

Cut Bank Area Chamber of Commerce Minutes
January 21, 2009 Annual Meeting
Charlie's Pizza at Noon

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

Executive Director: Amy Overstreet

Directors Absent: James Laidlaw, Tippy Burtch

Guests Attending: Tom and Lee Shock, Marilyn Dunk, Dawn Barrett, Tracy Puryear, Rick & Glenda Billman, Cassie Billman, Virginia Harmon, Mike Koepke, John Waller, Matt Waller, Sissy Nygaard, LeAnne Kavanagh

The annual meeting was called to order by President Jeff Billman at 12:10 p.m. He thanked and welcomed all those in attendance for coming.

The minutes from the January 7, 2009 meeting were presented for approval. Bob Clary moved to approve the minutes as presented and LeAnne Kavanagh seconded the motion. Being no further discussion, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Jeff recognized outgoing director Noel Durham. Jeff's three-year term was up but was re-elected and will serve as President. President LeAnne Kavanagh was the only outgoing officer after serving two years as President. Jeff also recognized LeAnne's accomplishments since taking the role of President in 2007. Revenues have increased with various fundraisers, and membership grew from 101 members in 2006 to 151 members in 2008. Due to the increase in memberships and revenues, the Chamber was able to hire Amy Overstreet as Executive Director who has taken a huge burden off the President. Thanks to LeAnne for two very successful years as President of the Cut Bank Chamber of Commerce.

Jeff then introduced newly elected directors Robert Carette, Josh Larson and Steve Bucher. Also elected to the board was Tippy Burtch, who was unable to attend due to a prior business commitment. Jeff was re-elected for a second term and will serve as President for two years, Mike Bruch-Vice President; Scott Laird-Treasurer; and Gloria Taylor-Secretary will serve as officers for 2009.

Old Business

The Chamber year-end financial report was given by Treasurer Scott Laird. Beginning balance of January 1, 2008 started with \$23,304.32 and the year-end balance December 31, 2008 had increased to \$49,120.70. This past year was a very successful year for the Chamber of Commerce.

LeAnne Kavanagh gave a summary of the accomplishments made by the Cut Bank Chamber of Commerce in 2008. For the past two years, the Chamber has been working to be a more financially sound organization and that plateau was accomplished in 2008. Membership has grown, Amy Overstreet was hired as a part-time executive director, the more than 20 committees with the Chamber were successful in making a difference in Cut Bank and beyond. LeAnne thanked the members and the dedicated directors of the Cut Bank Chamber for making the year so successful and rewarding.

Val Vermulm reviewed the Chamber's financial records for 2008. Unable to attend the meeting, Val gave her report to LeAnne to read at the meeting. Val was pleased to report that everything was in order.

New Business:

Jeff then passed out the list of committee assignments for 2009 to all directors. Two new committees were added to the list: Chamber Gift Certificate Program and Chamber Socials.

Looking forward to 2009, Jeff hopes to continue to increase membership to 175 and improve relations with the City government to have a positive working relationship.

Mike Bruch moved to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Bob Clary.