

**Cut Bank Area Chamber of Commerce Minutes**  
**April 1, 2009,**  
**Cut Bank Development Center – Noon**

**Directors in Attendance:** Mike Bruch, Stephanie Browning, LeAnne Kavangh, Gloria Taylor, Bob Clary, Scott Laird, Jeff Billman, Josh Larson, Robert Carette, Steve Bucher,

**Executive Director:** Amy Overstreet

**Directors Absent:** James Laidlaw, Tippy Burtch

**Directors Unexcused:**

**Guests Attending:** Tom Shock, Mike Koepke, Tracy Puryear, Steve Girdner, Gerilee Wilkerson

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Billman at 12:00 p.m.

The minutes from the March 4, 2009 meeting were presented for approval. Stephanie Browning 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 Treasurer Scott Laird. Gloria Taylor moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented and Mike Bruch seconded it. With no further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

**Old Business**

Jeff reminded the directors of the Website Advertising and the need to get more businesses to advertise. Once the banquet is over, more time could be spent on talking to individuals and businesses to advertise.

Membership is up to 151. Again it was suggested to try and get more individual memberships.

The Lewis & Clark Committee had met on Tuesday, March 31 with very few people showing up. Stephanie said the committee is trying to come up with different activities to have in the park along with different vendors. Steph will email everyone when and where the next meeting will be held.

Amy reported on the Gift Certificates and 14 businesses have already signed up. Good response.

Ticket sales for the banquet are going great. All bases seem to be covered. Setup will be Friday night starting at 7 p.m. with the help of the New Orleans Youth Group from the St. Paul Lutheran Church. They will also serve the meal and do the cleanup. Veronica Anderson and Amy will be setting up the silent auction tables. The Prime Rib dinner will be prepared by the Cut Bank Volunteer Fire Department. Tonya Harper/Pioneer Bar will do the catering for the bar. The charge per drink ticket will be \$2.75. On Saturday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., decorating the tables will take place by those who have purchased a table. This also can be done on Friday night. Klaus Obel, Project Manager of NaturEner, will be guest speaker. Bar Bed & Blue will provide the music. Joe Gauthier will be the officer on duty. Scott Gage will be Master of Ceremonies with Pastor Joe Litton giving the Invocation. Steve and Diane Proefrock will do the auction. Stockman Bank personnel will be taking tickets and Carson and Marilyn Dunk will handle the auction monies.

Bill Bandel of the Glacier County Weed Department had asked Jeff about the Chamber getting involved with "Spray Day" and setting a date for it to take place. The date will be June 27. The sprayers and spray will be provided by the Weed Department. Bill would like to see several organizations, individuals, and high school students help spray for weeds in the community.

Glacier Electric Annual meeting is set for Saturday, April 4. Amy will have a table set up for the Chamber.

**New Business:**

Jeff reported on the Block Party which will be held May 15 & 16 with the proceeds benefiting the Northern Rockies Medical Center. Jeff also said the Business Appreciation Board is no longer existing and wanted to know if the Chamber would be willing to take this over. LeAnne Kavanagh made a motion to have the Cut Bank Chamber sponsor this event. The motion was seconded by Robert Carette. The motion passed unanimously.

Jeff had received information from Rita Pruczinski of DiJulio Displays concerning the cost for new wire and C-9 lamps to replace the Main Street Christmas Lights which will go beyond the Courthouse. More information is coming on the exact costs. Virginia Harman of Glacier Electric said the rebates could range between \$3000 to \$4000.

Jeff was in question as to whether the Glacier County CTEP funds could be transferred to the City of Cut Bank to be used on the City CTEP projects. More information will be gathered on this.

LeAnne Kavanagh suggested coordinating with Anne Thompson of the Shelby Chamber to do the First Impressions the 3rd week in May.

**Visitor's Comments:**

Mike Koepke said CBDC has applied for a grant to get potable water at the airport. Overpass project was bumped back as there is a need for more engineering.

Jeff was going to check with Llew Jones & Jerry Black about the possibility of doing the Lunch "n" Learn for April 15.

Robert Carette will be attending the Glacier Country meeting on May 10.

Superhost Training is May 27 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Glacier Electric.

Bob Clary moved to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by LeAnne Kavanagh.