**Cut Bank Area Chamber of Commerce Minutes**

**July 10th, 2019, Regular Monthly Meeting**

**Cut Bank Chamber Office – Noon**

**Directors Present:** Nicole Altenburg, Nate Kavanagh, Ric Beals, Stephanie Eney, Jessica Waldner, Brandon Greco, JR Meyers, Kristi Rowell

**Executive Director:** Amy Overstreet

**Directors Absent:** Calcie Stubbs (Excused), Bryan Simons (Excused), Don Grubb (Excused)

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

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

**Guests Attending:** Aaron (Yesco)

**Regular Business:** The meeting was called to order President Ric Beals. The minutes from the June 5th meeting were presented for approval. Brandon Greco made the motion to approve the minutes with Stephanie Eney seconding the motion. Being no further discussion, the minutes were approved. The minutes from the June 26th special meeting were presented for approval. Nate Kavanagh made the motion to approve and accept the minutes with JR Meyers seconding the motion. Being no further discussion, the minutes were approved.

The financial reports from June were reviewed. See attached.

Balances’ were reported as follows: Chamber Checking Account $5,127.96; Savings – Hiline Arts Grant $2,505.85; Economic Development Checking Account $690.32; Gift Certificate Account $1,051.41; Buckle Account $7,463.99.

Treasurer Nate Kavanagh presented the financials. Nicole Altenburg made the motion to approve the June financials with Jess Waldner seconding the motion. Being no further discussion, the financials were approved.

**Old Business**

**Mercantile Update:** Amy updated that Adrienne has not yet responded to our counter offer of $75,000 for purchase of the public drug building. She has talked to Adrienne and she is basically waiting until the commissioners have another meeting to approve the contingency before she responds to our offer.

**Public Drug Offer Discussion and Approval:** See Above

**Lewis & Clark Festival Update:** Nicole updated that everything is right on track but they are needing help mostly with the beer booth sign up and the corn hole tournament. Stephanie Eney is going to check with NRMC and see if they are willing to volunteer as a group to help with corn hole. Nicole or Brandon are going to email a list of what they need filled and are hoping to get some volunteers. Ric is still planning on MC-ing the event.

**Golf Tournament Recap:** Nicole updated that this tournament was a great turn out and everything went off without a hitch. She also noted that it seemed like having it in June vs. September was a better turn out for golfers.

**Shakespeare in the Parks:** JR is looking for some help with poster distribution and looking for a few more people willing to house some of the actors. Nicole recommended checking with Mike Wineman or the Poulton family as they have housed in the past for different events. Amy noted that we are currently about $850 less in sponsorships as of right now compared to last year.

**Business Appreciation Days:** Stephanie said that this is on track with dates set and money starting to come in. She is going to check with Jeff Billman on some of the food ordering since he has always had a good what to get in the past. Amy wanted to make a special note that during these events she tries to let the business owners have front row and directors take more of a behind the scenes job since the businesses are the ones who pay to sponsor this event

**New Business**

**Update on East End of Cut Bank Chamber Signs:** The Chamber has three signs that are currently within 50 feet of each other on the east side of town. The signs are quite old and could use some updating. Aaron from Yesco came to update that we own three separate signage rights. Each “permit” is allotted a certain square footage. He is going to check and see if we could combine them to make on big spot to put a new sign on. It was also noted that it could be a potential idea to donate one of the permits to the museum. Amy also noted that we will have to check with the department of transportation to see where the right of way is for a future sign.

**Visitor’s Center Sign and Replacement Quote:** Amy updated that the VIC sign is faded and smearing, she thinks it needs to be taken down at some point and replaced. All directors agreed that it could use some fixing. It was agreed upon that we will leave the sign up for the duration of the summer and wait to move forward in the fall with this project.

**Discussion of Creating a Member Survey to Determine Vision of Political Policy:** Stephanie presented how they handle certain policies at NRMC and said that maybe this could be a great way for the chamber to proceed with political policies in the future. They send out a poll to the members and let them vote on how they want to be represented. Amy wanted to know what an appropriate percentage of feedback would be on something like this and if we should do digital and hard copies. Directors agreed a that a 50% response rate should be a good return rate and digital surveys will first be sent out and a paper mailing will be sent to those who do not respond to the digital survey. It was also agreed that we will have a deadline before new directors come in so there is a policy set going into the next year, Amy will work on a draft for future meetings.

**Cut Bank Holiday Bazaar Vendor Application:** Amy updated that save the dates and applications are going out August 1st. This is a huge event and they are going to try and see if they can pinpoint out more vendors of different variety opposed to too many of one specific thing.

**Blackfeet Youth Days Donation Request:** Some of the dates have already passed for when they were requesting money, this request was denied because we are already tight on funds.

**Reminders:**

• Chamber Up– GCHC Dental Clinic, July 23rd, 5:30-7pm

• Lewis & Clark Festival– July 25th thru 28th

• Business Appreciation Days – August 5th thru 8th

• August Board Meeting – August 7th, Chamber Office, 12-1pm

• Shakespeare in the Parks – August 7th

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**Jessica Waldner**

**Secretary/Director**