

**Cut Bank Are Chamber of Commerce
May 5, 2010 – CBDC Office – Noon**

Directors in Attendance: Virginia Harman, Gloria Taylor, Robert Carette, Dawn Barret, Josh Larson, Jeff Billman, Tippy Burtch, Stephanie Browning, Carson Dunk and Treasure Berkram

Directors Excused: Scott Laird

Executive Director: Amy Overstreet

Guests Attending: Jerilee Wilkerson and Mayor Embody

The meeting was called to order by President Billman at 12:02 p.m.

The minutes from the April 7, 2010 meeting were presented and Tippy Burtch moved to approve and Virginia Harman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The April financial report was explained with the only expense not included was the bill from LE Mitre Box for \$885 and Stephanie Browning's bill for expenses to decorate the misc. tables for the Banquet. The report was then approved by Gloria Taylor and Virginia Harman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

April Report - Amy Overstreet extended a huge thank you to Virginia Harman and Glacier Electric for the sales of our gift certificate coming in at \$4300 last month. People have really started to respond the gift certificate program.

Membership Drive - Jeff Billman reported that the Chamber is currently at 161 members. With 3 more that have promised to send in their forms. Jeff explained that Shelby, Conrad and Valier come to Cut Bank to solicit out of town businesses to join their Chamber membership.....so why shouldn't we??

Banquet ReCap - Amy reported there were 290 tickets sold this year. The thank you's have been sent out. She wondered how the Chamber felt about doing a donation for the Firemen (last year we donated \$500) as well as Joe Gauthier/Animal Shelter for the hours he spends patrolling/attending the event. It was moved by Gloria Taylor to give a donation of \$300 to the Firemen and \$200 to the animal shelter. Motion was seconded by Carson Dunk and the motion carried unanimously. Treasure Berkram explained that \$16,075 was brought in my ticket and auction sales. And still waiting for \$560 from Edward Jones. We made a profit of \$10,452 but another re-cap will follow next month to tie up any loose ends. Amy Overstreet thanked Jeff Billman and Virginia Harman for all of their hard work toward making the Banquet a success!

Lewis & Clark Days - Steph Browning talked about Lewis & Clark Days progressing right along

with a banner being put up on the South side of the Sr. Center Building. A schedule of the beer wagon was passed around for people to sign up to work and any Toilet Tank volunteers would be greatly appreciated. The Budweiser Clydesdales are on the schedule to appear, just haven't got confirmation on them yet. Mayor Embody told us about the area between the park and mainstreet going to get paved in the near future. The City received a Grant from the State of Montana for \$11,000 to do the paving, all new sidewalks around the City Building in the park, paint that building and square up the roof. The roof over the Burger Barn will then extend out a little further as well.

Wading Pool Grand Opening - Jeff explained that the date for our event is still pending due to a swim meet being one of the dates we decided. Will try to do a Wednesday night. Pool is supposed to open June 7th or 9th.

Glacier Country Annual Meeting - Robert Carette reported the meeting will be held May 11th. Ed DesRosier with the Sun Tour Busses will be here to take the people attending around to the airport, look at the murals, pictures and paintings throughout town as well stop by the Visitors Center. 24 people will fit on the bus at a time. There is a full day planned for the folks across the mountains coming to see us at Cut Bank!!

New Business:

Website Advertising Renewals: On June 1, 2010 all advertising is due to be renewed and Amy explained that all letters will go out with the same prices as last year. \$600 for a footer ad and \$100 for a button ad.

2010 Visitor's Information Center Update - Amy said she has hired 4 employees this year. Cherry Skryja and Megan Lewis are 1st year employees. Lanaia Lewis is a 2nd year employee and Danielle Wineman is on her 3rd year. Carson Dunk made a motion to approve the following graduated pay scale for the employees and Robert Carette seconded the motion with the motion passing unanimously. The pay scale is as follows: 1st yr: \$7.25/hr; 2nd yr: \$7.75/hr; 3rd yr: \$8.25/hr.

2010 Business Appreciation Days - Jeff reported that June 14th, 15th, & 16th are the days scheduled for the event this year and a sign up sheet for workers will be at our next meeting. He would like to have 4 to 6 directors attend every day if possible.

Super Host Training - Tuesday, May 25th from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. will be the next Super Host Training according to Amy Overstreet. It will be held at this office (4 North Central). There are 6 people signed up so far and need 11 in order for the training to be free. The Chamber agreed to serving them pizza and drinks as it is in the budget. Lisa Jones is the trainer and the event will be advertised in the paper.

Visitor Comments:

Mayor Embody talked at length about a Veterans Memorial Project that he is working on for Cut Bank. Glacier Electric has already agreed to have the monument/memorial on the East side of

their building on the grassy area with the trees. He is in the very beginning stages of the process as it is a "community project" not a city or county project. All monies will have to be raised by sponsorships of the plaques. Pavers alone (stones that people walk on to get to the memorial or around the memorial) will cost around \$18,000. The Beautification Committee is spear heading the project.

Gloria Taylor and the Mayor are still working with BN on getting the Amtrak building painted.

Reminders:

Chamber Up After 5, May 18th @ The Little Bear Child Care @ 5:30 p.m.

Lunch n' Learn, May 19th @ Charlie's Pizza

June 2nd – Chamber Meeting

Gloria Taylor moved to adjourn the meeting and Josh Larson seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned @ 1:10 p.m.