**Cut Bank Area Chamber of Commerce Minutes**

**August 14th, 2019, Regular Monthly Meeting**

**Cut Bank Chamber Office – Noon**

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

**Executive Director:** Amy Overstreet

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

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

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

**Guests Attending:** None

**Regular Business:** The meeting was called to order President Ric Beals. The minutes from the July 10th 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 financial reports from July were reviewed. See attached.

Balances’ were reported as follows: Chamber Checking Account $1,388.79; Savings – Hiline Arts Grant $2,506.19; Economic Development Checking Account $553.72; Gift Certificate Account $1,076.41; Buckle Account $7,463.99.

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

**Old Business**

**Mercantile Update:** Amy updated the board on the steps the County is taking to move forward with demolition. She noted that she is happy with the progress and the County Commissioners are doing a great job of sticking to their timeline.

**Public Drug Offer Discussion and Approval:** Amy informed the board that at this time we have not received a counteroffer from Adrienne Fritz. Amy believes that they are waiting to see what the County’s feasibility study reports says when it will be completed in September.

**Lewis & Clark Festival Recap:** Nicole updated that this was another successful year for Lewis and Clark Days. They had a little more variety at the park for alcohol sales and they were up over $1,000.00. The golf tournament was full and also a great success. They added doing an adult and kid version of the goldfish races at the park which also helped keep people hanging around longer. The only problem they had was needing more helpers to help do a certain station instead of pitching into multiple projects because they got spread pretty thin. Nicole also noted that they haven’t had a closing meeting after the festival yet so she will have more exact recap numbers at the next meeting.

**Shakespeare in the Parks Recap:** JR updated that this was great turnout and everything went pretty smoothly. It was discussed that at next year it should try to be held on Thursday instead of Wednesday so Business Appreciation Days can be in Cut Bank on the last day instead of Browning. It works really well having Shakespeare in the park the same night as BAD.

**Business Appreciation Days Recap:** Stephanie noted that everything was great, they had successful turnouts in Valier, Sunburst, and Cut Bank. Browning was down on numbers but it happened to be the first night of Heart Butte Indian Days. They will switch CB and Browning next year to avoid this.

**Cut Bank Holiday Bazaar Update:** Amy updated that this is going to be here before we know it but everything is going great. They have been awarded the grant money which will be available on a reimbursement basis and are working on narrowing down the vendors to get more of a variety. There are already 50 signed for sure and 30/40 on hold, she noted that this will be full by the end of the month. She also reminded that she is going to meet with Wade Johnson to see if he is going to allow them to use the interior of the library of the high school for extra vendors.

**Update on East End of Cut Bank Chamber Signs:** Tabled

**New Business**

**Prime Rib Cookoff:** Looking to get this going on a Saturday in October. Jess, Calcie, Kristi, and Amy are going to have a committee meeting to determine what day we think will work best for everyone and get some things planned before next meeting. Letters will need to go out this month once we set the date.

**Review Membership Survey to Determine Vision of Political Policy Questions:** Amy typed up a mock survey for everyone to see. It has a great variety of questions and would give us some great potential feedback for future decisions for the direction of the board. She is going to work on combining a few of the questions because there were a few that were repetitive. The directors agreed that the best way to see if this survey was a success is to determine we received 50% feedback from current membership.

**Accept Resignation of Brandon Greco:** Brandon noted he has too many things going on and doesn’t feel like he is available to remain a board member. He did note that he will stay on the board his position is filled. Don Grubb made the motion to accept the resignation with Stephanie Eney seconding the motion.

**Nominating Committee Appointments:** There will be three positions opening up this year and only Nate Kavanagh is looking to reelect. President Ric Beals has to appoint 4 members to be on a committee with him to find potential candidates. He appointed Jessica Waldner, Nicole Altenburg, Nate Kavanagh, and Don Grubb. Nicole Altenburg will head the committee and we will have a meeting in the near future to get a list of candidates together.

**Website Advertising:** Tabled

**Christmas Lights Contest:** Amy reminded the directors to check their email. She had forwarded a copy of Calcie’s banner she made up for a Christmas lights competition for Cut Bank. Businesses and households can enter the free contest. There will be a panel of judges that go around and pick a winner. Jessica Waldner made the motion to approve the donation to the Christmas lights contest with JR Meyers seconding the motion. Being no further discussion, the motion was approved.

**Reminders:**

• Montana Fun Weekend at CB Airport– August 16th & 17th

• CB Trails & Ales Brewfest– August 17th

• September Board Meeting – September 4th, Chamber Office, 12-1pm

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**Jessica Waldner**

**Secretary/Director**