

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

Minutes are from the October 3, 2014 meeting held at 12 noon at the Broken Arrow Steakhouse.

Those present: Bob Toole, Therese Hunt, Linda Spaulding, Rocky Wozny and Dave Williams.
Also present: John Zurak, Sarah Bannon and Jacque Lavelle

Since we did not have a quorum a full Board Meeting could not be held.
The meeting started at 12:08 pm

- **Other Business** – Bob spoke about the Chamber PA system having developed a fault which causes it to squeal. Dave investigated the cost of repair and it would come to several hundred dollars.

Bob had asked Dave to prepare an account of where the Chamber finances are compared to this time in previous years. Discussion followed on the chamber finances, costs, expenses and income. Major loss this year was \$2,700 for the printing of the Chamber brochure.

Bob asked for suggestions for new Board Members. Jim Cameron had resigned due to a medical issue and a replacement Board member may be selected by the President, or wait until the elections in December. Discussion on what should be mailed out in the visitor and relocation packs followed, in order to cut down on our postage costs.

-

- **Chamber Banquet** – Tuesday November 18th at the Broken Arrow, the speaker will be Mayor Zane Cozby. Griz/Cat tickets will be available for auction thanks to the river radio. Jacque said there will be a rancher's conference during that week. Bob asked Linda and T to work the door. T will work on the tickets next week. No raise on the price, \$25 per ticket. Cost of the meals was \$18.00 last year, plus 15% gratuity.

- **Pumpkin Sunday** – Jacque offered to withdraw the request for \$700 for pumpkins this year. Discussion followed, and it was decided to half the offer to the Ranch, to \$350. Linda made a motion to sponsor the pumpkins for \$350 this year, Rocky seconded. T voted yes, and Dave will call the remaining board members for their decision (Marge, Heidi, Darryl voted Yes by telephone, Patty voted No)

- **Other Business** – Discussed putting on another fund raising event, and expanding the Chamber Board. Difficult to get volunteers to help at events, and finding board members able to spare the time for meetings, etc. Affecting other organizations not just the Chamber.

- **Grants** – The MTOT have introduced their Digital Marketing grant application, needs to be submitted by December 12th. Dave said it could apply to a re-design of our website, making it compatible to mobile devices or the setting up a Wi-Fi network in Deer Lodge, city wide or around the Museums and Ranch. Costs need to be investigated. Dave asked for suggestions on how to proceed. Sarah said the Office of Tourism are pushing Digital and online elements, not providing extra funding for Visitor Centers. Sarah spoke about the financing of other regions and Chambers, some receive funds through the bed tax or extra regional taxes.

- **Christmas Stroll** – Dave showed two designs for the Buttons, and the one with the dog was selected. 900 to be made and sold at \$2 each. T and Bob agreed to co-chair the Christmas Stroll committee, first meeting next Thursday October 16th at 5:15 pm in the Chamber Office. Dave will call for members to attend.

- **Grant-Kohrs Ranch** – Jacque said the visitor numbers were even for last month. Trying to work with the DLDG to arrange the two Christmas tours to not overlap.

Meeting ended at 1:30 pm