

Minutes of Mineral County Chamber of Commerce Meeting Thursday, January 17, 2013

Present: Anita Bailey, Mike Dodd, Mary Jo Berry, Ann Troutmen, Mike Wood, Carol Young, Rosie Schreckendgust, Gordon Hendrick, Leona Crichton, George Bailey, Ronna LaPierre, Jennifer Straughan

1. Carol moved, Mary Jo seconded and all approved the December 20, 2012 minutes.
2. Treasurer's report, submitted bills and checks were approved. (George moved, Carol seconded)
3. Budget: No action was taken regarding the 2013 budget.
4. Speaker: Jennifer Straughn, from The Trail 103.3 Radio Station, organizer of the 2013 Inaugural Trail Rail Run through Mineral County on June 22, 2013. Handouts are available at the Chamber Office, This & That, and Lozeau Lodge, as well as some other business locations in Superior and St. Regis. Volunteers and sponsors are needed for various duties and assistance before and during the run. Registration will be available on line, and the day before the run. To volunteer, sponsor, or learn more, contact Jennifer@montanaradio.com.
5. Committee Reports:
 - a. Golf tournament: VP Mike Dodd has agreed to chair this event for 2013 and will work on scheduling a date, and implementing changes to build on feedback from the 2012 event.
 - b. Fly-In: Peggy Temple not present, so no report from the meeting held in December.
 - c. Business Directory: Mary Jo, Patti, and Sue are committee members. The Chamber has received a Community Foundation Grant to assist in covering a small portion of the printing cost for the directory, which promises to be more pages than ever before. The cost for printing will be at least \$3000. Several businesses have not paid for their ads at this time.
 - d. Chamber Office: Office Manager, Mary Jo Berry keeps office hours three afternoons a week. There is a possibility of a new tenant to share the rental expense of the building coming in February. Non profit organizations are meeting in the building as well.
 - e. Winterfest: Discussion regarding contacting Brian Daigle about decorations, and Blackfoot and Northwest Energy about power to the poles for the decorations. No discussion regarding the Christmas Stroll.
 - f. River Trail Project: No discussion
 - g. Car Show: Gordon Hendrick spoke regarding the Chamber's co-sponsorship of the 14th Annual Superior Car Show. A motion to co-sponsor the event was made by George, seconded by Carol and approved by all present. There will be regular meetings and reports involving the chamber over the coming months leading up to the event. The event raises money for scholarships and grants. There will be door prizes and trophies, and a swap meet across the street for a set up fee. Participants are directed to contact the Chamber for member information regarding businesses with overnight accommodations available to participants.
6. Other:
 - a. Membership: 30 businesses have paid dues for the 2013 year.
 - b. Chamber By-Laws: Keith Cousins has agreed to assist in drafting this. No further discussion was had.
 - c. Other Business: Ronna LaPierre reported Pat Hurley stated we would be allowed to use the back side of the Superior sign to announce and advertise Chamber and County events.

Next meeting will be held Thursday, February 21, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. at the Chamber Office.