POWELL COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Minutes are from the October 10th, 2013 meeting held at 12 noon at the Broken Arrow Steakhouse.

Those present: Bob Toole, Dave Williams, Linda Spaulding, Therese Hunt, Rocky Wozny, Marge Bloomquist and Heidi Rome.
Also present: Sarah Bannon, Sherrill Kraakmo, Donna Galbraith, Colter Kelly, Barbara Cline, Shirley Cortright, Betty Hadley and Michelle Spears.

Bob read out a letter he had received from Julia Brewer announcing her resignation from the Chamber Board. Bob announced and welcomed Rocky Wozny from MRC as the new Board Member. Introductions were made around the table.

Bob called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm

A motion to accept the minutes as presented for August and September was made by Marge and seconded by Heidi. Motion carried.

- Secretary's Report – Dave reported Chamber Membership currently stands at 89. Inquiries down 58 at 85 total, 25 Phone, 14 Emails and 46 office visits. Website statistics were 49,783 hits (-24,889), 20,216 page views (-2,525), 3,793 unique visitors (-1,270) and 289 pdfs downloaded (-150). One visitor pack mailed out in September.
Dave attended the Montana Economic Summit in Butte on Sept. 16th and 17th. A very interesting summit with some high profile speakers and useful workshops. The only expense was Dave's time, an extra 12 hours.
The E-Marketing Grant is now available from the MTOT, applications due by December 13th, winners announced next February. Dave suggests the Chamber puts in an application. Long term idea would be to install a City wide Wi-Fi hot spot, will take a lot of organizing with the City, etc. Leave for next year possibly?
This year Dave suggested a revamp of our website, with more content, photos, videos, articles, tours, etc. Dave will be putting an application together to request funding for this project in the coming months. Any ideas please submit to Dave at the office. Local event photos and videos required.
The PC that Bob had donated to the Chamber is up and running well.
Pumpkin Sunday may be held at a different location if the Government shutdown is still in effect. Linda had spoken to Lyndell at the Ranch and she had stated that the event will be held elsewhere, a smaller event.

- Board of Directors – Bob, T and Jim are up for election at the end of this year, none have decided yet whether they will run for re-election. A committee needs to be established to garner candidates for the ballot list. Bob, T, Marge, Heidi, Rocky and Linda wish to be on the committee.

- Chamber Banquet – Tuesday November 12th at Broken Arrow. Speaker will be Mike Batista, the new Director at Dept. of Corrections. Nominations for the Chamber Member of the Year required. Suggestions included Lynette King and Chassidy Walsted. Lanette does a great job with the Main Street flower baskets, goes the extra mile for us. Motion to elect Lanette King as the 2013 Chamber Member of the Year was made by T, seconded by Linda. Motion passed.
Amended motion to include Lanette's husband Willie to the award was made by T, seconded by Rocky. Motion passed.
The Chamber Member of the Year for 2013 is Lanette and Willie King.
Dave asked that the membership dues be slightly increased to round up the figures. $30 for an individual, $60 for a small business (0-4 employee's), $120, $300 and $360 for the next levels. ½ price to new members or those not members within the last 4 years. Sign up before end of year to include that year's Christmas Cash. A motion to increase the membership dues to the figures stated was proposed by Heidi, seconded by Linda. Motion passed.

- Christmas Stroll - Dave handed around a selection of possible designs for the Christmas Stroll buttons. Dave suggested we increase the numbers of buttons to 900 from last year's 800, which sold out a week before the event. We used to make 1000 buttons. 900 buttons was agreed for this year at $2 per button. Button design 'E' was selected by those present.

- Grant-Kohrs Ranch – Due to the Government Shutdown the ranch is closed.

- Old Prison Museums – Dave said that the Haunted House has been canceled due to lack of resources and staff. The Christmas Festival will be going ahead. Santa will be present at the Pen. Dave had asked Lem to be our Santa again, and he had agreed for the $25 gift certificate.

- **Draft Horse Expo –** Betty thanked Bob for his help with the equipment and interviews. At least a 1000 tickets sold, maybe 1400 over the weekend. Great weather. Barb Johnson ran the Quilt Show this year, did a great job. The vendors were more history related this year. Clyde will be taken down from his plinth and re-painted, back in time for Thanksgiving.

- Job Service – Shirley spoke about the minimum wage increase to $7.90 from January 2014. They have one more staff person in their office. No more funding due to the Feds, may have more of an effect in the next few months. Safety Workshop Program is on November 13th, 10am in Anaconda for 1 hour. Handed out some Healthcare Act information. Many jobs available out at the Dept. of Corrections.

- Deer Lodge Development Group – Sherrill spoke about the painting going on at the Hotel, thanks to the Fire Crew. Applying for grants and studies.

- Deer Lodge Youth Board – Michelle spoke about the Stroll and Christmas Ball, will have a float for the Parade, will contact Rocky for more info. Still wanting to put on a Dinner, in association with the Museums. Halloween Hustle is on October 25th.

- Christmas Stroll Committee – Meeting on Tuesday October 22nd, 5:15pm at the Chamber Office. Dave will call all board members and others.
Rocky spoke about the Christmas Parade. T and Linda are printing flyers, will be themed as 'Miracle on Main Street'. Bright as possible, lit up.

Move to adjourn made by T. Meeting adjourned at 1:18 pm

Thursday 17th October 2013

Therese Hunt proposed a motion for the Chamber of Commerce to pay $700 towards the cost of the Pumpkins for Pumpkin Sunday at the Grant-Kohrs Ranch on October 201th 2013. Seconded by Linda Spaulding.
Telephone Vote Results.

Yes	Therese Hunt, Vice President
Yes	Rocky Wozny, Secretary
	Patty Cowan, Treasurer
Yes	Margaret Bloomquist
	Jim Cameron
	Darryl Barton
Yes	Heidi Brown Rome
Yes	Linda Spaulding