

**Oregon Historical Marker Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Friday, May 11, 2007**

Present: David Bogan, Clark Newiendorp, Marty Klug, Wayne Sharp, Dick Matthews, Rod Miles  
Absent: Richard Hanes (excused), Beverly Vogt (excused)  
Staff: Annie Von Domitz  
Guests: Robert Keeler, Clackamas Community College

**1. Annie Von Domitz called the meeting to order at 9:30am.**

Annie reported that Richard Hanes is in Washington DC on business and Bev Vogt is in the hospital, so Annie will be leading the meeting.

**2. Approval of Minutes from 2/9/07**

*Annie asked for a motion to approve the February 11, 2007 minutes as presented. Wayne moved and Rod seconded the motion. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.*

**3. Potential Committee Members**

Dr. Robert Keeler, who teaches anthropology at Clackamas Community College, introduced himself to the committee members. He has served on the Oregon Heritage Commission and various other state organizations. Rod Miles, the new Travel Information Council liaison, also introduced himself to the committee. Rod is new to the council and has a background in marketing and advertising.

**4. Council Report**

Rod Miles reported that the Council is working on rest area changes, mostly through the Governor's mandated Tourism and Transportation Task Force. They are working with the FHWA Interstate Oasis program and developing private/public partnerships to create better rest areas and visitors centers. The tourism/ transportation task force is currently working on replacing the Siskou Rest Area and also developing a new area in Canyonville.

**5. Interpretive Plan/ OR 150**

David Bogan reported that he turned in the white paper that the committee developed to the OR150 committee. He has been in contact with Barbara Allen, the committee chair, frequently. He said that the committee is still working out the kinks and have not become fully functional yet. David said that the OR150 committee would be a match maker, but not fund projects themselves at this point. David said that the Historical Marker Committee will need to ramp-up our own fundraising efforts if we want to complete the slated projects.

Annie reported that the committee needs to look at possible fundraising activities that would be able to generate enough money to fund the maintenance of the current inventory of markers. She said that \$5000 per year would be sufficient to cover the costs. If the committee could raise \$10,000 per year it would be able to fund a large marker project as well. Dick Matthews suggested trying to tap into the Oregon Museums Association. He suggested tapping into their regional contacts to identify possible funding partners for the OR150 special edition markers. Other groups that might be involved include the Boy Scouts and 4H groups. *Dick Matthews and Bob Keeler agreed to draft a proposal. David said that he would look into existing tourism coalitions and will also talk to some people at the Cultural Trust.*

## **6. Restoration/ Replacement Projects**

### **a. Abert Rim**

Marty Klug reported that the archeology folks have located a potential site, but will not be able to do a site visit before June.

### **c. Camp Adair**

Annie reported that Dick Matthews was contacting Benton County Historical Society regarding Camp Adair photos for the marker. We will send them to Sea Reach so that they can be incorporated into the design.

## **7 New Marker Projects**

### **a. Westport**

The committee discussed the application for the John West/ Westport marker. The committee thought that the canning aspect of the project would be the most suitable for a marker. The committee would like to see more information on this topic, including photos or drawings of the canning machine that he invented.

*David made a motion to approve the marker contingent on the focus being directed towards canning with some additional research as well as secured funding.*

*Dick seconded the motion. No dissenting votes. Motion Moved*

## **8. Committee Reports/ New Business**

### **a. Mining Report**

Clark handed out the report that he prepared for the committee. He said that there were three main points that could be developed into marker content. For a regional approach, Jacksonville and Baker are the two that stand out for Gold Mining. On a local level there are 360 mining districts in Oregon. Clark also said that for Silver Mining, John Day is the main site. Clark also said there could be a focus on the two types of mining: load and placer.

### **b. Vanport**

*Dick said that he will contact Kaiser regarding this topic and report at the next meeting.*

### **c. Technology**

Dick reported that a company called Vision Works Learning contacted OHS regarding their product. They have internet based services that allow visitors to download content onto their cell phones. Dick thought that it might be an interesting service for the Historical Markers. People could download more information regarding the site they are visiting. *Dick gave Annie the business card. She will look into it further.*

**c. New Committee Member Vote:**

*David made a motion to accept Robert Keeler's membership to the committee. Rod seconded the motion. Motion passed with no dissenting votes.*

**9. 2007 Meeting Schedule**

The next meeting in on August 3,2007 is scheduled to be held in Portland at the Oregon Historical Society. The November 2, 2007 meeting is scheduled to be held in the large conference room at the ODOT Materials Lab building, 800 Airport Road SE (behind the State Motor Pool facilities) in Salem.

**10. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:15am