

**Divide Chamber of Commerce
 Monthly Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, April 14, 2010
 John Wesley Ranch, Divide, CO**

ROLL CALL	MEMBER
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
Absent	Andy String, Director
Present	Lee Taylor, Director

Attendees: Carmon Stiles, Kenny Funk, Karen Casey-Svetich, Geet and Ellen Cutting

ITEM	DISCUSSION
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Roll Call	Roll was called at 6:15 pm
Minutes	The minutes of the March meeting were approved by email prior to the meeting.
Welcome	Lisa Lee led introductions and welcome. Welcome back, Ellen and Geet! Karen Casey-Svetich introduced herself as the new ED of Community Partnership Family Resource Center, and gave an overview of the many programs offered to families in our community.
Donation	Thank you to THE Coalition for the donation of \$659.75, half of the proceeds from Midland Days. This donation will be added to the Chamber's Building Savings account.
Gold Book Ad.	Lisa presented a rough revision of our 2-page ad in the Ute Pass Gold Book. Since the Gold Book audience is local, Lisa will add a suggestion for folks to "keep \$ local" by encouraging them to check out the many local businesses on the Chamber's new website.
Divide sign	More discussion on the "Welcome to Divide" sign: Geet suggested that the Chamber look into Federal grants that provide money for Highway info and

Community Gateway signs. Geet would be willing to help design and make the sign.

The Depot

David Martinek is hopeful that the sewer variance will be approved at the hearing on Thurs. April 22. We should be able to occupy the east wing by June or July. Anyone willing to donate furnishings?

DCBO

The first meeting of the Divide Community Betterment Organization was held last month. Several items are being prepared for the organization's attorney: Articles of Incorporation (to be kept broad for flexibility), liability, and ownership of the Depot.

Lion's Club

Monty Whitney is reviving the Ute Pass Lion's Club. This organization focuses on providing vision services. David Martinek will represent the Chamber at their 1st meeting on 4/19 at 6:30 pm at the Ute Pass Cultural Center.

Kite Flight

Lee Taylor made a motion to change the date of the Kite Flight from the first Saturday of summer break to the first Saturday after school starts in Aug. David Martinek seconded the motion. We can still advertise with flyers at local schools, but may have better weather. For 2010, the date will be Sat. Aug. 28 from 9am – 1pm.

Lisa mentioned that Mike of BTR Interiors asked if we would like to participate in a Garage Sale with him. Would we like to do it in conjunction with the Kite Flight? Pete Kuyper would let us use the open field on Hwy 24 just North of the Post Office. More discussion to follow.

New Industry

Lee announced a new industry coming to Teller County. GE is sponsoring a test conversion of a power plant in the Springs. The plant will begin using wood chips from our area for fuel. Trees thinned from forests in our area will then be converted into chips and transported to the GE plant in the Springs. This operation may provide many new jobs in our area: logging, chipping, and transportation. Another obvious result: reduced fire danger and healthier forests.

John Wesley Ranch

Will be hosting a melodrama by the Fist Company in Colorado Springs on June 10th. Contact Kenny Funk for more details.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm. Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 12 at 6pm at John Wesley Ranch.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jodi Mijares

Secretary, Divide Chamber of Commerce