

**Divide Chamber of Commerce  
Business Meeting Minutes  
January 14, 2009**

**The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm by President Lisa Lee at the Divide Volunteer Fire Station.**

**In attendance:** Lisa Lee, President; David Martinek, Vice President; Nancy Desilets, Treasurer; Jodi Mijares, Secretary; Lee Taylor, Board Member; Joe Kain, Board Member; Guests Carmon and Beverly Stiles; Jeannine Kuntz; Ellen and Geet Cutting

**Introductions were made.**

Joe Kain reported that the closure of Venture Foods for the next several months (for renovation) has hurt other businesses in the shopping center, and also expressed the frustration of many Divide businesses that the highway median blocks access to their stores.

Carmon Stiles introduced himself and the Crystal Peak Regional Activity Association. The goal of this organization is to bring people to the areas of Lake George, Florissant, and Divide for activities organized by the association for the purpose of encouraging commerce with businesses in these areas. They will promote these activities through their newspaper, *The Ute Country News*. The first quarterly issue will be out April 2, 2009. One activity idea for Divide would be a 4<sup>th</sup> of July Safety Day involving Fire, Sheriff, and Highway Patrol, and offering free hot dogs, and booths for businesses to run.

**Meeting Locations:** Lisa brought up possibilities for future meeting locations. Divide Fire will not be an option in the future. Killday's is an option, but a minimum of \$50 must be spent to use the facility for 2 hours. Another option would be to meet upstairs, above Shipping Plus. It was suggested that the monthly board meetings could be held above Shipping Plus, while the quarterly public information meetings could be held at Killday's.

**Ad in the *Teller County Ute Pass Guide*:** Lisa asked if we should buy a full-page ad for \$300 or a half-page for \$225. All agreed that it would not be worth the expense.

**Election of officers:** Lisa Lee will retain her position as President, David Martinek was elected Vice President, Nancy Desilets will retain her position as treasurer, and Jodi Mijares was elected Secretary. Lee Taylor and Joe Kain agreed to serve as Board Members.

**Treasurer's Report:** See attached reports.

Nancy reported that the 2008 Christmas dinner cost DCC \$360. All agreed that that seemed expensive, although the meal was fantastic. A potluck was suggested for next time.

Nancy reported that 2008 expenses exceeded income by \$940, largely due to the fact that we did not have Christmas in Divide in 2008 (provides about \$1000 of income.)

Nancy stressed that we must do Christmas in Divide this year, and probably at least one other fundraiser. It was suggested that we also have a larger presence at the Kite Flight this year. Lee Taylor offered to discuss the availability of Summit Elementary for our events with Eric Owens, Principal. David Martinek formed a Committee to Explore Fundraising Ideas: David Martinek, Lee Taylor, and Jeannine Kuntz.

**Bank Accounts:** Nancy Desilets made a motion to close all Divide Chamber bank accounts at Pikes Peak Credit Union, and to open the following accounts at Park State Bank: an operating checking account, an operating savings account, and a building savings account (primarily for expenses related to the Depot.) David Martinek seconded the motion, and all were in favor. All signators of the old accounts will need to sign off on the closing of those accounts: Larry Ellett, Lisa Harrison, Lisa Lee, Nancy Desilets, and David Martinek. David Martinek made a motion to have the current officers be the signators on the new accounts, that the treasurer may alone sign any check under \$250, and that 2 signatures be required for all checks more than \$250. Joe Kain seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

**Membership Database:** Jodi reported that we have 24 members for 2009, and 14 members from 2008 who have not yet renewed. Jodi will send an email to all members asking them to check their listing on the DCC website, and to email her with any changes or additional info, including digital logo images of their businesses. This email will also have a membership renewal reminder with an application attached.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm. The next meeting will be held upstairs from Shipping Plus on Wed. Feb. 11, at 6:00 pm. A public information meeting will be held in March.

Thank you to Lisa for providing a delicious dinner for all!

**These minutes were approved by all officers and board members via email to Jodi Mijares on Feb. 2, 2009.**

Jodi Mijares  
Secretary