

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

Minutes are from the March 1st, 2012 meeting held at 12 noon at the Broken Arrow Steakhouse.

Those present: Bob Toole, Dave Williams, Patty Cowan, Julia Brewer, Marge Bloomquist, Jim Cameron.

Also present: Donna Galbraith, Laura Rotegard and Shirley Cortright.

The meeting was started at 12:10 p.m.

- **Adoption of Minutes** – Since a quorum of Directors was not present the Minutes will be brought to next months meeting for adoption.

- **Secretary's Report** – Chamber Membership stands at 70. Inquiries down by 13 at 34 total, 17 phone, 4 email and 13 office visits. One relocation pack mailed out in February. Website statistics were 48,155 hits (up 1,159), 14,987 page views (down 861), 4,944 unique visitors (down 36) and 417 pdf/doc downloads (up 102).

The Chamber had received a Thank You letter from John Hollenback of the Deer Lodge Valley Conservation District for the Chamber's door prize of a framed print of the Monte Dolack poster for the Livestock Seminar.

Approval was received from Gold West for the cooperative marketing dollars, 50% for distribution of our brochure at \$2436.42. Our cost will be \$1218.21

Dave thanked Julia and the maintenance and Prison crew at the Old Montana Prison for supplying and helping install new metal shelves in the Chamber storage section of the Gold West building. We have boxes of Bluegrass Festival plastic mugs, Patty suggested calling Bernie Shillo to see if he would be interested in them, or give them to PAWHS. Dave will contact Bernie.

Application for the Fair Book ad had been received, does the Chamber wish to continue with the half page color ad as last year or double our ad for \$230 with free color. Discussion followed, including the fact that Helena will not be having a Demo Derby this year. It was agreed to continue with the ad from last year at \$170 (\$161.50 before March 15th). Patty made a motion that we stick with the ½ page ad for this year, Julia seconded. 4 votes for, the other board members will be contacted by Bob.

- **Territorial Days Committee** – T was unable to attend today. A sheet was handed out by Bob with a list of the different jobs required during Territorial Days. T will chair the committee, and Bob will assist. Two people needed to organize and start the Parade, with 3 judges needed to choose the Parade Winners. Band names put forward included Blue Collar, Short Notice and the Johnny Anders Band from Anaconda. Shirley will contact 'Alive after 5' bands and report back to Bob.

Jaywalkers Jamboree, T and Linda set up and lay out the vendors. Dave will call and visit with shop owners asking permission for vendor space and electricity availability.

The Country Showdown will be run again, by Bob and Patty.

Show and Shine. Dave will check in cars and hold them at start of Parade. Marge will help. Ideas needed for Trophies. Two teams required for 50/50 raffle. Julia agreed that the Chamber can use the tables and chairs from the Pen. Pepsi Wagon, Jan has done this in the past. Bob will ask Jan. Discussion followed on having a Chamber BBQ. Talk to restaurants, etc. on setting up booths offering Street Fare. Bob will put in a call to Scott and send in paperwork over road closures.

- **Main Street Flower Baskets** – Lynette at Eastside Greenhouse put in a quote of \$1950, that's \$65 each for 30 baskets (1 spare). Jim said Bill Lombardi at the FFA will not have his greenhouse ready for another week. They will have a bigger greenhouse later. The four present board members voted to go with the bid from Lynette. Bob will talk to the other board members. Patty said \$900 will come out of the checking account, the rest will be covered by donated funds.

- **Other Business** – Marge has a billboard ready to go up along I-90 promoting Territorial Antiques, helping attract people to Deer Lodge and helping other local businesses. Marge said she has been very pleased with her new location in the Old Warden's House. Laura mentioned that the Deer Lodge Women's Club had doubled their donations from their New To You store since relocating to the corner of Main and Milwaukee.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

On March 6th Bob spoke with Tina Schowengerdt and Cass Cahill and both voted in favor of the ½ page color Fair Book ad. Teresa Hunt abstained from voting. Tina, Cass and Teresa all voted in favor of accepting Lynette King's bid for supplying the Main Street flower baskets and voiced approval of distribution of the Deer Lodge Brochure with Certified Folder.

On March 7th Bob spoke with Darryl Barton and he voted in favor of all three proposals, the Fair Book ad, Main Street Flower baskets and Brochure distribution.