

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

Minutes are from the August 2nd, 2012 meeting held at 12 noon at the Broken Arrow Steakhouse.

Those present: Bob Toole, Dave Williams, Julia Brewer, Tina Schowengerdt, Patty Cowan, Jim Cameron.

Also present: Shannon Nielson and Shirley Cortright.

Since there were insufficient Board Members to form a quorum, the minutes for the June and July meetings could not be approved. The meeting started at 12:25 pm

- **Demolition Derby** – Bob said all the paperwork had been signed off, rules & regs and entry forms are out, increased prize money for the Herby Derby this year. No changes to the rules, as requested by the drivers Bob has been speaking with.

Patty said more 50/50 sellers are required. Tina and Darryl had agreed to sell tickets. Bob was waiting to hear back from Gordy Pierson and Scott Perkins. Jim texted Gordy and got a response back that he will sell 50/50 tickets. Shirley and her daughter may be able to help sell tickets. Jan had told Patty that she was low on people. Tina volunteered her 31 year old Grandson Rocky to work on the car inspection. An area will be created behind the crows nest for non-qualifying cars to be worked on. More convenient for Patty to check on them. Jim offered to be a Judge, alongside Patty, Bob and John Henderson. Jim said he wanted to build a water balloon slingshot to get the attention of drivers not obeying the flaggers. Patty said she is short on one flagger, and Jim said he would do it if another judge could be found. Patty said a Demo Derby committee meeting would be held next Wednesday at noon at Scharfs. Dave will contact Jan on Monday to give her advance notice.

Patty asked about the supplies and trophies, and Dave said supplies were on order for pick-up next week, and trophies had been ordered. Dave will call Marty next week to see if they can be picked up earlier than the Friday before. Bob spoke about an issue with the water truck, a permit fee may be required to get the water truck filled, but Sharon had said she will take care of it. Jim suggested using the fire truck to water, but Bob and Patty said this had caused a problem in previous years with large puddles being created. Discussion followed on having a tug of war, pig wrestling or mud wrestling as an extra event. Tina mentioned that Ariel Beck is now a pro boxer, and maybe a future fund raiser for the Chamber could see her in a boxing tournament, maybe in the Old Prison Yard.

- **Other Business** – Dave mentioned a talk he had today with Ted Dodge about the Clark Fork River Festival on September 29th. Posters and other material is now on their website at www.deerlodgefun.com. Looking for sponsors for a BBQ event, and auction items for a silent auction. Billboards are up on the Interstate, helping draw people to Deer Lodge.

Patty said the billboard sign north of town did not have the Demo Derby listed as part of the fair. A banner is required to hang under the billboard, announcing that the Demo Derby is on Sunday at 6 pm. Tina will look into getting the beverage supplier to have one printed. Bob will ask Sharon Applegate who supplies the beverages for the fair.

Shirley said that the Anaconda Chamber just held a very successful Cow Pat Bingo event, selling 400 tickets at \$10, \$2000 to the winner and \$2000 to the Chamber.

- **Old Montana Prison** – Julia said numbers were level, and were up for June. The MT Academy of Living History in September has some great new classes, including a tour of historic building in the City, and a tour of Hillcrest Cemetery. Montana Shakespeare in the Park is in the Prison Yard on August 11th with 'Twelfth Night', free at 6 pm

- **Grant-Kohrs Ranch** – Bob announced that Laura Rotegard will be leaving as superintendant, moving to a training job in the Grand Canyon next month.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:07 p.m.