

**POWELL COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Minutes are from the April 4th, 2014 meeting held at 12 noon at the Broken Arrow Steakhouse.

Those present: Bob Toole, Dave Williams, Linda Spaulding, Patty Cowan, Heidi Rome and Rocky Wozny

Also present: Jacque Lavelle, Shirley Cortright, John Zurak, John O'Donnell, Sandy Pettey and Sarah Bannon

Introductions were made around the room.

Since a quorum was not present a full Board Meeting could not be held.

The meeting started at 12:05 pm

- **Other Business** – Road closures involving the west bound off ramp from I-90 will begin next Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> April, and the Main Street bridge due to commence in August. John talked about the project and its impact upon visitors to Deer Lodge. Letters sent by SWMT, the Museums and G-K Ranch to MT Dept. of Transport. Trying to set up a meeting with the Director of MDoT. Sarah spoke about the importance of having signage at the North exit of I-90, McDonalds and Conoco, etc. Bob said he would talk to Jeff Gorman who owns McDonalds. Patty proposed a motion for the Chamber to support the communications from John and Jacque regarding signage, and send a letter of support from the Chamber. Heidi seconded. All board members present, plus Therese Hunt via phone, approved the motion.

The MTOT is holding a Tourism Workshop in Deer Lodge at the Pen on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Dave will send an announcement via our blog, and a direct link for registration to Patty. It was agreed that Dave and Patty attend, representing the Chamber.

The Audit on the Chamber Office is progressing, Bob and Patty have been discussing.

The Deer Lodge Brochure reprint is being worked on, Lickety Print is the lowest bidder for the contract. The Fair Premium Book ad for the Demolition Derby is to be decided upon, use same ad as last year for \$161.50

Main Street tree trimming, is it the Chamber's responsibility or the City? Last year Martin Krauter took care of it for the city. Patti Ward who owns Hedgeworks would like to be considered for the job if it is put out to tender.

Dave handed out copies of the list of non-paid members and non-members to the Board to assist in signing up Chamber members. Dave will mail out reminders next week.

- **Grant-Kohrs Ranch** – Jacque said they had a slow Winter, March numbers were 187 with \$400 bookshop sales. Visitor Survey draft copy shows 200 results, most from Glacier and Big Hole Canyon.

- **Old Montana Prison** – John said that they are open Daily from 10 am till 4 pm. Summer season 8 am till 6 pm will start 2<sup>nd</sup> week of May.

- **Draft Horse Expo** – John had attended the last meeting, as had Dave, and he spoke about meeting the Good Sam's Club, talking about doing a regional meeting here. John will be collecting brochures to send to them in May in Butte. Johns thinks they will opt to come here, spending over \$200 a day. Set up at the Museum and Fairgrounds.

- **Job Service** – Shirley said that jobs opening are up, handed out flyers for the April 22<sup>nd</sup> Generational Differences conference from 9 am to 11:30 am at Fairmont. \$35 fee, aimed at supervisors, managers. Incumbent Worker training funds are available to assist employees learn new skills.

- **Other Business** – Still no sign of the Cowboy Café opening. Brenda Rowell and Rozi Pearson have opened a new Business on Maryland, Montana Day Spa. Heidi Applegate's new business next to City Hall opening soon. Sandy Pettey was on KBZK last night and will be on again tonight talking about the Museum.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was proposed by Patty, seconded by Heidi. Meeting adjourned at 1:09 pm