

**Divide Chamber of Commerce
Business Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Lisa Lee at the office above Shipping Plus.

In attendance: Lisa Lee, President; David Martinek, Vice President; Jodi Mijares, Secretary; Joe Kain, Board Member; Lee Taylor, Board Member; Guests Kenny Funk and Andy String

Introductions were made.

Christmas in Divide:

The committee meeting to plan Christmas in Divide was rescheduled for Monday, August 17th at 6pm at the Summit Elementary School library. Anyone interested in helping with this event is welcome to attend.

Financial Report:

Nancy emailed the bank balances to be reported in her absence:

PSB Building Savings	3,655
PSB Operating Savings	2,079
PSB Operating Checking	299

Kite Flight:

New ideas for Kite Flight 2010 were discussed. The Kite Flight could be combined with a Fall Festival, Oktoberfest, or outdoor bluegrass/beer festival, maybe in conjunction with Crystal Peak Regional Activities Association.

John Wesley Ranch:

Kenny Funk, Director of John Wesley Ranch, gave a presentation on the facilities at John Wesley Ranch. Though the ranch is owned by the First United Methodist Church, the church only uses the facilities about a dozen times during the year. The remaining dates are open to the public, and no religious affiliation is necessary. Competitively priced, this is an ideal setting for weddings, reunions, meetings, and camping. Surrounded on three sides by Mueller State Park, John Wesley ranch is often used for camping overflow from Mueller. Facilities include campsites, cabins, a lodge, bunkhouse, large community kitchen, 120 acres of outdoor space, including ponds stocked for fishing.

John Wesley Ranch will be having a Community Open House on Sat. Sept. 12, 2009 from 12-3 pm. Free hot dogs and fishing for kids! Check them out.

Kenny has offered to host the next DCC monthly meeting at the ranch on Wed. Sept. 9 at 6pm. All members are welcome to attend. Kenny has also offered to host a Business-After-Hours meeting, or even the DCC Holiday party at his facility, donating the space and time. Thanks!

Website:

More ideas were discussed about how we might enhance the website in order to rely less on the telephone.

Telephone:

Lisa is going to look into giving her extra line at Shipping Plus to the DCC and canceling the virtual DDC account now in existence. This could potentially cut our phone bill in half or more.

Monthly Meeting Meals:

All agreed that monthly meeting attendees would pitch in a few dollars each meeting to help cover the cost of the meals. Lee requested a report from Nancy showing all monthly cost over the course of the year, so that we can further discuss ways to cut costs at our next meeting. Maybe members could volunteer to sponsor certain recurring costs.

Improvements:

Lisa asked all to consider the following ways of improving the effectiveness of DCC: website enhancement, advertising, member satisfaction/retention, networking & business-after-hours events, fundraising, and offering classes. More discussion will follow.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm. **The next monthly meeting will be held on Wed. Sept 9 at 6pm at John Wesley Ranch. All are welcome to attend.**

Jodi Mijares
Secretary