

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

Minutes are from the August 1st, 2013 meeting held at 12 noon at the Broken Arrow Steakhouse.

Those present: Bob Toole, Dave Williams, Linda Spaulding, Julia Brewer, Patty Cowan, Marge Bloomquist and Heidi Rome.

Also present: Donna Galbraith, Shirley Cortright, Jacque Lavelle, Sarah Bannon and Sherrill Kraakmo.

Bob called the meeting to order at 12:06 pm

A motion to accept the minutes as presented for July was made by Linda and seconded by Julia. Motion carried.

- **Secretary's Report** – Dave reported Chamber Membership currently stands at 87. Inquiries up 48 at 151 total, 27 Phone, 16 Emails and 108 office visits. Two visitor packs mailed out in July. Website statistics were 57,037 hits (-22,151), 20,322 page views (-4,761), 4,216 unique visitors (-644) and 329 pdfs downloaded (-388).

We received a 'Thank You' card from Delaney Knuchel, the PCCC Scholarship recipient.

Paul Babb from NWE Community Relations had requested details of the Chamber Board Members. Discussion followed on what details the board wished to be passed on to inquiries and on the website. Julia made a motion to put the Board Members names and place of work on the website (no phone numbers or emails), all other inquiries to be handled by Dave on an individual basis with all Board members. Seconded by Linda. Motion carried. Dave will contact the non-present board members for their response to Paul Babb's request.

- **Main Street Flower Baskets** – Lynette and her husband have been taking care of the baskets and they continue to look good.

- **Demolition Derby** – Patty said things are progressing well. Trophies ordered, backhoes lined up, wrist bands being colored to make them different from last year. New ones for next year. Bob spoke about the ambulance, coming from East Helena. 2 needed to give cover in case of an emergency at \$100 per hour, \$300 for 3 hours. Orville will be doing the clean-up for \$150 this year. More help required for clean-up on Monday morning. Fire truck taken care of. Water Truck will cost \$15 per hour. Due to staffing at the boot camp, cannot be certain that they will be available to clean up the Grandstands on the Monday. Alternatives required, Heidi suggested Close-Up, she will contact them. Dave will contact Mike Thatcher at Community, Counseling, and Correctional Services in Butte to see if they can offer help. Patty asked for volunteers. Julia, Linda and Heidi offered to help. Dave to call the Sheriffs Office to inquire about Community Services.

Bob said that Sheriff Howard has arranged the 7 officers with agreement with the City Police.

50/50 ticket sellers required, Darryl and councilor and Mayor Candidates suggested.

Qualifiers needed, Sherrill suggested her son. Next committee meeting will be next Tuesday or Thursday, Dave to call everybody.

Dave will ask Paul Babb for NWE sponsorship of the Main Event.

- **Grant-Kohrs Ranch** – Jacque said the July numbers are up 21.3% over last year. June's numbers were 3,811. Up 7.9% total for the year. Better numbers for the branding and haying event last weekend, 271 on Saturday and 201 on Sunday. Webstats were 10,000 hits for last month. Haying again this weekend, the overstacker broke, but maintenance has fixed the beaverslide so it will work this weekend.

- **Old Prison Museums** – Julia said she had no stats for July yet, but numbers are up, very busy month. 4<sup>th</sup> July very successful with \$3000 of fireworks, the Travel Channel filming went well, should be a good Halloween episode. Shakespeare on August 31<sup>st</sup>, Henry V. The Pen Convention Center is still being refurbished.

**- Deer Lodge Development Group** – Sherrill spoke about patching the roof on the Hotel, getting it sealed up before the EPA testing inside the Hotel for clean-up of asbestos, etc. Rain today should test the work done. Working with City public works on getting the water to drain outside of the Hotel. Nerfwars was good fun on Territorial Days. For the next year, looking how the DLDG can support the local businesses. Not wishing to step on toes, want to work together to grow Deer Lodge. The walking tour of Deer Lodge phone/tablet app is being worked on, it will also become part of the printed guide. Also a website, with a QR code on the window linking to a page for each building giving info and old pictures. It will be a free app available for all systems, phones, tablets, etc. It will be marketed using rack cards, banner ads.

Marge made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Patty seconded. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 1:04 pm