

Oregon Historical Marker Committee
Meeting Minutes
Friday, February 4, 2005

Present: Dick Ackerman (Chair), Wayne Sharp, Lowell Tiller, Joy Margheim, Lewis McArthur, Beverly Vogt, Josh Ingle, Clark Newiendorp
Absent: Richard Hanes, Excused; Tom Halsey, Excused
Guests: John Brenne, Brian O'Challaghan from Sea Reach, Ltd.
Staff: Annie Von Domitz

Dick Ackerman, Chair called the meeting to order at 9:30am.

1. Introductions

John Brenne introduced himself as a perspective TIC Council Member.

2. Approval of Minutes from 11/12/04

Ackerman moved and Tiller seconded a motion to accept the November 12, 2004 minutes as presented. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

3. Council Report

Annie reported that the Council will be reviewing the proposal regarding new rest area kiosk designs. She said that if the proposal is accepted, some of the kiosks will be remodeled and some will be completely redesigned into staffed visitor information Travel Plazas.

4. Theme Statements

Brian O'Challaghan gave a presentation to the committee regarding theme statements and interpretive writing techniques. He discussed the difference between a theme and a topic as well as the most effective way to relay a message to the general public.

5. Interpretive Plan

The committee brainstormed ideas for potential marker topics. Annie will compile the topics discussed and email them to the committee along with the meeting minutes. Annie requested that committee send additional ideas or detail to her via email.

Clark Newiendorp and Josh Ingle volunteered to be on the Interpretive Plan sub-committee. One or two more volunteers are needed to complete the sub-committee.

6. Applegate Marker

Dick reported that ODOT construction will require this marker to be moved. He has been in contact with ODOT to negotiate the best location for the marker. He will keep the committee informed regarding the progress of the project. Currently, ODOT is still in the planning stages.

7. Restoration/Replacement Projects

a. Cutoff Fever

This marker is currently in production. Once completed it will be installed in Vale with the help of ODOT.

b. Glacial Erratic

The Glacial Erratic marker is complete and awaiting installation. A dedication ceremony will be organized with the help of State Parks and possibly a neighboring winery, Yamhill Valley Vineyards.

c. Memaloose Island

This marker is in the final editing stages.

d. Fort Rock

This marker is in the beginning stages of development. Sea Reach is working on the first draft layout.

f. Abert Rim

This marker is also at the beginning of the development process.

8. New Marker Projects

a. Great Tsunami of 1700

This marker is nearing completion of the production phase. A dedication ceremony will be coordinated with the sponsors.

b. Mitchell Monument

Sea Reach has received the research materials and theme statements from the Mitchell Monument sub-committee and will begin the development process for this marker.

9. Committee Member Reports

Wayne Sharp reported that he has been working to raise funds to restore the Camp Adair marker near Corvallis. He has contacted several associations and state representatives.

11. Adjournment

Dick Ackerman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:35am. The motion was made by Lowell. Lewis seconded the motion. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

12. 2005 Meeting Schedule

Meetings in 2005 are scheduled for May 6th, August 5th and November 4th. All meetings will be held at the small conference room at the ODOT Materials Lab building, 800 Airport Road SE (behind the State Motor Pool facilities) in Salem.