POWELL COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Minutes are from the June 6th, 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 Jim Cameron.
Also present: Jeri and Vida from Highlands Hospice, Donna Galbraith, Jacque Lavelle from GK Ranch.

Bob called the meeting to order at 12:07 pm

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

- Secretary's Report – Dave said Chamber Membership currently stands at 84. Inquiries up 12 at 88, 33 Phone, 10 Emails and 45 office visits. Two visitor packs, 1 relocation pack and exchange brochures mailed out in May. Website statistics were down, 59,701 hits (-1,583), 27,444 page views (-14,168), 5,188 unique visitors (-4,209) and 294 pdfs downloaded (-102). Numbers lower than previous month, but in line with earlier months.
For Territorial Days we have 43 sponsors for the Top 20 Awards, 40 vendors signed up, an increase over last year. 4 drivers signed up for the Show N Shine, plus one T-Shirt pre-ordered for pick up on the day.
Contacted Paul Babb, the manager of community relations with NorthWestern Energy. Wishes to meet in Deer Lodge towards the end of June with community leaders, the Mayor, and others who may be interested to hear what NWE programs are available to assist with sponsorships, donations etc.
Four extra safety kits are available, one to be given to the Peoples Choice award, others are available for sale at approx. $49 each. Julia expressed an interest. T-Shirts from 2009, 2010 and 2012 available, Dave to sell them at discount on Territorial Day. Suggested to sell at $5 discount for $10. 2 car blankets from 2009 also available. T made a motion to donate one blanket to the winner of the Country Showdown. Seconded by Julia. Motion carried. Dave will give blanket to Bob to award to the winner.
Dave asked about mentioning the other events going on over the weekend on the Blog for Territorial Days, including the Bonfire and Wine Tasting at the Golf Club on Friday 14th June. Also Nerf Wars at the Old Prison Museum on Saturday 15th. Julia said the Prison Museums are merely the venue, and waiting for them to come up with Special Event insurance. Dave will hold off mentioning Nerf Wars until the insurance has been presented. Scottys Bar is having a bike meet and poker run, and Cutlers have 'The Wizard of Oz'.
Shirley Cortright from the Job Service apologized for her absence and wanted to inform the Chamber that the Deer Lodge office will no longer be open, all inquiries to the Anaconda Office on 563-3444. Due to the budget cuts.

- Main Street Flower Baskets – T said the baskets will be put up on Main Street in time for Territorial Days.

- Territorial Days – T showed the Safety Kits, the awards for the Show N Shine. 2 votes per driver entered, top 20 win an award. Also Peoples Choice gets an award. Donna said that at a car show in Great Falls, whoever gets the most votes, their vehicle is put on next years T-Shirts. Julia has agreed for the tables and chairs from the Pen to be used, to be loaded up into Bob's trailer on Friday. Julia said the inmates can help, will be there at 2pm. Some shifts in the Pepsi Wagon are still open, Donna said she will ask at the bank for volunteers. Patty said Brud is ready to help turn the cars at Pizza Hut. Bob had spoken with Mike Grey and the same officers will line the cars up on Main as last year. Bob will ensure they know to keep the 500 block closed off until 11 pm.
The 'Veterans wall of honor' will be having a dunk tank fund raiser with HS kids, and the HS will cover the insurance. Set up by City Hall.
Rocky and his son, and July, will ride in the Grand Marshall car. The plaque is being made by PJ Trophies, Dave will speak with Marty to see when it will be ready. Someone will need to Drive to Butte to pick up.

The Missoula Country Showdown was cancelled; some may come over to ours. 4 already signed up. 50/50 ticket sellers required. Patty looking for another Judge, Karen Flynn, Vern and John Snell suggested. TD Committee Meeting to be held next Tuesday at 5pm in the Chamber Office.

- Demolition Derby – Dave received an inquiry about using a sub-frame or Imperials. Discussion followed and it was decided to put 'Imperials Welcome' on the website.

- Grant-Kohrs Ranch – Jacque Lavelle introduced herself as the new Superintendant of Grant-Kohrs Ranch. Events coming up include cattle branding and haying with horses in July and August. Also Teachers workshops and youth programs on different topics. Archeology will be going on at the Ranch from the end of June. Pumpkin Sunday on October 20th. Ranch House tours daily, horse drawn wagon tours weekends only. Open till 5:30 pm daily.

- Old Prison Museums – Open on their summer schedule, 7 days a week from 8 am till 6 pm. Yesterday's Playthings now open after a delay, Grand Opening later this month. Ice Cream Station opens tomorrow after a major renovation. Open from 11am till 6pm. Visitation down 2% after bad weather in May. Paranormal Investigation this Friday and Saturday, the author Sue Grafton will be here on Friday.

- Other Business – Linda said that she had heard that the Rainbow People will be having their meeting at Racetrack.
Jeri and Vida spoke about their Easter Seals/Goodwill/Highlands Hospice office and the local services they provide. Open on Tuesday and Thursday from 10 am till 2 pm

Therese made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm