

Cut Bank Area Chamber of Commerce
April 7, 2010 – CBDC Office – Noon

Directors in Attendance: Scott Laird, Robert Carette, Dawn Barrett, Josh Larson, Jeff Billman, Stephanie Browning, Carson Dunk and Treasure Berkram

Directors Excused: Virginia Harman, Gloria Taylor and Tippy Burch

Executive Director: Amy Overstreet

Guests Attending: Jerilee Wilkerson, Tracy Puryear and Kim Butterworth

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

The minutes from the March 9th, 2010 meeting were presented and Scott Laird moved to approve and Robert Carette seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Both the January and March financial reports were approved by Steph Browning and Scott Laird seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

March Report - Jeff Billman reported that the Chamber is currently at 153 members against 159 at this time last year. Letters have been sent out and he knows we have all been working toward our goal of 175 members. There are 210 tickets sold to date for the upcoming Chamber Banquet as compared to 300 sold last year. The public can get tickets at the door if they need to. Table set up is at 5 p.m. on Friday night with auction items being accepted at 6 p.m. Anyone sponsoring a table can decorate them starting at 6 p.m. Friday as well. Jeff mentioned that we still need more auction items!

Jeff suggested the Chamber might attract more landlords as members by adding a “rentals available” on the webpage to the chamber website. Amy will talk to Rich Gannon at Front Range to see about adding this.

Stephanie Browning and Jerilee Wilkerson agreed to sit at the Chamber booth at the school lobby during the Glacier Electric Annual Meeting on Saturday from 10 a.m. until noon.

As of April 9, 2010 Amy’s 6 week maternity leave is up and she is excited to come back to work !

Stephanie Browning reported on the Lewis & Clark Festival. It is expected there will be more Chili Cook Off attendees this year. She has done some research on putting a banner across main street advertising the event but has found out it is not a good idea due to all the power/phone lines and other congestion on Main Street. So Steph is working at

putting one up in either the Sr. Center lawn or on the side of their building and will attend their next board meeting. There will be live entertainment starting at noon on Friday this year which is a change from any other year. The toilet tank (dunking booth) will be back this year and will need people to “volunteer” to participate! Steph has been in contact with the Budweiser Clydesdale West Coast Team and won’t know for about another month as to whether or not they will be able to attend. The Beer Wagon schedule will be coming out soon for people to sign up to work.

Jeff let us know that the wading pool grand opening will now be Sunday, June 13th instead of June 5/6th. It will be held at 1 p.m. at the swimming pool park and hot dogs with all the fixings will be available. There will be an ad in the paper inviting the community to participate as well as the donors.

Side Comment – Business Appreciation days are tentatively set for June 14th, 15th & 16th.

New Business:

Jeff suggested the Chamber organize a “Chamber Challenge” Gold Tournament which is tentatively scheduled the weekend after Labor Day. Some of the requirements are: need to be a chamber member/business to attend, team mates will be employees and/or family members, \$300/team to enter, winning team gets traveling trophy and the winner also gets to pick where they want to donate their prize money too. (ex: local charity) Jeff will continue working out the details and report more later.

Visitor Comments:

Guest, Kim Butterworth reported on the All Class Reunion coming up the same weekend as the Lewis and Clark Festival. (July 30th – August 1st, 2010) The reunion committee is requesting any and all items from Chamber members to put in their goody bags they will be handing out during registration. Amy Overstreet requested that Kimberly Butterworth email her the request for donations from Chamber members for the bags and then Amy can forward it to the membership. Rob Quist is the big entertainment Saturday night at the airport hangar and Christaens Meat will be doing the catering. Thursday night (29th) there will a sock hop held at the Civic Center. Friday (30th) activities will include a golf tournament during the day with a street dance held down town that night. The website to pre-register, order T-shirts or just see what all will be happening throughout the weekend is: www.cutbankalumni.com

Jerilee commented that the CBDC has been successful in achieving the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Grant. The grant monies will be helping make improvements at the Courthouse, both the Cut Bank & Browning libraries, the Courthouse Annex and the Cut Bank Senior Center. She also reported that the CTEP application needs to be completed in order to begin renovating the cement park.

Carson Dunk brought to the Chamber’s attention that there have been several complaints from land men working in the area about the Glacier Gateway Plaza. Jeff will follow up

on this matter. Carson also expressed there will be an Open House on Saturday, during Lewis & Clark at the Masonic Lodge for about 4 hours. He requested the event be put on the L&C Schedule and will report to Steph exactly what he wants the event called for the schedule.

Reminders:

Chamber Up After 5, April 14th @ The Den @ 5:30 p.m.

Lunch n' Learn, April 6th @ Glacier Electric

May 5th – Chamber Meeting

Carson Dunk moved to adjourn the meeting and Scott Laird seconded the motion.