

Cut Bank Area Chamber of Commerce Minutes
April 8th, 2020, Regular Monthly Meeting
Cut Bank Chamber Zoom Meeting, Noon

Directors Present: Nate Kavanagh, Stephanie Eney, Don Grubb, Amber Simonds, Tim Kipp, Rhonda Grainger, JR Myers

Executive Director: Erin Kittson

Directors Absent: Bryan Simons, Kristi Rowell, Jessica Hedges ?

Bookkeeper: Todd Eney (Not Present)

Regular Business: Meeting was called to order. Don made the motion to accept minutes from the March 4th meeting, Nate seconded motion. Financials accepted by motion made by Rhonda, seconded by Nate.

Old Business:

Membership Drive Update: Not much; difficult with the shelter in place. What do we think of doing 1/2 price memberships starting in May for 2nd half of year? Can Erin possibly draw up an idea and we can brainstorm options? All good ideas. We need to keep money coming in.

Banquet Postponement: Erin brought up idea of an online raffle; we all liked the idea and trust her to throw it together. A portion of proceeds will go towards local businesses. We also looked at a vacation raffle in the future.

New Business:

VIC Update and Staffing: We got the grant but the process is slowing down with all that is going on. Staffing will remain the same as it has been the prior year.

Discover Cut Bank Promotion and Billboard Discussion: Do we want to do the advertisement again this year for the April billboard? \$1300 would be due, possibly our portion of \$425.00? We have around \$2000.00 in our operating account. Our monthly out is approximately \$1775.00. Follow up and see of the Pioneer Press and the Port Authority did a portion, also. At this time, we choose to ask, verify funds and reassess.

Airport: Tim hadn't yet got an update from the meeting, but it looks like the airport will shut down in May. The city is looking into loan and grant possibilities, but it doesn't look good.

Economic Injury Disaster: Can get us up to \$1000.00 per person, which is only 1. Erin worries about it being forgiven vs. ending up as a loan we will have to pay back. Possibly get with Rich Gannon to look at our possibilities.

Reminders: Next meeting May 6th, 2020

With no further minutes, the meeting was adjourned.

Rhonda Grainger
Secretary/Director