

**Oregon Geographic Names Board
Minutes of Summer Meeting of June 18, 2016
Salem, Oregon**

OGNB President Phil Cogswell called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m. OGNB members then offered self-introductions. The following OGNB members were present for the meeting:

President Cogswell, Stuart Allan, Doug Deur, Bruce Fisher, Cynthia Gardiner, Charles Kocher, Mary McArthur, Michael McArthur, James Meacham, Robert Melbo, Malissa Minthorn-Winks, Sharon Nesbit, Tim Nitz, Chet Orloff, David Petrie, Guy Randles, Linda Roach, John Terry, Champ Vaughan, Steve Wilson

OGNB advisors present were: Doug Decker, Robert Harmon, Corey Plank and Maxine Kline.

Mr. Orloff moved and Ms. Gardiner seconded to adopt the minutes of the June 27, 2015 meeting. The motion was approved by acclamation.

President Cogswell gave a brief report on recent actions by the United States Board of Geographic Names.

Mr. Fisher, Chair of the OGNB Interim Committee, brought forward the following recommendations of the committee:

The Interim Committee recommended approval of a proposal from the City of Gresham in Multnomah County to name four heretofore unnamed locations as "Gabbert Butte," "Hogan Butte," "Jenne Butte," and "Towle Butte."

Stacy Humphrey, from the City of Gresham, testified on behalf of the City's proposal.

The proposal has no opposition from local land owners, local Native American tribes, or any government agency.

Board discussion included that since Mr. Gabbert was alive, the Gabbert Butte proposal would not be considered a commemorative name. Rather, it was considered to be in common use locally as an associative name based on his prior ownership of the feature.

Ms. McArthur moved and Mr. MacArthur seconded a motion to forward the proposal to the USBGN with a "do pass" recommendation. The motion was approved by a vote of 21-0.

Mr. Fisher then brought forward the Interim Committee's recommended approval of a proposal from Daniel Schilberg of Wolf Creek to name a heretofore unnamed location in Josephine County as "Princess Peak."

There was discussion among members that the peak might be too small for designation, and that it is very remote and can only be seen from a very few properties. There was also discussion that naming the “peak” might be helpful to emergency responders.

The proposal has no opposition from local land owners, local Native American tribes, or any government agency.

Mr. Kocher moved and Mr. Randles seconded a motion to forward the proposal to the USBGN with a “do pass” recommendation. The motion was approved by a vote of 21-0.

Mr. Fisher then brought the Interim Committee’s recommended approval of a proposal from Angela Jacquette of Sylvan Ridge Winery, to name a heretofore unnamed location in Lane County as “Sylvan Ridge”

Concerns were raised by many members that the ridge to be named was only a small feature in a larger unnamed feature, and questioning the propriety of the commercial connection between the name change and the winery.

A consensus was reached that the proponent needed to do more research to address concerns. Mr. Nitz moved and Mr. Randalls seconded a motion to take no action on the proposal at this time. The motion was approved by a vote of 21-0.

Mr. Fisher then summarized a series of proposals from Robert and Mark O’ Brien in Clackamas County. He stated that the Interim Committee recommended rejection of all seven proposals because they were incomplete or did not have local support. The proponents also did not respond to further correspondence sent by the Committee.

Mr. Allan moved and Mr. Orloff seconded a motion to not forward the proposals to the USBGN. The motion passed by a vote of 21-0.

Chair Cogswell proposed changing OGNB bylaws provision that designates the winter meeting as the Annual meeting, because of the possibility of there not being a winter meeting. The following language was approved as the new Article II, section 5: The board shall hold at least one meeting a year, which will be the Annual Meeting. Other meetings may be held as the nature of Board business requires. The date, time, and place of meetings shall be determined in advance by the President after consultation with secretary, Vice President and chair of the Interim Committee. In the event of an emergency or other justifying circumstances, the President may postpone or cancel a meeting. Meetings shall be open to the public and preceded by public notice such as the OGNB website..

Mr. Vaughn gave an update on the status of "S names." He reported that 89 "S Names" have officially been changed in Oregon, and that there are another 83 still existing.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55