

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

Minutes are from the February 7th, 2013 meeting held at 12 noon at the Broken Arrow Steakhouse.

Those present: Bob Toole, Dave Williams, Julia Brewer, Marge Bloomquist, Darryl Barton, Therese Hunt, Linda Spaulding,

Also present: Betty Hadley and Sarah Bannon

Bob called the meeting to order at 12:10pm

Bob announced that he had asked Linda Spaulding to join the board, to replace the position vacated by Tina Schowengerdt. Linda had accepted the position.

A motion to accept the minutes for January 10th as presented was made by Julia and seconded by Marge. Motion carried.

A motion to accept the minutes for January 17th as presented was made by T and seconded by Marge. Motion carried.

- **Secretary's Report** – Dave announced that Chamber Membership currently stands at 60. Inquiries up 5 at 42, 24 Phone, 11 Emails and 7 office visits. One relocation and two visitor packs mailed out in January. No website statistics available, since our old host GoDaddy ceased providing the information in December. Website has now been transferred over to Hostgator, which went well, and statistics should be available next month.

A letter was received from the Deer Lodge Valley Conservation District thanking the Chamber for providing a door prize for the Livestock Seminar.

During the January 17th meeting the new MTOT funding for Visitor Centers was discussed.

Unfortunately, the Chamber was unsuccessful in its application, which did not fall within the first 20 applications. We can try again next year.

The Powell County High School sent a letter asking for Scholarships for 2013, which the Chamber has supported for \$100 the last 2 years. Discussion followed. A motion to continue the scholarship for \$100 was made by Darryl and seconded by Julia. Motion passed. To be targeted at a student actively involved in the community. T will be the contact.

A request was received to provide a copy of the minutes to a Chamber Member who was unable to attend any of our meetings. Discussion followed on making the minutes available to members, and to post them online. Minutes only, not financial report. Julia proposed a motion to post the minutes only on the website, seconded by Marge. Motion passed.

Running out of bags/sacks for the Show N Shine event, in which to put the driver's dash plaques and information, brochures, pens, etc. Linda and T agreed to look into the options and pricing of sacks, and promotional items such as pens, etc.

- **Committees** – Bob spoke about the various committees that need to be set up. The Memorial Barrel Race for Tina has not been firmed up at present; Linda will follow up and report back.

Main Street Flowers Committee – T agreed to contact Lynette about the flower baskets, Marge wishes to be on the committee. Bill Lombardy approached Bob to say that their greenhouse will be available to provide flowers for the baskets in a year or two. Discussion followed on the size of our baskets compared to Anaconda and Butte, comes down to funding.

Territorial Days – T said that the vendor's application form needed to be updated. She had many calling a few days before last year's event asking for power, or specific placements. \$25 for a 10' x 10' fee, first come first served. No mention of power, and set-up on side of street, not on the sidewalk. T gave a copy of the changes to Dave, who will alter the form and send back for approval. There was an issue with the 500 block being opened up to traffic before the streetdance although we had official road closure till 11pm. Bob will coordinate with Mike Grey from the City Police. T will chair the committee, with assistance from Julia, Linda, Bob and Marge. The MSU Alumni Foundation wishes to bring a 37' Bobcat trailer to the event. Non-profit, not selling food. Darryl offered to place it outside his properties at 549 Main. Dave will call all applicants when their forms arrive. The band 'Genuine Article' had offered their

services for \$550, Dave will pass their contact number to T.

- **Old Prison Museums** – Julia said that the Prison and Car Museum will re-open on March 6th. Just finished preparing Yesterday's Playthings for the 'Raggedy Ann and Andy' doll collection. Harriet Free donated a large doll's house to the Museum. Sarah said that if Julia could provide some pictures they could be put up on their facebook page to help promote the new collection.

- **SouthWest Montana** – Sarah announced that the new SW MT travel guides were out. The State limits the numbers printed, and they ran out of brochures last year. The Deer Lodge Development Group is being recommended to receive a \$30,000 electronic grant for developing a Deer Lodge walking tour app.

- **Draft Horse Expo** – Betty thanked the Chamber for their help and support. The event gets bigger and better every year. Writing everyone for donations soon.

T made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Marge seconded. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 1:07 pm