Cut Bank Area Chamber of Commerce Minutes

December 9th, 2020, Regular Monthly Meeting

Cut Bank Chamber Office/Zoom Meeting, Noon

**Directors Present:** Rhonda Grainger, JR Myers , Donovan, Jennika Sammons, Amber Simonds, Nate Kavanagh, Jessica Hedges, Don Grubb

**Executive Director**: Stephanie Eney, acting ED

**Directors Absent:** Bryan Simons, Kristi Rowell, Tim Kipp

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

**Regular Business:**

Approval of November 2020 Meeting minutes: Nate made a motion to approve, Amber seconded.

Approval of November 2020 Financial Report: Any questions? There hasn't been any substantial change from the last month; not much coming in or going out. We did pay 1st installment of taxes. First check for insurance shows up as a liability but will wean itself out. Statement of activity shows huge loss secondary to our insurance payment. We do have approximately $7000 in our operating account. Motion to approve made by Rhonda; seconded by JR.

**Old Business:**

**Business Improvement Awards:** Nominees brought up was Folklore Coffee, Jarod Vandenboss, but unsure if they are members? Mountain Front Insurance for their new sign? Maybe we can do a shout out? Betsy Loring, Latte Da, Messy Apron were also brought up.

**Executive Director Position Opening:** KimStoltz brought up Alexandria Stoltz, who is really interested in the event planning part. Nate will send her a job description, she seems interested; she lives in Pendroy.

**Nominating Committee Appointments**: Memberships are flooding in! $6500 in; around 40 have been very generous with their sponsorships. Let's have a push to sign up individuals as members goin into this next year.

**Public Drug:** We were contacted by Mountain Front Ins ( formerly DTJ) wanting to know if we want to renew our listing for the Public Drug. It was questioned if Jessica would be able to list it with her being a member; she would look into policy and procedures, she had it listed years ago. Stephanie brought up that DTJ did have a sort of agreement of commission as per them taking a minimal percentage..Jesicca said she needs 6% but could possibly come down to 5%. There is a listing agent that lives in Great Falls that deals strictly with commercial property. JR makes a motion to table this to give us time to evaluate all options, costs, pros and cons. Nate seconded motion.

**Parade of Lights:** A special shout out to Don Grubb and his meticulous handling of the parade arrangement. We had 10 amazing floats and a great turnout!

**Shop Cut Bank:** Thanks to those who helped deliver the passports and stamps. January the 15th is the drawing for $150.00 Chamber Bucks and 2 Chamber Swag Bags. The article should be in the pioneer press this week. Amber will help Nate with the live drawing.

**New Business:**

**Approve Financial Auditor:** We need to approve a financial auditor for 20202. We have yet to receive the 2019s from Elaine Mitchell. Jennika will shoot her an email. Todd sent all the documents needed. We have the choice of timely or free :) Stephanie will reach out to Valarie Billman to see has any interest.

**Set Annual Meeting Date:** Coming up in February. All outgoing and incoming board members, we usually sponsor a lunch here at the chamber. Our February board meeting is onthe 10th. Let's shoot for Tuesday February 16th at noon.

**It Fits:** Juanita let us know that the door to It Fits got smashed in. They tried to file an insurance claim, but the deuctible was higher than the door. This is the 2nd time in less than 2 years. We are the landlords so we are responsible. Last time, we paid for her logo. We agree that we need to look into the cause of the door being smashed in and then decide if we are responsible for the logo or not.

**Abbotsford Wisconsin Elementary School Request:** These kids are on a virtual journey from Wisconsin to Canada. They have picked spots at where to stop and we are on the route. We talked about getting stickers from the brewery, include postcards, magnets and other small goodies from the chamber.

**Reminders:**

January Board Meeting Wednesday, January 6th, 2021 12-1 Chamber Office

JR brought up a question with who can represent us at the Port Authority meetings; to be discussed further next meeting.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Rhonda Grainger

Secretary/Director