



Rogue River Guides Association
Box 449
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Next Member Meeting - Tuesday, May 12, 2009- 7:00 pm Sharp

Where? Ed's Oasis - 299 Old Highway 62, Eagle Point, Oregon - Ph. 541-826-3481

Directions: from I-5 take Crater Lake Hwy 62 towards Crater Lake about 7 miles to Eagle Point. At the Nick Young Road intersection (light) turn right on to Old Highway 62 for a 1/4 mile to S. Royal Ave which turns right only. Go about 1/2 mile to Ed's Oasis on left. Note: If you go past the Wal Mart on Crater Lake Hwy, you went too far. Turn around and go back to the first light and turn left on to Old Highway 62.

2009 Board Members

President: Gene Gros:	840-3663
Vice President: Vote	
Secretary: Marilyn Pringle	535-3509
Treasurer: Jim Pringle	535-3509
Political Director: Vote	
Publicity Director: Vote	
Upper River Dir.: Rob Nelson	951-2673
Mid River Dir.: Bill Hickey	955-1837
Lower River Directory: Open	
Webmaster: Wade Marshall	941-9749

Non members - last time we will send you a news letter until you join. So, what are you waiting for? Fill it out, mail or bring it to the meeting with a check for \$35.00.

ROGUE RIVER GUIDES ASSOCIATION

We will vote on having a one hour meeting first thing and get down to business. If we need to go past one hour we will vote on that. Meeting starts at 7pm sharp. Please allow the chairman to conduct the meeting in an orderly fashion. If someone has the floor, allow them to speak and raise your hand if you have a question or something to add. You will be heard.

Items to be Discussed & Voted on:

1) Elect new officers & vote on new members:

Vice President: Hal Borg

Political Director: Larry Baines

Publicity Director: Justin Wright

2) Vote on change of by-laws

A. Name of the Association - Vote name change back to "Rogue River Guides Association"

B. Have meetings once a month all year. - vote

C. Take out the word "secret" from Article 6 Section 1 that states " the by- laws may be changed by a 3/4 secret vote of members present at a regular meeting. - vote

3) Discussion of House Bill #3323 and Senate Bill #472 - Gene Gros / Hal Borg

4) New board member position - "New Member Director" - vote - need volunteer.

5) Fund Raisers - Discussion on what and when

6) Web site - Gene Gros

7) River Clean-Up Aug. 1, 2009 - Robi Nelson.

8) SOVA (Southern Oregon Visitors Association - Justin Wright.

9) John Billows @ Pat's Hand Tied Flies - lift the 7pm curfew at the hatchery hole.

10) Janelle Dunlevy - Letter of appreciation



Gene Gros

I hear we have some potential members out there, waiting to see what happens to the RRGGA before they sign up. I can't say that I blame you. Until the night of the rejuvenation meeting I was sceptical myself. But when I saw twenty five of the guides from RRGGA past, I knew we were back in business. When volunteers stepped up to be board members I almost crapped my pants.

If you've been president of an organization before, you know it can be pretty easy if you have a good board. Well, we have just that. All the board members have been working hard doing their share and more. We do have a few empty spots on the board.

Hal Borg has been working hard on the incubator (Scotty box). Plus he went to a town hall meeting with Hugh Crawford, Jim Pringle, and Larry Baines to ask our legislature to not cut OSP Fish & Wildlife Division funding last week. Hal and I also had a meeting with OSP Sgt. Mike Meyer.

Robi Nelson and myself had a meeting with ODFW's Dan Vandyke about their budget cuts last week. Robi will have a few words about this in his upriver report.

Justin Wright, our publicity director, set up a meeting with SOVA, (Southern Oregon Visitors Association) last week. There is some real potential for RRGGA new business there. Justin will have a report about that.

I had a meeting with our web designer, Wade Marshall. He is getting the web site going again. www.rogueriver-guides.com. I'll say a little about that too. Take a look if you get a chance.

We've had three board meetings in the last month discussing everything from bylaws to meeting places. So, we have been busy. I am surprised at the phone calls I'm getting now, including the ODFW and the Marine Board. We are back in business and everyone seems to already know it. This confirms that boat ramp talk is still faster than the Internet. It was unfortunate the RRGGA had problems this past couple of years but all organizations go through rough times.

RRGA has been here since 1968 and we just proved it's not ready to die just yet.

Right now we need customers! We need Fish! And we need our government to work for us. They aren't going to listen to us as individuals. By being a member you will benefit from all the above. Plus, you'll meet other guides and outfitters. You may be looking for work or looking for someone to work for you. That's networking. So, what do you think? Give us a chance and come to the meeting with \$35 in your pocket. I think our most important task right now is to help bring new business to you so you can support your families.