

**REIA General Meeting Minutes – September 14, 2019
Inn at Wecoma**

All Board members present: Cindy Thompson, David Jamieson, Patti Kroen, Jayne Robinson, Martin Rollins, Janet Knipe, Marie McFarland. Also present: invited guest speakers Kelsey Adkisson, Communications Leader for Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Marine Reserves Program, and Paul Robertson, Communications Manager for Cascade Head Biosphere Research. Attendance: 31 members + 4 non-members + 2 guest speakers = 37 total.

President Cindy called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM and welcomed attendees. The Sign-In Sheet was circulated. Cindy thanked those who brought food pantry donations and Joe Hinton for always posting the REIA Meeting sign on Logan Road.

Alethia Ward moved to approve the minutes from the July 13, 2019 meeting. Betty Pritchard seconded, motion carried.

Treasurer's World –Patti gave a brief summary of current REIA Finances and the following updated numbers as of the end of August: year-to-date balance in all accounts: \$25,499.29; year-to-date expenses: \$1,036.96 (10.9% of total budget); total income to date: \$505.97, which includes \$174.00 in dues and \$54.00 in donations. Elaine Walsh moved to accept the report; Don McFarland seconded, motion carried.

Cindy asked David to introduce our guest speakers, Kelsey Adkisson and Paul Robertson. Kelsey has a background in policy, research, journalism and graphic design. She holds a MS degree in Biology. Kelsey shared extensive hand-outs and slides. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife oversees the five marine reserves located along the Oregon coast: Cape Falcon, Cascade Head, Otter Rock, Cape Perpetua, and Redfish Rocks. They are all within three nautical miles from shore and are each named after the nearest major geological feature. **Cascade Head, our “backyard,” covers 9.6 square miles of ocean, and the surrounding three marine protected areas (MPAs) include another 23.1 square miles.** Much of the land around Cascade Head and the Salmon River is protected. The areas contain many marine habitats such as seabird nesting sites, and the Siletz Reef is home to a wide variety of groundfish species. Marine reserves are dedicated to conservation and scientific research. Removal of sea life and any use of fishing gear is prohibited. MPAs are somewhat less restrictive; **interested people are encouraged to check the website: www.OregonOcean.info/marinereserves or call the ODFW Newport office: 541-867-4741.** Kelsey also stated that the public's help is needed; **she encouraged anyone seeing a violation/possible violation to call the Oregon State Police: 1-800-452-7888.** **Kelsey's contact information: 541-867-7701 ext. 224; kelsey.l.adkisson@state.or.us.**

Paul received his Masters of Science from Imperial College London in Environmental Diagnosis. He owns Robertson Environmental in Lincoln City. Paul also shared informative hand-outs. There are over 700 UNESCO Biosphere Reserves in the world, 29 in the United States, and only 4 remaining on the west coast. Biosphere reserves work to improve human livelihoods while safeguarding natural ecosystems. **The Cascade Head Biosphere Reserve was established in 1976 and is a 56,698 acre site located on the central Oregon Coast.** It is a community of non-profits, federal/state agencies and private land owners and encompasses six miles of Oregon coastline, including the Salmon River and its estuary. More information: cascadehead.org, unesco.org. Paul's contact information: Paul@Robertsonenvironmental.com; 541-921-4969. Cindy expressed our thanks to Kelsey and Paul for sharing their time and expertise with us. We hope Paul will return as we ran short of time today.

Neighborhood Watch Program – Marie and her committee have been moving forward with the organization of Neighborhood Watch in Roads End. She reminded us of what NW is – a program which encourages participants to look out for each other and their neighborhood, and what it is NOT – a vigilante force working outside local law enforcement. Currently the group is recruiting Block Captains,

people who volunteer to be contact points in specific areas of the neighborhood. They gather Family Data Sheets, put together a Block Map and Telephone Tree, and redistribute the information to all
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neighbors involved. Marie announced that NW programs are being started in the Cutler City and Nelscott areas of Lincoln City, and they are looking to our program for guidance. She also stated that the City has ordered new NW signs and will be installing them soon. She encouraged all of us to observe, recognize, and report by making a phone call: **Emergency: 911; Non-Emergency/suspicious activity: 541-994-3636 (PD non-emergency number)**. **If anyone wants more information or is interested in volunteering in the program, call Marie, 425-785-8333, or email her at mcfarland_marie@hotmail.com**. Cindy expressed the thanks of all of us for Marie's continuing work on this project!

City Government News – **City Councilor Diana Hinton** reported that the **transfer of Logan Road from the county to the city** is moving forward as work on the culvert and other projects are progressing.

Patti Kroen, in her capacity as City Planning Commission Chair, stated that there will be a public hearing on Tuesday, September 17, 6 PM, before the commission regarding **land use designation for an area known as "The Villages at Cascade Head,"** and invited anyone interested to attend.

Announcements/Homeowner Forum - Janet announced that the next **SOLVE Beach Clean-Up at RE Park** will be Saturday, September 21, 9 AM. Marie and Alethia Ward are Beach Captains. SOLVE is in the process of phasing out their plastic collection bags and are exploring alternatives. Volunteers are asked to bring their own collection bags on Saturday.

Janet also announced that **REIA's Public Policy Committee** is looking for another member to join the committee. Talk with Janet if you are interested.

Member Shannon Loch (503-701-6608) is looking for volunteers to help her locate and **identify dead birds on the beach**. Information gathered goes into a collective data base used for research. She also reminded members that the **Connie Hanson Garden plant sale** is next Saturday, September 21. The Garden needs volunteers to assist at the garden (you don't have to actually garden, Shannon says) and on their Board of Directors.

David announced that the **Great Oregon Shake-Out** will be held on Thursday, October 17, 2019 (10-17-19) at 10:17 AM. To register, or for more information, visit their website: www.shakeout.org/oregon .

David also announced that member Gae Linfoot will speak about **human trafficking in Lincoln County** on Sunday, September 22, 6:30 PM, Chapel by the Sea (2125 SE Lee Ave., Lincoln City).

David auctioned off ten tickets he had purchased for **CERT's annual fund-raiser**, a lasagna dinner, to be held on Saturday, September 28, 5PM – 7 PM, at St. Peter the Fisherman Lutheran Church (1226 SW 13th St., Lincoln City).

New RE resident and member Mike Calkins expressed displeasure with the fireworks noise on and around July 4. He also inquired about how to determine if a house near him is being used as a VRD. He was encouraged to meet with Janet regarding these issues as she is in touch with the Planning Department and Weston Fritz.

Next General Membership Meeting - Saturday, October 12, 2019, 11AM, Inn at Wecoma. Our guest speaker will be Captain Jim Kusz of North Lincoln Fire & Rescue.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

/Jayne Robinson, Secretary