harnish volunteer project. Bob Pinnell said it would cost \$50.

There will be a candidates fair at the Ashpole Center, Monday, Apr. 30 from 7-9 p.m. for district attorney and county commissioner candidates. Other candidates are welcome but there won't be time to have a Q&A for all of them.

There was discussion about Chamber members coming to the Independent fo copies. Richard said he needed to be contacted for approval. They can call 821-8071.

Richard said he wanted a slogan or branding of the Upper Rogue. He said to join the Ashland Chamber of Commerce would cost \$175. That was just discussion.



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# Chamber & City agree on Harnish

One of the items on the Eagle Point City Council agenda for Mar. 27 is an agreement between the city and the Chamber wherein the Chamber will supply volunteers to keep the Harnish Visitor's Center open May through September Monday through Thursday, from 10-4 p.m. If the council approves, the document will be presented to the Chamber board of directors for approval at the April 19 board of directors meeting.

The Chamber's responsibility, according to the document being presented, includes:

- Supplying the volunteer staff to assist city staff with information about Eagle Point and the Upper Rogue.

- Supply proof of insurance naming the city as insured to cover general liability including accident and personal injury coverage in limits acceptable to the city for claims arising out of all chamber members and volunteers

## April meeting speaker

Eagle Point Police Chief Vern Thompson is the scheduled speaker for the Apr. 2 Chamber meeting. He was asked to address safety issues. South Valley Bank & Trust will sponsor lunch.

Other meeting dates, sponsors and speakers include:

May 7- Hank Rademacher, Country Financial, addressing retirement for business owners. Edgewater Inn & RV Park, Shady Cove, will sponsor the lunch.

June 4- Glen Finley, Eagle Point & Shady Cove Medical clinics will sponsor the lunch and provide the speaker.

July 2- Signs Now will host the lunch. A speaker is needed.

Aug. 6- Cascade Community Pool.

Sept. 10- Sponsor and speaker is needed.

Oct. 1-Brookside Inn & Suites

Nov. 4- Sponsor and speaker is needed.

Dec. 3- Butte Creek Mill  
Sponsorship gives you several minutes during which you may talk about your business. If you would like to sponsor (provide) lunch and/or be a speaker or provide a speaker, contact Richard Gyuro at 541-826-7411.

activities at Harnish. (According to Richard, Bob Pinnell, State Farm Insurance, and the Chamber's insurance agent will provide the needed coverage at no cost. It was originally to have been an additional \$50 fee.)

- Staffing will be from 10-1 and 1-4 Monday through Thursday, May through September.

- Assist city with updating information on new business and events associated with Eagle Point and the Upper Rogue in accordance with city policy or directive.

- Either party may terminate the agreement with or without cause upon 30 day written notice.

Members might note that Richard's original request was to keep the facility open extended hours April through October. A training session was scheduled for volunteers on Mar. 28 at noon at Harnish. The Chamber provided lunch for those in training.

## People in the news

**Kathy and Randy Sell**, Valley Feed & Pet Supply (and Kathy also works for the Upper Rogue Independent) were recently honored with the Silver Beaver award, the highest Boy Scout volunteer award. This honor is a result of combined 17 or more years of service to the Scouting program, everything from a committee member to Scoutmaster to running the Cub Scout Camp at Lake of the Woods.

**Mike Upston** is the new planner for the City of Eagle Point. He was introduced at the last regular Chamber meeting.

**Henry Lawrence**, the new Eagle Point City Administrator, arrived in Eagle Point on Mar. 22 and was already stopping in to some of the businesses to introduce himself. Expect to see a lot of him in and around town.

**Dave Hussell** retires Mar. 30. A reception will be held Mar. 29 starting at 5 p.m. at the Ashpole Center. Good news is that he and his wife, Mary, will remain residents of Eagle Point.

Interviews are underway for an administrative assistant/city recorder to fill the position held by Dena Roberts, who moved back to her home in Virginia.

If you have news for this column, get in touch with Nancy Leonard. Currently the best number would be 541-826-2496, better yet email editor@urindependent.com

## Open mic in EP

Helen Wolgamott and William Lawson handed out a proposal for an Eagle Point Grange Open Mic activity at the last board meeting. However, with Rep. McLane on the agenda, along with a number of items, their presentation was put off until the April board meeting.

They are hoping to have an event every Second Saturday to coincide with the Chamber's Second Saturday events. The event would start at 8 p.m. Their proposal says there would be no charge but a donation jar will be present and participants and spectators will be encouraged to donate to defray expenses.

The open mic will be an acoustic music/spoken word performance event, limited to three songs and/or 15 minutes for each performance. Unusual performance forms such as dance, martial arts demonstration, or percussion and unusual instruments will be welcome.

It will be a family event with no foul language or obscene material, no alcohol, etc.

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# Avenue of Flags makes news across the states

Eagle Point's Avenue of the Flags continues to make news. Several months ago, Helen Wolgamott received an item from a magazine from Atmore, Alabama regarding the Avenue of the Flags.

The article was in response to an item questioning options other than destroying burial flags if they are not in the possession of the immediate family. It read:

"Locally (Southwest Oregon) through some very hard work by several veteran organizations, there is a project to line a road with flag pole holders (cement inserts) in the sidewalk and along the road from the city of Eagle Point, Ore. to the Eagle Point National Cemetery. Flag poles were bought by those organizations and burial flags were donated. They are flown every Veterans Day, Memorial Day and other appropriate national holidays. This project is an ongoing effort and is a most impressive display, especially with the knowledge that every flag flying represents a deceased local veteran."

Avenue of the Flags has attracted considerable favorable attention over the last 16 or so years. The most recent publicity was last week when Channel 5 interview "Ms. Avenue of the Flags" (Helen Wolgamott) about the project. We hope she will receive many new flag donations as a result of the interview. Over the years a number of flags are showing their age and are ready for a formal burial, but new ones are needed in their place. For more information, call Helen at 541-830-4049.

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# Candidates fair Apr. 30

Remember the Candidates Fair, Apr. 30 at 7 p.m. at the Ashpole Center. Those invited include candidates for District Attorney and for the Board of Commissioners. Other candidates are welcome, but time will not permit a formal Q&A process.

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