**Cut Bank Area Chamber of Commerce Minutes**

**June 6th, 2018, Regular Monthly Meeting**

**Cut Bank Chamber Office – Noon**

**Directors Present:** Kristi Rowell, Calcie Stubbs, Jeff Billman, Michelle Nygaard, Jessica Waldner, Pat Murphy, Ryan Eney

**Executive Director:** Amy Overstreet

**Directors Absent:** Don Grubb (Excused), Bryan Simons (Excused), Stephanie Eney (Excused), Ric Beals (Excused)

**Bookkeeper:** Todd Eney (Not Present)

**Office Assistant:** Erin Kittson (Not Present)

**Guests Attending:** None

**Regular Business:** The meeting was called to order by Jeff Billman stepping in for Ric Beals. The minutes from the May 2nd meeting were presented for approval. Calcie Stubbs made the motion to accept and Ryan Eney seconded the motion. Being no further discussion, the minutes were approved.

The financial reports from May 2018 were reviewed. See attached.

Balances’ were reported as follows: Chamber Checking Account $15,941.75; Savings – Hiline Arts Grant $2,500.95; Economic Development Checking Account $1,197.42; Gift Certificate Account $1,371.41; Buckle Account $7,463.99.

After reviewing financials, Calcie made the motion to accept the May financials with Pat seconding the motion. Being no further discussion, the financials were approved.

**Old Business**

**Mercantile Update:** Amy updated that she had just talked with Mike Kittson and noted that he is optimistic about getting the project going again but probably not any time soon.

**Banquet Final Recap:** Amy said the final numbers added to be about right where we usually are with the Annual Banquet but actually could be a bit higher which is always great. Adrienne Fritz is going to rent some of our decorations from the banquet and use them for a presentation. She is renting them for $200.00, it was noted it is nice to get some extra use out of the decorations!

**2017 Financial Audit by Utterback Accounting:** Ryan updated that last he heard Elaine at Utterback is done with the audit but has not gotten a hold of him, he is going to call her and see what is going on.

**Lewis & Clark Festival Update:** Ryan said one of the major changes this year is how they are doing the music. They have three great bands booked and they are going to play at the park and at the street dance. Another thing that has changed is in the past they split the proceeds of the beer booth with the Lion’s Club and they aren’t doing that anymore; it is going strictly to Lewis & Clark Funds.

**Golf Tournament Update:** Jeff & Don are trying to work with the clubhouse to set a date. They originally wanted to do it in June but it just didn’t work out because there are other tournaments already scheduled. Jeff said that it is probably going to happening in September again.

**New Business**

**Assistance for Business Clinic:** Amy said they only had nine people show up for this, even though they were hoping for around forty. She noted that people probably were not very aware that this could count for continuing education credits and hoped that it could be more advertised around that next time.

**Business Appreciation Days:** The dates have been set and Amy is going to get the letters out this week. The dates are July 30th – Valier, July 31st – Sunburst, August 1st – Cut Bank, and August 2nd – Browning.

**It Fits Lease Renewal:** Vicki Schott sent a letter to the chamber stating that she wants to do a month to month lease. She has complaints about the parking and all the trouble she has with tenants at the Bunkhouse. After some discussion of what to do, it was motioned by Ryan to approve the month to month lease with Calcie seconding. Everyone agreed it is better to support small business however we can and Vicki has been a great renter.

**Shakespeare in the Park:** Michelle said the date is set for August 1st at the City Park. The play this year is going to be Othello. Michelle has been working on this event and sent in information for the free posters. She is also planning to call Juanita and make sure she isn’t forgetting anything.

**Donation Request from Glacier County Library:** The library was looking for some form of donation for their summer reading program. In the past the Chamber has donated a few youth size shirts. The board decided to go ahead and do this again. No motion was made.

**Donation Request from Farmers Insurance Golf Tournament:** Dillon Garrison is looking for a hole prize donation from the Chamber for the Farmers tournament. It was discussed that Farmer’s Insurance is good about donating to the Chamber for events. Amy is going to make up a Cut Bank gift basket.

**Chamber Summit Recap & Thoughts:** Amy attended a Chamber Summit hosted by the Glacier Park Conservancy and said it was an interesting event to attend with other Chamber people. Amy thinks in the future it would be great to do something like this for the Hi-Line area. She is going to organize an event like this in Cut Bank in the Fall.

**Reminders:**

• Chamber Up – Glacier Conservation District @ City Park, June 27th , 5-7

• July Board Meeting – Chamber office, July 11th, 12-1

• Lewis & Clark Festival – July 27th – July 30th

• Business Appreciation Days – July 30th – August 2nd

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**Jessica Waldner**

**Secretary/Director**