

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

Minutes are from the March 14th, 2013 meeting held at 12 noon at the Broken Arrow Steakhouse.

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

Also present: Donna Galbraith, Sarah Bannon, Shirley Cortright and Michelle Wheatley.

Bob called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm

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

**- Secretary's Report** – Dave announced that Chamber Membership currently stands at 71. Inquiries down 2 at 40, 20 Phone, 10 Emails and 10 office visits. Three visitor packs mailed out in February. Website statistics were 44,770 hits, 16,004 page views and 1,794 unique visitors. 226 pdf's downloaded. Statistics are lower than previous numbers with GoDaddy, due to webcrawlers (search engines) not included in the new stats.

The minutes are now available to download from our website, from a link on the 'Contact Us' page.

The Fairbook Premium Book ad quote was received from Lickety Print. The half page ad in color for the Demolition Derby will be \$170 less 5% if we pay by tomorrow. Dave handed around last year's ad. Patty made a motion to continue the ad for \$170 less 5%, seconded by Julia. Motion passed. Dave handed a check to Linda, and T made a few amendments to the ad (change date + adding website address).

Dave attended the SouthWest Montana meeting last month in Butte. Sarah spoke about approving the coop funding for the Chamber Brochure distribution, also approved the Prison Museum brochure distribution. The MT Office of Tourism has introduced a submission form for travel itinerary and day trips. These will be put onto the MTOT website and blogs. Dave handed out some copies. Julia spoke to the board about the need for the PCMAF to raise the rent for the Chamber Office, due to having to pay Property/SSID taxes on the use of the building. Increasing from \$125 to \$170 per month. A motion to accept the rent increase and continue with the \$50 per year membership of the PCMAF was made by Linda, seconded by T. Motion passed.

The 2013 Governor's Conference is in Helena from March 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Bob for passing over his free registration and Hotel accommodation to Dave, who will be attending. Saves over \$500, the only expenses will be for some meals. T proposed a motion to allow Dave to use money as required for meals and expenses, Darryl seconded. Motion passed.

Territorial Days Vendor applications are starting to come in. Dave contacted PowerJump, the trampoline/bungee jumping outfit from Bozeman, who expressed an interest in coming to our event last year. They will not be coming owing to the expenses of traveling to Deer lodge for just one day. Justin at the National Guard will get back to us on whether the NG event team will be able to come this year.

Dave received a phone call from Sherril Krakmo from the Deer Lodge Development Group. They are working on a 'Shop Local' scheme and wanted to put out a few feelers to see what people thought of the idea. Shops remain open till 8pm on Thursday through the summer, maybe with a 'Live after Five' type event with live bands. Julia said that Kathy Bair was asking to set up a Farmers Market in Cottonwood City during the Summer, since Carl Herman was no longer interested in holding the Sunday event. The DLDG have sent in an application for a paintball/airsoft event for TD.

**- Main Street Flowers Committee** – T had received a quote from Lynette at Eastside Greenhouse for \$1800. Last year Lynette had bought the baskets for no charge to us. Ed at Circle H Growers had placed a quote for \$1595 for 29 baskets. Discussion followed, and Patty said that Lynette always put in more effort in replacing flowers and baskets at no extra cost to us. T made a motion to go with the Eastside Greenhouse quote, seconded by Julia. More discussion followed and then the motion was passed.

**- Territorial Days** – Dave handed copies of the vendor applications to T, vendors have all been notified that their applications have been received. T had contacted Dave Hansen, with the band

'Genuine Article', who was excited to come and play for us. T handed out some printouts on ideas for prizes and bag fillers and asked for comments. Patty asked about the average cost of the prizes, T said it changes from \$30 to \$57, all costs are paid for by our sponsors. Bob said this will be tabled until next month for a decision.

T said Jan had agreed to run the Weiner Wagon, as long as T staffed it.

A Territorial Days meeting will be held at the Chamber Office next Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> March at 5:15 pm. Those on the committee are Julia, T, Linda, Darryl, Bob, Heidi and Donna. Dave will call everyone on Wednesday.

- **Grant-Kohrs Ranch** – Michelle said they were working on their Summer Season. The sequestration cuts for the Ranch amounted to \$70,000, but no staffing cuts were made.

- **Old Prison Museums** – Open for Spring Hours Monday through Sunday 10 am till 4 pm. Working on the Raggedy Ann and Andy exhibit. Gun Show on the 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> June. Feedback is that it's going to be huge.

- **Other Business** – Sarah spoke about the lack of information at the North entrance into Deer Lodge. The City cannot be seen, so visitors coming off the I-90 ramp do not know that we are more than McDonalds and the truck stops. A new sign is required to point visitors to the City, Museums, Ranch, etc. Discussion followed, more to come.

Patty made a motion to adjourn the meeting, T seconded. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 1:09 pm