Cut Bank Area Chamber of Commerce Minutes

Wednesday May 5th, 2021 Regular Monthly Meeting

Cut Bank Chamber Office, Noon

**Directors Present:** Rhonda Grainger, Destiny Carlson, Rachel Dosch, Amber Simonds, Jenika Sammons, Stephanie Eney, Nate Kavanagh

**Executive Director**: Alexandra Stoltz

**Directors Absent:** Jessica Hedges, JR Myers

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

**Regular Business:**

Approval of April 7th, 2021 Meeting minutes: Destiny made a motion to approve, Amber seconded. All in favor and motion approved.

Approval of April 2021 Financial Report: Revenue in was a combination of memberships and a PPP loan we received. No change in outgoing monies other than our usual monthly bills. Rachel made a motion to approve, Amber seconded. All in favor and motion approved.

**Old Business:**

**Executive Director Report:** Alexandra Stoltz reported we got our PPP loan. Our new WELCOME page is up and running. Our merch contest is ongoing and is posted on Facebook and our website. Chamber bucks are out. We welcomed Shelby Glass and Door, Bell Motors, State Farm, Al's Diesel and Stockman Bank to our growing chamber family. Our website is new and improved thanks to Destiny and her web talents. She revamped and stream lined it with a header and footer, updated menu, new category page, and graphics with links included. Great job, Destiny!!

**Business Improvement Awards:** Destiny asked if Albertsons was ever given the award after their big remodel; it was not, so that was our choice for this month's business improvement award.

**Public Drug:** Buyers met with the commissioners last Thursday to discuss The Mercantile and the county confirmed monies were promised towards the demolition. The do wish to keep the front and tear down the back. DEQ to help demolish, 57,000 should be available to go towards it. They will take down the roof and haul off from site. If/when this happens, they will then take over ownership.

On a side note, they have also made an offer to buy the Bunkhouse and Myre building as well; which are both owing in back taxes. Also, no update in the water line as of right now. Other options might open up when they update Central soon.

**Photo Merch Contest:** Nothing has been received as of yet, May 30th is the deadline.

**2021 Banquet:** Rachel states banquet date was set; June 26th at the Cut Bank Brewery; including the gravel outside. Looking for tents in case of rain. Italian themed; estimating 200 people. We will meet tomorrow at 5pm.

**Lewis and Clark Days:** Do we want to take ownership of the beer gardens? All were in favor and we will make our interest known at next L & C meeting.

**Chamber Up after 5:** We are looking for interested parties. So far, we have Edward Jones, Rose Petal in December, Billmans in October. We need to send letters to update and invite; increase interest.

**Port Authority Report:** Mike Wineman is here to update us on the potential signage on the overpass to honor Bill McCauley; currently tabled, needs to go through legislature.

**Shakespeare in the Park:** It looks like it should be happening again. We will get more of an update soon.

**Welcome Committe Bags:** They will put together this weekend; we will need to find out if the city wants all of our bags or just a few to start.

**New Business:**

**Visitor Center:** We have submitted the request for the Glacier County Tourism Grant but we have yet to hear back. As of right now, we have only had 1 person commit to working again from last year. We do have a few interviews to do, but please keep people in mind. It is about 50 hours per week starting the end of May, very part time; 2-3 days a week. You can work a day or shifts; pretty flexible on options.

**Parade of Lights:** Brandon Greco got the parade permits done. We will do it December 3rd.

**Golf Tournament/Events:** It was brought up if we want to continue to do so many events vs: specializing in the ones we do. The over-all feeling was that of doing fewer, better. The golf tournament will be scratched for this year and we will re-evaluate in the future.

**Reminders:**

June Board Meeting Wednesday, June 9th, 2021 12-1 Chamber Office

Annual Banquet June 26, 6-11pm Cut Bank Brewery

Lewis and Clark Days July 29-August 1st

BAD August 16-19

Shakespeare in the Park August 17th

**Visitor or other comments/questions?**

Audit update:Val Vermulm finished 2019 audit.

Kim Winchell from the City Council is here on behalf of the dog park. Through grants, sponsorships and donations, they are hoping to get a walking path and fencing for 2 areas; small dogs and large dogs. 4H kids are sponsoring trees to buy, water and tend to. There is alot of work to be done and community involvement and donations would be a plus.

Senator Steve Daines rep was present; projects are happening in the Del Bonita area, involved with the soft opening of the library and looking at alternative funding and he is interested in helping with the dog park. He is open to helping assist our community where help is needed.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Rhonda Grainger

Secretary/Director