

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

Minutes are from the October 4th, 2012 meeting held at 12 noon at the Broken Arrow Steakhouse.

Those present: Bob Toole, Dave Williams, Julia Brewer, Jim Cameron, Therese Hunt, Marge Bloomquist.

Also present: Travis Paulsen

Since there were insufficient Board Members to form a quorum, the minutes for the September meeting could not be approved. The meeting started at 12:15 pm

Bob introduced the new temporary Superintendent of Grant-Kohrs Ranch, Travis Paulson, and the board welcomed him to our meeting.

- **Pumpkin Sunday** – Julia and T had decided not to proceed with their intended food sale owing to a lack of time. Maybe something to think about for next year.

- **Board of Directors Committee** – Bob spoke about the upcoming election for members of the Board of Directors. 3 Board Members coming up for re-election. Cass will not be standing, since she had resigned earlier in the year. Patty Cowan is up for re-newel, as is Marge Bloomquist. Marge said she did not wish to stand again for election in 2013. T, Julia and Bob agreed to form a committee and come up with suggestions. Dave will call Patty, Darryl and Tina and ask for suggestions

- **Chamber Member of the Year** – Bob asked for some suggestions, but without a quorum it could not be voted on during this meeting. Tina was suggested by Marge, and Julia suggested Marge, but she asked not to be put forward. Dave will call and ask Patty, Darryl and Tina for suggestions and get votes.

- **Chamber Banquet** – The date for the Chamber Banquet will be after the elections on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Julia asked for it not to be on the 15<sup>th</sup> as that is the date of the PCMAF dinner, with the Prison Warden as speaker. Bob said he had tickets for the Cat v Griz game for auction. Bob asked for suggestions for the Speaker, Sherrill Kraakmo was on the list. Julia with Travis was suggested by Bob, bringing the Museum and Ranch together. Darryl had recommended Rocky Erickson, a sports commentator, but his name wasn't widely known. T voiced the opinion that maybe the speaker's name wasn't a big issue, as we always sell out of tickets. Marge suggested Jim Blodgett, former Warden of the MSP when the Old Prison closed in 1979. Bob said maybe we don't have a speaker. Dave suggested an entertainer, and Julia said she had been contacted by a sword swallower from Butte. Will probably require a fee. Julia said she would prefer to hear from someone who spoke about businesses in Deer Lodge.

A discussion followed on the problems associated with the business closures on Main Street, and the separation of the City and County Police Force.

Tom Calabro was suggested by Marge as a speaker, he owns several buildings in Deer Lodge and had restored 'The Club'.

- **Christmas Stroll Committee** – Jim said he would be willing to look into chairing the committee. Hopefully there will be a movie at the Rialto the afternoon. Dave mentioned that the DLDG were having a Holiday Home Tour on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:02 p.m.