

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

Minutes are from the May 2nd, 2014 meeting held at 12 noon at the Broken Arrow Steakhouse.

Those present: Bob Toole, Dave Williams, Linda Spaulding, Patty Cowan, Therese Hunt and Rocky Wozny

Also present: John Zurak, Sandy Pettey and Sarah Bannon

Since we did not have a quorum a full Board Meeting could not be held.
The meeting started at 12:10 pm

- **Other Business** – Discussed the effects the road closure south of Deer Lodge was having on local businesses, and the lack of response from the MDoT. Signage is not clear about the options for getting to Deer Lodge. Sandy said John O'Donnell is writing another letter, and Pat Hansen is writing an article for the MT Standard. Rocky is paying for signage along I-90, and is taking legal action against the MDoT. Dave will send out a blog post to our subscribers asking for them to send letters of complaint to MDoT. Bob offered for Sarah and Sandy to go on the radio to discuss the problems.

- **Territorial Days** – T said that prizes need to be selected and will look at the options, and report back on a TD meeting for next week, Thursday at 5pm at the Chamber Office. Sponsorship to remain at \$30 or lower to \$25, depends on cost of prizes. Country Showdown to run from 1 pm to 3 or 4 pm. Choice for Band was discussed. The Show N Shine, no T-Shirts will be offered on the application forms, increase entry to \$20 for 1st car, stay at \$5 for 2nd car. Vendor charge to stay at \$25 per space. Corey, with the bouncy house, agreed to move down opposite MRC, and another vendor with rides, out of Great Falls, could be located outside City Hall. Tom Cotton is a member of a R/C aircraft club, and they would like to do a display out at the airport. Mule Days in Drummond may be the same weekend. Nerf Games (DLDG) event at the Old Prison up against the Country Showdown.

- **Other Business** – Bob said the Executive Board are not yet ready to meet on the budget, so the board is encourage to stay with the price freeze for the present time. Membership stands at 72, extra 8 from the second mailing, some board members not yet signed up. Comparison with same time last year is down 10, down 4 on 2012. Dave received an email from a company called Anonymous who arrange sponsorship deals, interested in sponsoring our Demo Derby for \$500. SuperHost Training will be at the Pen on May 12th from 5:30pm. Free training sessions from MTOT for hospitality and tourism front line people.

- **Job Service** – John spoke about the Job Fair at Fairmont on May 14th, and the American Legion Veterans Stand Down on May 10th – 12th in Anaconda, and handed out flyers. Want to partner with other communities, with a larger presence in Deer Lodge.

- **SouthWest Montana** – Sarah mentioned the TIIP grants that are available for infrastructure improvements. Application forms available on the MTOT website.

- **Old Prison Museums** – Sandy spoke about the Peace Officers Memorial ceremony at 12 noon on May 15th, in the Old Prison Yard. Setting up a coffee stop for the Law Enforcement Torch Run that's passing through.

Meeting adjourned at 1:17 pm