

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

ROLL CALL	MEMBER
Present	Lisa Lee, President
Present	David Martinek, Vice President
Present	Jodi Mijares, Secretary
Present	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, Mary Barrowman

ITEM	DISCUSSION
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Roll Call	Roll was called at 6:15 pm
Minutes	The minutes of the February meeting were approved by email prior to the meeting.
Welcome	Lisa Lee led introductions and welcome.
Memberships	Membership renewal packets were mailed today.
Website	The new website is up and running. We have gotten numerous compliments on it. If members would like their business spotlighted on the home page, they can email Jodi. Our web designer is still working on 2 functions of the website: our email address and the ability to upload images. Jodi is going to ask her if we can add a hit counter.
Directory	Lisa has printed a Membership Directory that was included in the renewal packets. If you would like copies to distribute at your business, contact Lisa.
Gold Book Ad.	Lisa will put together a layout for our free 2-page spread. She will email it to directors for approval before the March 31 st deadline.
Divide sign	More discussion on the "Welcome to Divide" sign: Could we put it on Dick Hammond's property?

We could have a carved rock sign, similar to Florissant's, or a carved wood sign, similar to Spring Valley's. We could use pink granite.
A sign at the Depot would be too low, and on the wrong side of the road.
We will need to get a permit from the county.
Could we add it to the Divide Center sign?
We should include "Center of the Known Universe" on the sign.

The Depot

David reported on Pete Kyper's intent to create a Divide Community Betterment Organization consisting of the area's non-profits. This umbrella organization could own the depot and could create an easier process for donors to support the non-profit members. The first meeting will be held on March 15th at 3:00 pm at Little Chapel of the Hills.

Midland Days

The depot fundraiser will be held at John Wesley Ranch on Sat. March 12 from 9:30am – 3:00 pm. So far there are 22 reservations. Please contact David if you would like to volunteer for the event.

Telephone

THE Coalition will begin sharing our voice mail line, and reimburse DCC for half of our telephone expenses. This will reduce our phone costs from about \$40 a month to \$20 a month. Jodi has changed the outgoing message to include both organizations.

Treasurer's Report

Tami reported the following account balances:
Building Savings: \$3,665
Checking: \$2,558
Operating Savings: \$2,084

Networking Events

Ideas were discussed:
Quarterly mixer/business after hours/Barn Dance?
At minimum, we should plan a summer BBQ and annual Christmas Party.
In the future, we would like to hold a summer festival at the Midland Depot.

Adjournment:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm. Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 14 at 6pm at John Wesley Ranch.

Respectfully submitted by:
Jodi Mijares
Secretary, Divide Chamber of Commerce