

**Oregon Historical Marker Committee
Meeting Minutes
Friday, August 3, 2007**

Present: Richard Hanes, Marty Klug, Dick Matthews, Bob Keeler, Bev Vogt, Clark Newiendorp, David Bogan
Absent: Wayne Sharp (excused)

1. Richard Hanes called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

2. Approval of Minutes

Bob Keeler made a motion to approve the May 11, 2007 minutes as presented. David Bogan seconded the motion. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.

3. Volunteer Appreciation

Annie reported that she is organizing a volunteer appreciation breakfast for the Salemtowne crew on Wednesday, August 29th. She invited the committee members to participate. Annie will be sending out invitations in the next few weeks.

4. Council Report

Annie reported that the council is currently working on developing a new welcome center at the Siskiyou rest area near Ashland.

5. Interpretive Plan

a. OR150

David reported that our project was not mentioned on the OR150 list of projects to fund. David said that he doesn't know if that is final list. He said that the OR150 committee is moving slowly. He will keep trying to forge contacts and continue looking for opportunities.

b. Community Outreach

Dick reported that Bob and he met with Glenn Mason and Irene Zenev, ex president of OMA. Ms. Zenev was enthusiastic about the project and she called Julie Reese, the current president of the OMA. Ms Reese thought it sounded like a good project. Dick is scheduled to talk to the OMA executive board on August 13th at OMSI. He would like to take one other person with him to that meeting. Dick is planning to propose 4 new markers for now, so that we don't overwhelm them. We will be able to involve the communities of the OMA members to distill the topics. OMA will be a great connection to local communities. Dick said the new director at OHS is also interested in helping with this project. David said a lot of organizations are ramping up and we can really utilize that energy.

c. VisionWorks Learning

Richard reported that Annie, David and he had a meeting with VisionWorks Learning (VWL) to initiate a new program. To a recap the project, the

company is looking for partners to create mini-documentaries that are available for download onto cell phones at the historical site. The projects will help bring in a new level of technology to the Historical Marker Program. This project will be focused on the Columbia Gorge area. It has the possibility of eventually being expanded statewide. The project area will include the Portland Bain to Maryhill. There is another meeting scheduled for August 21, 2007 from 9:00am- 1:00pm in Portland. This meeting will pull together historians and interested parties to figure out content and points of interest to be included.

Richard said that VWL will apply for a grant from National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to fund the project. They will need to apply for the grant through a partner agency.

Clark said that he will create a map for the participants to use during the meeting. It will include the area from Sauvie Island to Maryhill.

Richard said that he would email the proposal to the committee.

Annie will send a notice to everyone regarding the location and date of the meeting.

Richard added that the end project will eventually be a DVD that can be used in classrooms.

6. Restoration Projects

a. Abert Rim

Marty Klug reported that Mary Turner, who was supposed to do the archeological site visit for this marker in June, became ill. She told Marty that it had been rescheduled for July. Marty has not been able to confirm that it was completed in July. *He will continue pestering her until he gets an answer.*

b. Camp Adair

Annie handed out the latest draft of this marker. *She requested that committee member comments be returned to her by Wednesday, August 8th, so that she can forward them on to SeaReach, Ltd.* Once a draft is approved by the committee, the next step is to ask for comments by the community.

7. New Marker Projects

a. Westport

Jim Aalberg, the sponsor for the Westport marker, sent in a proposed text document. *Bob Keeler volunteered to head the text review committee for this marker. Bob took the documents with him and said that he would compose an outline that SeaReach can use as a starting point for developing this marker. Bob said that he would have the outline completed by the end of August.*

Annie said that she would send Bob the specifics for the pedestal style marker

8. Committee Member Report

a. Newsletter

Annie requested that committee members take turns writing an article for the HM newsletter. Bev Vogt recently wrote an article discussing her experience with the Fort Rock Marker.

b. Vanport

Dick reported that he contacted some people at Keizer Permanente regarding sponsorship of a Vanport marker. He said that the timeline for this project might have killed their interest, as their budget has already been spent for the coming year. Dick said that he would follow up at a later date. Richard added that Vision Works might be interested in this topic under their project.

Dick said other sponsors might include the Housing Authority, Portland State or the VA.

9. 2007 Meeting Schedule

Bob asked if the November meeting could be moved, since it conflicts with the Historic Cemeteries meeting. Suggested dates did not work for the other committee members, but David suggested coordinating our meeting with the Cemetery meeting. *Bob said that he will email the schedule to the committee to see if combining the meetings will work.*

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 pm