

Cut Bank Area Chamber of Commerce Minutes

June 3, 2009

Cut Bank Development Center – Noon

Directors in Attendance: Stephanie Browning, LeAnne Kavanagh, Gloria Taylor, Jeff Billman, Josh Larson, Robert Carette, Steve Bucher, Tippy Burtch

Executive Director: Amy Overstreet

Directors Absent: Mike Bruch, James Laidlaw, Bob Clary, Scott Laird

Directors Unexcused:

Guests Attending: Tom Shock, Tracy Puryer, Marilyn Dunk, Mayor Doug Embody, Kari Dell

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Billman at 12:03 p.m.

LeAnne introduced Kari (Icenoggle) Dell who is a guest columnist for the Cut Bank Pioneer Press.

The minutes from the May 6, 2009 meeting were presented for approval. Robert Carette moved to approve the minutes as presented and Steve Bucher seconded the motion. Being no further discussion, the minutes were approved unanimously.

The monthly financial report was given by Executive Director Amy Overstreet. Along with the monthly report was a complete report on the Chamber Banquet Revenues and Expenses. LeAnne brought to attention the \$500 donation to the Cut Bank Volunteer Fire Department should be listed on this report. With this change added, the Net Profit from banquet was \$14,507.12 LeAnne Kavanagh moved to accept the Treasurer's report and Robert Carette seconded it. With no further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business

Interest on the Website Advertising continues to be slow moving. Hopefully this will increase throughout the month of June as only four businesses have responded. Discussion was held on the Dye, Tavary, & Judge lifetime membership which they had bought some years back for \$200. Amy will do more research on this matter.

Schedules and activities for Lewis and Clark Days are well under way as reported by Stephanie Browning. "Rediscovering Lewis & Clark" will be the theme for this year's event. The Beer Wagon Schedule is circulating for volunteer helpers on Friday and Saturday. The Burger Barn will be operated by Nola Peterson and Mona Shortman. Carson & Marilyn Dunk will be in charge of the Dunking Booth. The Chamber will have a booth at the park. The L&C committee is still looking for vendors to setup in the park. Cost for the vendors will be \$25. Larry Epstein has been asked to be the Grand Marshall. Next meeting for L&C will be June 16, 2009 at BJ's at noon.

Gloria Taylor suggested the Chamber put a float in the L&C parade carrying various banners of the different projects the Chamber sponsors. Jeff will furnish a flatbed truck from Billman's and a warehouse to build the float. After some discussion, Tippy Burtch made a motion to purchase banners for the different projects. It was seconded by Stephanie Browning. The motion carried. The banners will be used throughout the year at each of the scheduled events. Amy will check with various suppliers for the cost of making the banners. Chamber members and

guests were asked to bring more ideas for the float at the next Chamber meeting.

The Chamber along with the City of Cut Bank and Glacier County will have a Weed and Feed Spray Day on June 27th. All volunteer workers are asked to meet at the Visitor's Center at 7 a.m. for organization to help spray the weeds in the downtown area. Damon Bunting will be available for anyone having questions on the chemicals being used. The Chamber will be hosting a free barbecue luncheon for all the volunteer workers to be held at the Visitor's Center at noon.

The Business Appreciation Days will be held June 22 in Sunburst; June 23 in Valier; and June 24 in Browning. Volunteers are needed to help setup, serve, and cleanup. Amy passed around a signage sheet for volunteers to choose which day he/she could help. To date, 21 businesses have paid their dues of \$125 to help defray the expenses for this event. A banner will be made with the names of the businesses supporting BAD.

Jeff received word that the Main Street Christmas lights will be hung by Glacier Electric again this year. Virginia Harman continues to work on getting the rebates approved on the replacement lights.

Shane Jensen was hired to replace Marla Pick at the Visitor's Center due to health reasons. The Visitor's Informative Center opened on May 23rd. T-shirts and tote bags with the Cut Bank Chamber logo are available for sale.

On May 27th, the Superhost tourism training was a tremendous success with 15 individuals attending.

CTEP funds will be used to replace the fence and for a new sign at the Visitor's Center. The replacement of the front doors was almost \$500 under budget.

New Business:

The Festival of Lights will be held on November 21, 2009.

Jeff will try to arrange a meeting with the Hospital Auxiliary to gather information for the Trees and Keys event.

Visitor's Comments:

No CBDC report due to Mike Koepke being absent.

Reminders:

No Chamber Up after 5 for June and July.

Lunch 'n' Learn will be at the Den, June 24th at noon with Llew Jones and Jerry Black.

Tippy Burtch made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Stephanie Browning.