

**POWELL COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Minutes are from the June 2nd, 2011 meeting held at 12 noon at the Broken Arrow Steakhouse.

Those present: Bob Toole, Dave Williams, Tina Schowengerdt, Therese Hunt and Jim Cameron.  
Also present: Laura Rotegard, Betty Hadley, Mark Anderson and Shirley Cortright.

We did not have a full quorum. Bob called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

- **Secretary's Report** – Chamber Membership stands at 78. Inquiries up by 41 at 90 total, 40 phone, 10 email and 40 office visits. Mailed out 2 relocation packs. Website statistics were 59,999 hits (up 6,100), 14,935 page views, 4,207 unique visitors and 711 pdf/doc downloads (up 165).

On May 16<sup>th</sup> the Chamber held a Superhost training event, well received by all 8 who attended. We received a certificate of appreciation from the High School for the \$100 scholarship. T helped Dave pick the winner, Theresa Lombardi. Our PayPal account debited \$20.30 for the relocation packs and brochure mailings to Visitor Centers. USPS Click & Ship debited \$39.60 for brochure mailings. The Deer lodge brochure is being printed, mailed checks and contract last week. John called and they should be shipped next Wednesday. Waiting to hear from Certified Folder on where they need to be delivered. Put together another issue of the Chamber Newsletter. Copies were handed out to all present for comments and alterations. To be mailed out next week to promote Territorial Days. A new sign has been erected outside the Chamber, thanks to Julia and the Museum crew. Space underneath could be used to hang a Deer Lodge poster. Dave to research the cost of weatherproofing poster, and report back to the board.

- **Open House at Railroad Plaza** – Bob talked about the event and the positive effects of the new construction. Discussion followed about the problems of Downtown Main Street, and what to do to help. Laura mentioned the National Main Street program, which may have grants available.

- **Flower Baskets** –The tire rings for the base of the trees will be installed later this week by the Prison fire crew, thanks to Julia for arranging.

- **Chamber billboard project** – Terry at Tillo Graphics had said that the font may need to be changed to ease reading. Up to two weeks from final approval to printing. Waiting on Mike to get back to T with a price.

- **2011 Territorial Day** – T reported that the decanters that had been approved by the board were discontinued, so T had chosen and ordered two stainless steel mugs which will be arriving shortly. A few more sponsors required, Dave had enlisted 30 and will be worked on the remaining 10 tomorrow. Quite a few Jaywalker applications, main problem is the number requiring power and a limited supply being available. Jim will ask Wayne about Boot Camp clean-up, Dave to fax form to Jim to forward onto Wayne. Require clean-up on Friday and Sunday if available on both days. The Pepsi Wagon has one slot to be filled from 5 pm to 7 pm. Mary Ann Frayley had spoken to Dave about 2 volunteers from the Ranch asking if help is required. Laura will find out who is willing to volunteer. Mark offered to help out on Territorial Days. Dash Plaques have been ordered. Wes Harr and Short Notice will play from 7 pm till 11 pm for \$450, downtown bars to be asked to sponsor together with Thompson Distributing. The Pizza Hut turn-around should not be a problem, T is waiting to hear back from Joel. T has a poster ready, Thompson Distributing said if it's emailed to them they will print some and distribute them in the bars. Lickety Print is donating \$25 of printed posters to the event, Chamber to pick up the cost of the rest. Deer Lodge Athletic Association wants to have 3 on 3 basketball on Missouri in front of Newland and Co. Prison Break run is being organized by the Deer Lodge Athletic Assoc. The poster has details and contact numbers. Help is needed for loading tables and chairs from the Pen on Friday at 5 pm to 6 pm and again on Monday for unloading, same time. Mark asked for an e-mail reminder on Friday.

- **Other Business** – Bob had been contacted by George Hamblin about the Milwaukee railroaders picnic which is coming up on the first Sunday in August (the 7<sup>th</sup>), and is asking for help. He wondered if the Chamber could get involved. The event needs a lot of work to organize. To be put to the board at the next meeting.

- **Grant-Kohrs Ranch Report** – Laura said they had more employees and volunteers than last year, looking good for the season. Events in June include youth programs, including stream exploration, GPS scavenger hunt and horsemanship classes. A teacher's workshop is planned. The seeds have been planted for the Pumpkin's. GK Jerky is being sold at the visitor's center, a Montana made product, carried at six State Parks.

- **Powell County Medical Center** – Mark said that the new Hospital will be opening its doors on July 25<sup>th</sup>. On July 15<sup>th</sup> they will be having a Gala Event, a tour of the new hospital and a gourmet meal. Limited to 100 people, seated in the main hall. The final opportunity to tour the whole facility before opening. Call Mark at the Hospital for tickets.

- **Draft Horse Expo** – Betty said they would have a prize ready for Territorial Days for Fathers Day. More horses signed up for the Expo, but due to the equine Herpes scare a lot are waiting to see what happens. Discussion followed on the effects of the outbreak on horse events.

- **Safety Plan Class** – Shirley spoke about the workshop being held at the Broken Arrow on the 16<sup>th</sup> at noon. May help businesses reduce Workers Comp. rates. At 11 am there will be a business services Meet & Great. Dave to send e-mail update to our members.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.