

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

Minutes are from the July 5th, 2012 meeting held at 12 noon at the Broken Arrow Steakhouse.

Those present: Bob Toole, Dave Williams, Julia Brewer, Marge Bloomquist, Therese Hunt, Jim Cameron.

Also present: Laura Rotegard and Donna Galbraith.

Since there were insufficient Board Members to form a quorum, the minutes for the June meeting could not be approved. The meeting started at 12:18 pm

- **Grant-Kohrs Ranch** – Numerous fires on the Ranch this week, due to the Railroad. All we put out, the Deer Lodge Fire Department responded quickly to put them out.

A filming permit was given to a company out of London, who will be doing some aerial photography for the National Park Service, flying the Ranch for footage for TV productions and for the Montana Office of Tourism. Filming on Tuesday 10th from 6 till 9 am. Looking for real Ranch footage in the valley. The Becks were suggested. Visitor numbers are holding (down ½ %), but the Youth Programs have been packed, with many kids and a waiting list. Heritage Days on July 28th, Hay Days on the 29th. House tours will not be available, but a substitute presentation in the Lower Yard Barn is proving to be very popular. Wagon Tours on Sundays only at 1, 2 and 3 pm. A calf kill on the 26th June was probably caused by a wolf.

- **Old Prison Museums** – Julia said that visitor numbers are down slightly. Gun Show numbers were also down. Working on getting the Weapons Club to change the date in Deer Lodge to coincide with Territorial Days for next year. 450 people at yesterday's 4th July Celebration, a very good crowd. A tiny budget, but a really good show. A small grass fire in Max was quickly put out. 600lbs of pig was served by Gordon Pierson. Next month is the Draft Horse Expo and Shakespeare in the Park.

- **Territorial Days** – T spoke about the event, and that on the most part it all went pretty smooth. Had a lot of inquiries about rest rooms. Something to think about for next year. The Chamber has some porta potties, they are now with Rick Hirsch. The Parade winners were not around to pick up their prizes. T said we could either mail out the money or put it back in the account. No contact names or numbers for the inners, maybe they will have to register in order to be eligible for a prize? T shirts, 2 were sold on the day, Julia and Bob said that they were interested in buying some. Maybe put order info for T Shirts on the registration form. Available from Dave for \$10.

People wanted different sized areas, difficult to know in advance what area the vendors require for placing them along Main Street. T suggested charging \$25 for a 10 x 10 area, and remove the electricity option. Bob thanked T for her work on Territorial Days, and everyone else agreed and applauded her. There were some comments on the Parade, the color guard then the fire engines then the veterans. Color Guard always goes at the front of the Parade. The Fire Department asked to be behind the Color Guard, for a quick getaway if required. The Grand Marshalls, the Veterans, followed the Fire Truck. The band was very well appreciated. Steady numbers from the stores on Main, some were down on last years combined event. Vendors were happy.

- **Secretary's Report** – Dave read out a Thank You card we had received from the Mayor and the City, thanking the Chamber for Territorial Days. At the last Gold West Country meeting it was voted to change their name to Southwest Montana.

- **Other Business** - Julia said that the Tri-County Addiction Services will approach the Chamber about setting up a Beer Garden for open containers during Territorial Days. Discussion followed on the responsibility of serving beer and alcohol at an event.

Bob spoke about an event to tie in with Pumpkin Sunday to get people to stay longer in Deer Lodge.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.