

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

Minutes are from the January 10th, 2013 meeting held at 12 noon at the Broken Arrow Steakhouse.

Those present: Bob Toole, Dave Williams, Julia Brewer, Patty Cowan, Heidi Rome  
Also present: Donna Galbraith, Michelle Wheatley, Glen Ellis, Shirley Cortright

Since a quorum was not present, a full meeting could not be held.

The meeting commenced at 12:10pm

- **Other Business** – Glen and Michelle spoke a little about their history. Michelle is the new temporary Superintendent at Grant-Kohrs Ranch. Glen has recently returned to Deer Lodge, and will be continuing his profession as a Realtor.

- **New Board** – Bob stated that he had asked all officers if they wished to re-apply for their positions, and all said that they would. A meeting will be arranged to elect officers at a future date this month. Wednesday at 5pm at the Chamber Office preferred, not Monday or Tuesday. Dave to call board members.

- **Other Business** – The Job Service posters are now out, Shirley has them available today. Shirley also mentioned the Employment Law Training that was available, starting January 18th. Dave will create a blog post to inform our subscribers. Also, due to budget cuts, the Deer Lodge office will now only be open on the first Wednesday of every month. The Philipsburg office will no longer be open. Unemployment Insurance rates have been reduced. Anaconda office is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Glacier Bank building. Deer Lodge office is at the Court House, in room 106. Unemployment rates have been dropping, some good local job openings available.

Greany's are still open, building and business has not been sold at the present time. J&J still open. Patty asked if we have any Monte Dollack posters framed. The only one has been taken for the Livestock Seminar. Bob said that Joel at J&J will be able to frame posters even after the store closes. Bob and Dave will follow up, Patty suggested having 3 framed posters available.

Bob asked everyone to thank Bob Martin (NWE) and JR (City) if they see them, for quickly putting up and taking down the Christmas Lights and decorations. Dave will send a Thank You card to them.

Patty asked if the Posters were available for sale from the website. Dave said he could do that, accept payment via PayPal. Charge \$20 including Priority Mail shipping.

Julia informed Heidi about what the Chamber does, promoting business and events, etc. Julia mentioned Pop-Up businesses, where stores could be rented for the Summer Season, low cost set-up. The Chamber could help get the information out. Bob had spoken to Billy Greany about maybe separating the shop floor into sections, for separate businesses. Julia spoke about the Chamber contacting empty store owners about putting displays in their windows, exhibits to promote the Ranch, etc.

- **Grant-Kohrs Ranch** – Michelle has been getting orientated since arriving Tuesday. Visitor numbers for December were down 4%, down 15% for the year, mainly due to the Ranch House being closed for re-modeling. Need to get the word out that it has now been completed. Social Media to be worked on to help promote the Ranch.

- **Other Business** – Patty asked that we get the Demo Derby regs out in April. Territorial Days vendor application forms out in February. Meetings to be arranged. Dave had received a call from Dave Hansen of 'Genuine Article' who would like to be considered as the Live Band. Their fee is \$550.

Glen spoke about seeing ads running in the SSP asking for Jewelers to set up in Cut Bank. Could the Chamber do something similar? Discussion followed on business or franchise opportunities, including Dollar World. Tina had said at our last meeting about contacting Dollar Family.

Glen is representing the owner of the Deer Lodge Plaza building, thinking of offering it as an Executive Office building, is there a need for one in Deer Lodge? Discussion followed.

Patty asked for the dates of the Governors Conference, Dave said it will be the 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> March in

Helena. Bob received free tickets in a MTOT competition, he will speak to Sarah Bannon about them.

- **Old Prison Museums** – Julia spoke about the major remodeling of Yesterday’s Playthings, ready for a collection of 6 – 7000 Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls, the largest collection in the world. A new Pedestrian flashing light is being installed opposite the Museum on Main Street.

The meeting ended at 1:05 pm