

**Divide Chamber of Commerce  
 Monthly Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, February 10, 2010  
 John Wesley Ranch, Divide, CO**

<b>ROLL CALL</b>	<b>MEMBER</b>
Present	Lisa Lee, President
Present	David Martinek, Vice President
Present	Jodi Mijares, Secretary
Absent	Tami Romano, Treasurer
Present	Joe Kain, Director
Present	Beverly Stiles, Director
Present	Andy String, Director
Present	Lee Taylor, Director

**Attendees:** Carmon Stiles, Darren Thornberry, Kenny Funk

**Guests:** Bill Davis

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>
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**Roll Call**

Roll was called at 6:10 pm

**Minutes**

The minutes of the January meeting were approved by email prior to the meeting.

**Welcome**

Lisa Lee led introductions and welcome. Welcome new member Darren Thornberry of Divide Mercantile.

**Officer Reports**

**President:** none. **Vice President:** none. **Secretary:** Approx. 20 members have renewed for 2010.  
**Treasurer:** none.

**Committee Reports**

**Website:** Lisa and Jodi reported on the progress of the new website. It should be up on the web by tomorrow (Feb 11.) Jodi, Lisa and Andy will attend a training next week on how to update the site ourselves. Jodi will then update our member directory and the site should then be fully functional.

**Kite Flight:** Lee presented the idea to change the date of the Annual Kite Flight to August 21<sup>st</sup> in hopes of better weather. Lisa suggested inviting Metech Recycling to participate in Kite Flight, and offering a community recycling drive for electronic waste at Kite Flight.

## **Business/Community**

**Darren Thornberry** introduced the new Divide Mercantile, located next door to Venture Foods. They carry furniture, house wares, electronics, rugs, antiques, kitchen items, gifts, local art, and crafts. They also take items for consignment and sell on ebay.

**Lee Taylor** announced that the Victor Gold Mine has created about 100 jobs in the past year- good news during the recession. Lee also announced that Habitat for Humanity has completed the home in Sherwood Forest and is planning to break ground on a 7-unit building in WP this Spring. Would the DCC like to sponsor a workday for this project this summer? Lee distributed some helpful tax planning and support info from Edward Jones.

**Bill Davis:** Introduced himself as Teller County's Census Bureau Recruiting Representative. Due to Teller's growth over the last 10 years, we will have a larger representation in the census count. Bill would like the community to be aware of the importance of achieving an accurate census count and to remind the community to cooperate. The Census Bureau will be providing Teller County with about 300 census jobs, ranging from \$13.50-\$14.50 per hour.

**David Martinek** announced plans for a Railroad Symposium to be held at John Wesley Ranch on March 13 from 9am-3:30pm, including lunch. Tickets cost \$75. David needs at least one volunteer to help with the event. Lisa Lee plans to volunteer.

**Lisa Lee** represented DCC at a Teller County Planning Commission meeting involving the move of the WP Saddle Club to Divide. In spite of the opposition by the Divide Planning Board, approval was granted to extend the Divide Town Center by 18 acres on 3 existing maps. This was not actually approving any of their plans to build. There will be several other times that they will need to get approval from the Teller County Planning Commission. However this will allow the WP Saddle Club to move on to the next phase of their plan to move to Divide.

## **New Business**

**“Welcome to Divide” sign:** Lisa suggested we begin the process of replacing the Welcome to Divide sign that was lost during the widening of Hwy 24. Lisa suggested that the Depot be the location of the new sign, as it will be the eventual home of DCC. It would

have to be very large, since it is on the “wrong” side of the road. Do we need a second sign at the other end of town? Another possible location is near the “Tribute to Man’s Flight” structure east of Summit Elementary. (Bill Davis kindly explained the purpose of this mystery structure.)

**Ute Pass Gold Book Ad:** Lisa recommended we update our ad (due by the end of March.) Joe Kain suggested we stress the proximity of Divide to Colorado Springs as well as the services and amenities that we are offered in Divide, rather than stressing recreational activities that are offered in nearby communities.

**Adjournment:**

Topics for the next meeting include: Kite Flight, Business After-hours events, Fundraisers, and new ideas.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm. Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 10 at 6pm at John Wesley Ranch.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jodi Mijares

Secretary, Divide Chamber of Commerce