

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

Minutes are from the June 7th, 2012 meeting held at 12 noon at the Broken Arrow Steakhouse.

Those present: Bob Toole, Patty Cowan, Dave Williams, Julia Brewer, Marge Bloomquist, Tina Schowengerdt, Therese Hunt

Also present: Laura Rotegard, Shannon Nielson and Shirley Cortright.

Bob called the meeting to order at 12:09 p.m.

- **Mural** – Ron Scarf spoke about the mural being painted by his Daughter in Law Ruth. It will feature a bullet train being ridden by the Wardens character, with kids surrounding it. Donations have already been accepted, but Ron wants them to be paid to the Chamber, and then the Chamber can pass the funds on to Ruth for paint, etc. Patty put forward a motion to set up earmarked funds for the mural, with copies made of all paperwork. Extra funds will go to Ruth. Marge seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- **Adoption of Minutes** – A motion to accept the minutes as presented was put forward by Patty, seconded by Julia. Motion carried

- **Secretary's Report** – Chamber membership stands at 78. Office inquiries were at 106 for May, up 40 from April. 52 Phone inquiries (+32), 15 emails (+7) and 39 office visits (up 1). 2 visitor packs and 2 relocation packs mailed out. Website numbers were up substantially on the previous month at 68,647 hits, 20,275 page views and 5,384 unique visitors. Document / pdf downloads were 846 (+190), includes Territorial Day Vendor and Show N Shine application forms.

Yellowstone Trail Association membership renewal is due, annual fee is \$50 for Chambers. Mark Mowbray from the YTA had visited with Bob and Dave at the office just before leaving for this meeting.

Patty proposed a motion to renew our membership for \$50, Julia seconded, motion passed.

- **Main Street Beautification** – Flower baskets being prepared by Lynette King, no problems anticipated. Bob has been on to Ed Hebbe to get the replacement tree installed outside the Deer Lodge Hotel, old dead tree has been removed.

- **Territorial Days** – T reported on the banner 14' x 3' thanking the Veterans for their service to be hung over Main Street. Been OK'ed by the Mayor, and NorthWestern Energy will hang it up on Friday. Donations to cover the cost include \$100 from Steeles, and 3 other anonymous donors have committed \$150. A Grand Marshal banner is also needed to be carried in front of the color guard in the parade. Girl scouts will be asked. T had posters, asked help in handing them out. Dash Plaques are in, one was handed around. Dede McCarthy will line up and start the parade. Fire trucks first, then Grand Marshalls, and the rest of the Parade. Many vendors, every space will be filled from City Hall to the Post Office. Pizza Hut are fine with the turn around. Schedule for the Weenie Wagon was handed out to those involved. Bob has the trailer coming for the stage. Enough people to man the Chamber table, 50/50 ticket sellers lined up for the day and evening, with 2 drawings. T has Parade judges and a sheet for the categories. T had spoken with Bernard Mues about his piece of land alongside the Corner Bar, and he does not want anyone to be on his property. Gordy has been on it in previous years. It is in the ordinance that food and drink cannot be sold on that property. He also does not want anybody on his sidewalk space. Garbage cans have been mapped and sent to Art at the City, 8 required. Boot camp has been contacted and will be cleaning up Main Street on Friday and Sunday, after noon. Patty asked that gloves be provided for the Weenie Wagon for clean-up. Dave will provide them.

Next Committee Meeting set for Monday at 5pm at the Chamber Office.

Dave asked about Comp Passes for the Museums for the Drivers bags. Julia said to go ahead and take some.

T said the trophy prizes are being embroidered, ready for Saturday. Dash Plaques and notepads will be

available for the drivers bags. Tina asked about a trailer for the Veterans who are unable to march in the Parade. Bob said Cecil Neckels has trailers available. Patty needs one more judge for the Country Showdown, Bob offered to find one.

T has filmed a spot for KXLF, airing on the 14th.

Bob asked about advertizing in the paper and on radio. T had been interviewed, briefly, by Rex from the Silver State Post. Tina proposed a motion to not advertise with the SSP, but spend \$200 with the river radio. Julia seconded. Motion carried. Julia is waiting to hear back from the boy scouts and High School about putting the flags out on Main Street.

- **Grant-Kohrs Ranch** – This Saturday is National Outdoors Day, all national Parks are free. New sign , unveiling in July. Visitation is holding well, above last year. School groups higher, 32 so far. Three weeks ahead on the first 200+ visitation day. Construction does not seem to be bothering visitors. An alternative Powerpoint program showcases the House Tour, with historic photos not normally seen. Fully staffed at 52, staying at campgrounds in town. 35th Summer for Heritage Days, planning more outdoor activities due to the construction.

- **Old Prison Museums** – Julia said that all museums are now open, 7 days a week, including Ice Cream Shop. Visitation holding steady, school tours up. Gun Show on June 22nd-24th. Old Prison Yard Sale at Cottonwood City on Saturday June 23rd. Donations are being accepted, all saleable items receive a donation slip. 4th July fireworks, working on special event insurance. Looks good to go. Family reunion coming in to town that week. Trask family from Sweden, 100+ at the Ranch on the 3rd. On the 29th September will be the first Deer Lodge Conservation Watershed event. Education and Fun.

- **Other Business** – Tina said that SafeCo Insurance has an online vote for a \$10,000 grant for a Community Hero. Please vote for Steve Owens, and the Rialto will get the \$10,000. Vote once each day. Link on the Rialto's website and Facebook.

Range Days coming up on June 18th – 20th.

Shirley spoke about Job Openings being up, not just seasonal positions.

A motion to adjourn was made by Therese, seconded by Patty. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 1:03 p.m.