

Minutes of Mineral County Chamber of Commerce Meeting: October 17, 2013 Held at the Chamber of Commerce Office, 102 River Street, Superior, MT

Present: Ann Troutmen (Presiding in the absence of both President and Vice President), Bill Bonetati, Bruce Berry, Leona Crichton, Jim Straight, Alice Straight, Adam Robertson, David Lawrence, Joel Block, Frank Creasia.

1. Leona moved, Bill seconded the unanimous approval of the August Minutes.
2. Treasurer's Report and checks approved. Leona moved, Bill Seconded.
3. Introductions
4. Speaker: Joel Block, Vice President of Customer Service and Marketing for Blackfoot Communications, and Frank Creasia, Vice President of Blackfoot Technological Division, addressed fiscal responsibility of the Co-Op, and recent acquisitions, as well as technical issues presented by local geographical and demographic constraints, regarding speed and accessibility to the internet.
5. Committee Reports:
 - Business Directory: No Action, discussion regarding making this a paying project next time.
 - Car Show: If a chairperson volunteers to head up the project, the Chamber may sponsor next year the 15th Annual Old Schoolhouse Rock Car Show. Liz Gupton, Gordon and Vickie Hendricks, and Mary Jo Berry have agreed to assist in direction of the new chair to get them off and running with this event. Discussion was had regarding the possibility of Jim and Alice Straight considering this as their project, since they are in the car business. Also, discussion regarding attempting to combine this event with the Airport Open House and Fly In.
 - Golf Tournament: Need a chair for this event, discussion was had regarding the possibility of Anita chairing this event. No action taken.
 - Airport Open House /Fly In: Peggy Temple has agreed to chair this event again. Discussion was had regarding attempting to make this bigger, longer due to celebration of the County Centennial next year. Hoping to expand to provide opportunities for those participating to remain in Mineral County over a longer period of time, and to keeping with the Centennial Theme for the overall County Centennial Celebration. No action taken.
 - Chamber Office. Hours are now Monday and Wednesday 12:-4:00, need volunteers. The Chamber Office was used for several events in October. Mary Jo Berry chairs the scheduling of non profit use of the office space.
 - Winterfest/Christmas Stroll: Need chairperson to head this up. No response from Jan Chambers who was considering this role. Robert Lyon and Leona will continue the project of the Wish Trees, , but we still need a Chair for the event and plans to proceed. No Action taken.
 - River Trail Project: No discussion, no action.
 - Membership: 80 Businesses, 51 non-Profits, and 3 individual members for the year. No current report.
 - Chamber By Laws: Tabled discussion.
 - Alberton Railroad Days: Discussion regarding making this a part of the overall Centennial Celebration for the County. Trying to coordinate all events closer together in time was discussed. No action.
 - Nominating Committee: Ann and Anita are trying to accomplish this. Monte Turner is being considered as President, and a request was made to David Lawrence regarding serving as Vice President. He is considering this. No action was taken.
5. STAC Report: Purpose of STAC is to get information out to the community and to take suggestions to EPA. The STAC currently shares office space with the Chamber of Commerce and shares some of the expenses of the building. No current report.

7. Other

● Next Chamber Meeting to be held Thursday, November 21, 2013 at 7:P.M. at Chamber Office 102 River St, Superior, Montana. Speaker TBA.