

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

Minutes are from the June 6th, 2014 meeting held at 12 noon at the Broken Arrow Steakhouse.

Those present: Marge Bloomquist, Dave Williams, Linda Spaulding, Heidi Rome, Patty Cowan, Therese Hunt and Rocky Wozny

Also present: John Zurak and Jacque Lavelle

Therese called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm

A motion to accept the minutes as presented for April 2014 was proposed by Linda and seconded by Rocky. Motion carried.

A motion to accept the minutes as presented for March 2014 was proposed by Heidi and seconded by Marge. Motion carried.

A motion to accept the minutes as presented for May 2014 was proposed by Marge and seconded by Rocky. Motion carried.

- **Secretary's Report** – Dave reported membership stands at 77. Inquiries were up 10 to 95, 43 phone calls, 22 emails and 30 office visits. Mailed out 2 relocation packs and 2 visitor packs and brochures. Website statistics were up by an incredible number at 515,659 hits, 476,423 page views and 10,687 unique visitors. Not sure why the massive increase in numbers. 253 pdfs were downloaded.

SuperHost was held at the Pen last month, with 16 participants. Very useful training program.

Deer Lodge Brochure is complete, ready for printing. A few comments received when emailed to board members. Changes made as requested and will be emailed to Linda.

Doug, the mailman, visited the office and mentioned a scheme whereby the Chamber could sign up for a local mail permit and then offer the service to its members for a sponsorship. Dave will investigate further and report back.

Patty made a comment on the income and expense report regarding the shipping charge. Dave explained that included 2 rolls of stamps. Patty asked that the stamp purchases be separated in the future.

Patty also asked that the money earmarked for new decorations be transferred to the savings account. Dave had a question on the amount and will discuss this with Patty at a later date.

- **Flower Baskets** – T had spoken with Lynnete and the baskets will be ready by Territorial Days on June 14th.

- **Territorial Days** – T said that we need to hear back from the boot camp confirming that they will be available to clean-up for us. Dave had not heard back from Wayne but will get an answer this afternoon. Patty, Heidi and Jacque offered to help if they were not able to assist. Last year they were understaffed on the Sunday. T spoke with Sandy and she had agreed for the tables and chairs from the Pen to be used. Bob will be at the Pen with his trailer on Friday at 4 pm. Help required to load, and also on Saturday night. The car and driver is ready for the Grand Marshall, the plaque is ready to be affixed to the car. Dash Plaques have shipped, as well as the etched glass mug prizes. Bob has spoken to Sherm about getting the flatbed/stage, and he will collect it Saturday morning. Linda had agreed to help T and Heidi hang up the signs for the vendors along Main Street on Friday evening. Bob has a couple of radio spots on Tuesday and Friday, Heidi agreed to talk on Tuesday, and T will do Friday. T said Barb Johnson had been announced as the Grand Marshall, newspaper took a picture and we hope they'll do an article next week. T had been visited 5 times by the Silver State Post, asking about us doing an ad, giving the same deal as back in 2010, at \$234.15. 3 columns by 7 inches wide approx. Not budgeted for this amount. Patty made a motion that due to expenses being frozen, not to spend any money not already budgeted. Rocky seconded, motion carried. 29 vendors signed up to date, 15 down from last year. No vendors are located in the section opposite the band, bouncy houses will be down opposite from MRC. The Pepsi Wagon roster has been filed. Heidi had spoken with the Mayor, Zane, and the Garbage cans will be put out by the City crew. Linda will start the parade. Brud will lead the cars down and around Pizza Hut, they had agreed for us to use their back parking lot. Bob has spoken to the Police Dept., will be the same as last year, all on board. No meeting needed for next week. Dave will call and get some help at registration, to help lead the cars out onto Main. 7 vehicles have already signed up, 3

from WA, 2 from ID, rest from MT. Sponsors for the award prizes have been signed up, with Steele's sending \$100 and Northwestern Energy paying \$75. List of sponsors emailed to Linda for the banner.

- **Other Business** – New business news - Linda's daughter will be opening a mental health practice in August at Intermountain Chiropractor, Montana Telephysics Solutions. The Shack has been bought and will be re-opening as a brewhouse and restaurant. The new owner, Muriah, will be re-opening Scharfs in July. The Pony Espresso has been bought and kept in the same location.

- **Grant-Kohrs Ranch** – Jacque said last month's visitor numbers almost identical to the year before at 1,507 up 3 on last year. School trips very popular at the moment. Social Science and Natural Science branch of the NPS surveys. 3 reports relate to the ranch, analysis of economic patterns brought in by the ranch. Links can be sent for download. 40 jobs in the area, contribute \$2000 to the local economy, majority of ranch visitors also visited Glacier and Big Horn Canyon.

- **Old Prison Museums** – Dave spoke about the Gun Show coming up on the 27th through 29th June at the Old Prison. \$5 admission includes all 3 days of Museums and Gun Show entry. Posters should be out soon. The Vancouver Sun ran a story about a visit to the Museums, very good report.

- **Barrel Race** – Heidi asked if the barrel race was up against Territorial Days events, T said it takes place during the country showdown. The Cutlers Bros. have a play going on, and there will a movie at the Rialto at 7:30 pm. Scotty's has his Bike event.

- **Job Service** – John said the Job Fair in Butte had 40 national and regional companies with 115 candidates, including veterans. 120 openings in the region, corrections need about 40 people, a complete shift. They have cut down on visitation at the Prison. John offered to take some posters for Territorial Days to Anaconda for us.

Linda made a motion to adjourn the meeting, T seconded. Motion carried.
Meeting was adjourned at 12:50 pm