

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

Minutes are from the May 9th, 2013 meeting held at 12 noon at the Broken Arrow Steakhouse.

Those present: Bob Toole, Dave Williams, Therese Hunt, Linda Spaulding, Julia Brewer, Marge Bloomquist, Darryl Barton, Patty Cowan and Jim Cameron.

Also present: Shirley Cortright, Betty Hadley and Julie Croglio.

Bob called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm

A motion to accept the minutes as presented for April was made by Julia and seconded by Marge. Motion carried.

- **Secretary's Report** – Dave announced that Chamber Membership currently stands at 83. Inquiries down 5 at 76, 25 Phone, 14 Emails and 37 office visits. Two visitor packs and exchange brochures mailed out in April. Website statistics were up, 75,531 hits (up 5,192), 41,612 page views (up 4,538) and 9,179 unique visitors (up 5,147). 396 pdf's downloaded (up 57). Statistics increased again on previous month.

Show N Shine forms are now online and have been mailed out, 2 entries received so far. Demo Derby Rules & Regs are also online, being mailed out this week.

Dave wished to pass on thanks to Julia and the PCMAF for donating 200 Montana Keychains to the Chamber, for use in the driver's bags and other give away. Suggested sticking a printed label on the back promoting our website. Suggestion was agreed to by the board.

Membership of the Yellowstone Trail Association is due, \$50 per annum. Discussion followed on the merits of being a member and Julia spoke about the Auto Museum being a member. Julia made a motion to renew our membership, Linda seconded. Motion carried.

- **Main Street Flower Baskets** – T said they are growing nicely and will be put up on Main Street for Territorial Days. Bob gave Dave a check for \$47 from the Rotary Club for the flowers.

- **Territorial Days** – T had spoken with Dave Hansen from Genuine Article and he confirmed they will perform at TD for \$550. Dave will email a jpeg of the bag design to Linda. 500 bags to be ordered. A Grand Marshal needs to be voted on, suggestions included Marge Bloomquist, Donna McCarthy, Billie and Paul Greany, and to honor Tina Schowengerdt with Rocky and Tina's daughters to ride in the car. Discussion followed. T made a motion to honor Tina, Jim seconded. Motion carried. Julia said there would be room in the Mustang, or a Model A could also be used for the family. T asked Dave to send Rocky a membership form, and said that Rocky had asked to chair the Light Parade this year.

- **Demolition Derby** – Patty said that the rules and regs had been gone over and they are now online. Money has been increased slightly, 2 heats for the Herby Derby if there are enough cars. Harder to find the large cars, a lot of small cars available. Crash the Clown will be back, he liked the changes. No 'Best of Show' at the start of the event this year. Events and map page included for the first time in the Rules & Regs. Car numbers will be put into a hat, and the draw for the heats will be made by a kid.

- **Grant-Kohrs Ranch** – Julie said that School bus groups are up this year, new schools visiting. Seasonal staff have all been signed up, interpretive programs start this week with house tours. Wagon tours on Sundays from the end of June. Half way through calving season, one set of twins. From Memorial Day the ranch is open 9 am till 5:30 pm. The new superintendant, Jacque Lavelle will be arriving on May 28th. The 'Beaverslide' will not be used this Summer, the 'overshot' stacker will be running.

- **Old Prison Museums** – Open for Summer Hours on May 20th going to seven days a week, 8am till 6pm. Yesterday's Playthings 'Raggedy Ann and Andy' exhibit is coming together. Frontier Montana has a couple of new artifacts. Powell County opens on June 3rd. A new exhibit has been put in

Cottonwood City, a mining cabin/office. New muscle cars in the Auto Museum, and sometime during the summer the gallows will be moved into the cell house. End of June is the Gun Show. Next Wednesday, May 15th, is the Law Enforcement Memorial Day, inducting into the Memorial Room a fallen game warden from 1908. Starts at noon. Julia also said that all GK Ranch staff receives free admission into the Museums. April numbers were down a little, and Julie said the Ranch numbers were also down, 7% due to the weather.

- **Draft Horse Expo** – Betty said they will start their raffles, the first at Territorial Days in Wild Iris. Funding for sending ‘Clyde’ the Draft Horse statue to the beauty shop. More than one 8-horse hitch this year, and more of the 6-horse hitches. Challenge is to get more local people to visit the show on the 14th and 15th September. Still working on getting ‘Backroads of Montana’ to visit.

- **Other Business** – Shirley said that due to budget cuts the Job Service may not be able to keep the Deer Lodge office open, and may work out of the Butte office instead of Anaconda. Looking at another 10% cut. Job openings look good, full, part-time and permanent positions, with 50 or 60 officer positions available at the Prison.

Jim said he had not heard anything back from the car clubs regarding setting up a car spares area for Territorial Days. Maybe sound it out for next year.

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