**Cut Bank Area Chamber of Commerce Minutes**

**July 11th, 2018, Regular Monthly Meeting**

**Cut Bank Chamber Office – Noon**

**Directors Present:** Ric Beals, Don Grubb, Pat Murphy, Michelle Nygaard, Jessica Waldner, Stephanie Eney, Kristi Rowell, Ryan Eney

**Executive Director:** Amy Overstreet

**Directors Absent:** Calcie DeZort (Excused), Bryan Simons (Excused), Jeff Billman (Excused) **Bookkeeper:** Todd Eney (Not Present)

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

**Guests Attending:** None

**Regular Business:** The meeting was called to order by Chamber President Ric Beals. The minutes from the June 6th meeting were presented for approval. Pat Murphy made the motion to accept and Michelle Nygaard seconded the motion. Being no further discussion, the minutes were approved.

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

Balances’ were reported as follows: Chamber Checking Account $15,233.38; Savings – Hiline Arts Grant $2,501.84; Economic Development Checking Account $645.16; Gift Certificate Account $1,196.41; Buckle Account $7,463.99.

Ryan Eney presented the financials. He noted that maybe we should look into putting that loan on interest only so we aren’t paying extra money. Otherwise the economic development account will be negative but it wouldn’t be too big of an issue either way. After reviewing financials, Don Grubb made the motion to accept the June financials with Pat seconding the motion. Being no further discussion, the financials were approved.

**Old Business**

**Mercantile Update:** Amy updated that once this project finally gets rolling, the Chamber is still going to have a little work to do. The structural engineer said that when they backfill the lot where the building is currently, there will need to be a retaining wall put in to make sure it doesn’t mess with our public drug building.

**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 that the posters are officially out and this is going to be here before we know it. They did have one band cancel so he is hoping that they can fill this void and is open to suggestions. He also wanted to remind everyone to help push the Masonic lodge breakfast that is free on Saturday morning of Lewis & Clark Days! Last we heard there was not going to be a car show but this has now changed and it is for sure happening.

**Golf Tournament Update:** There wasn’t much to update here just that they have officially set the date for September 22nd.

**Business Appreciation Days:** Pat says everything is right on track for this event. The dates are July 30th – Valier, July 31st – Sunburst, August 1st – Cut Bank, and August 2nd – Browning. There are currently 38 sponsors and Amy had each director pick one more business to check with and get back to her with an answer ASAP.

**Shakespeare in the Park:** Michelle recently talked with Juanita and she gave her some great input since it used to be her event for so long. Michelle is working on figuring out housing for the actors and getting the food organized. It was also noted that his event falls on the Cut Bank Business Appreciation Day which should work out great because there will be two different events going on at the park. We are currently $1,675.00 less on sponsorships than last year.

**New Business**

**Cut Bank Holiday Bazaar Vendor Application:** Amy said they made a few changes to the applications this year. They raised the price from $60 to $75 for a large booth, and from $40 to $50 for a small booth. However, if they are a Chamber of Commerce member they will still be charged last year’s pricing. This is good incentive to get people to become chamber members! Amy noted that these applications are going out August 1st.

**Reminders:**

• Chamber Up – Glacier Care Center, July 17th, 6pm

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

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

• Shakespeare in the Park – August 1st

• August Board Meeting – August 8th

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**Jessica Waldner**

**Secretary/Director**