

Cut Bank Area Chamber of Commerce Minutes
Wednesday, October 5, 2022, Regular Monthly Meeting
Cut Bank Chamber Office, 6:00 p.m.

Directors Present: Rachel Dosch, Jenika Sammons, Stephanie Eney, Nate Kavanagh, Melissa Lee, Larry Schwindt, Kacie Fey

Visitors Present: NA

Executive Director: NA

Directors Absent: Rhonda Grainger

Regular Business:

Approval of September 2022 meeting minutes: Rachel made a motion to approve the meeting minutes with the correction of her name spelling. Larry seconded and the motion carried.

Approval of August and September 2022 financials: The August financial report was not ready at the time of the last meeting so it was tabled until this meeting. Larry made a motion to approve both financial reports, Kacie seconded, and the motion carried.

Old Business:

Business Improvement Awards: The Cut Bank Creek Brewery will be the next recipient of the award.

Welcome Bags: The bags were assembled and are ready to be taken to City Hall and to Peterson, Peterson, and Shors for the Northern Water District users.

Reimagining Rural Grant: The firm is tentatively scheduled to begin the project in December. It was discussed that the Reimagining Rural group would take more ownership of this project and the Chamber would be a contributing partner.

Holiday Bazaar Update: The vendor only Facebook page is a main source of communication with vendors. We will need help coordinating volunteers for the event as it gets closer.

Hi-Line Arts Grant: Nate is still waiting to hear from the artist who created the sculptures meant for the parking lot that was to be created when the Mercantile building was demolished. Once he hears back from the artist, we can begin planning for installment of the sculptures elsewhere.

Nominating Committee: The Board discussed possible Board of Directors to fill vacancies for the coming year. Names included: Jim Woodring, Mike Wineman, Nicole Altenburg, Rod or Lisa Cline, Brenda Schilling, Andrea Anderson, Rhonda Aikins, Josh Larson, Cory Poulton, and Linsey Milender. These people will need to be reached out to by the November meeting.

Membership Drive: The Membership drive will be in November and December and so be prepared to stuff envelopes and make in-person asks for membership.

New Business:

Parade of Lights: The Parade is confirmed for Saturday, December 3 with lineup at 6:00 pm on the west side of town. The Civic Center is booked and the theme for the parade is going to be Christmas Classics. During this time, the Courthouse Christmas lights were also discussed. Larry and Kacie shared that things are in motion to set up the lights and that Billman's will set up one more time to teach people how things work for the future. Kacie also shared that the City will take on a leadership role with storing and managing the lights.

Shop Cut Bank Campaign: The Shop Cut Bank Campaign is a favorable event that does not take a lot of effort to do and can be done in mid-late November through Christmastime.

Visitor Comments and Questions:

None