

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

Minutes are from the July 11th, 2013 meeting held at 12 noon at the Broken Arrow Steakhouse.

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

Also present: Jeri, Donna Galbraith, Shirley Cortright, Jacque Lavelle.

Bob called the meeting to order at 12:25 pm

A motion to accept the minutes as presented for June was made by Patty and seconded by T. Motion carried.

- **Secretary's Report** – Dave reported Chamber Membership currently stands at 87. Inquiries up 15 at 103, 34 Phone, 8 Emails and 61 office visits. One visitor pack, 1 relocation pack and exchange brochures mailed out in June. Website statistics were 79,188 hits (+19,487), 25,083 page views (-2,361), 4,860 unique visitors (-328) and 717 pdfs downloaded (+423).

The MT Office of Tourism has various grants available for Non-Profits, TIIP for infrastructure improvements, due August 1st. The SEGP Special Events grant is due September. More info available, on the MT website. In September there is a grant for e-tourism, website, etc. that the Chamber will be applying for.

Having problems with the office PC, locking up, extremely intermittent. Will need a new PC soon, seems to be a hardware problem. Shirley said they have a PC that may be available. No monitor required, may try to hold off until the grant is available, which may help pay towards a new PC.

- **Main Street Flower Baskets** – T said the baskets are being watered by her twice a week. Looking good and colorful.

- **Territorial Days** – T handed out the I&E report, with higher numbers than last year. More cars, people and vendors. Bob mentioned that the bouncy castle created a problem, the generators interfered with the stage sound system. Maybe relocate up by City Hall. Dawn and Ross Wagner (270-0441) offered to provide a bouncy house that they have to the Chamber. Also have chairs and tables available for the Chamber to use free if required. Discussion followed on the positioning of the cars on Main, and the vendors comments. Rest rooms were also discussed. Rick Hirsch has the Porta Potties that were once owned by the Chamber and given to the Blue Ribbon Pavilion. To be looked at for next year. Some of the cars could not leave early due to the way they were parked. It was sorted out by the officers on the day. Discussion followed on the parking, including parking into the kerb. The board congratulated T on a job well done.

- **Demolition Derby** – Patty said the tickets and posters are ready, approval needed on the posters. Proofs were handed around. People needed to work the event, a meeting will be held soon. Jan takes care of anything under the grandstands, Patty takes care of the rest with Bob. Dave stocks all the supplies. Dave gave Patty a copy of the checklist. Letters need to be mailed out. Bob will clear it with Mike Grey about the officers. Dave will talk to Sandy about the Fire Truck. Someone will be chosen at random to pick out the car heats. Sellers required for 50/50 tickets. Julie and Bob wish to be called for the meetings. The poster was liked and approved, with our website to be added. Bob said the Zip Beverage guy had offered to distribute the posters. No tickets available from the Chamber, just MRC, Valley Foods and Keystone. 100 posters to be printed. Patty will let Dave know the date of the meeting.

- **Old Prison Museums** – Julie said they had three major events in three weeks. 800 people at the Museum Appreciation Day and Open House at YP. Best number for MA Day in 10 years. More vendors at the Gun Show than previous 2 years, although attendance was down on Saturday, up on Sunday. 4th July went very well, numbers down. Local businesses stepped up to help, \$3,000 in fireworks. No major events this month. Numbers up about 4% on last year. Retail sales also coming back

up. Shakespeare in the Park is on August 31st at 6pm with 'Henry V'. 'Mysteries at the Museum' from the Travel Channel will be at the Museum next week, filming their Halloween Special. Need actors for the riot re-enactment.

- **Grant-Kohrs Ranch** – Jacque said their numbers are also up, about 8% over last year. June's numbers were 2,713. Programs for local kids to learn various things still ongoing. Lots of interest. Teacher training, came from all over, 12 from 5 different states, with their families supporting local restaurants, etc. First request for a special event, a running group of 300 members on November 1st.

- **Other Business** – Brochures for the Big Sky Draft Expo are out, Betty will be with us next month.

T said that Heidi will take on Territorial days next year, with T's assistance.

Therese made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Patty seconded. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 1:08 pm