Divide Chamber of Commerce
Monthly Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, January 13th, 2016
Midland Depot, Divide, CO

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<th>ROLL CALL</th>
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<td>Lisa Lee, President</td>
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<td>David Martinek, Vice President</td>
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<td>Greg Smith, Treasurer</td>
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<td>Bunny Sabula, Secretary</td>
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**ITEM DISCUSSION**

**Roll Call**
Meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm.

**Welcome & Members present**
Members present were Cori Freed/Soapmaker, Mike Isele/Divide Timber, Peter Hintze/RDK Small Engine, Michael Montesano/Rustic Mountain Woodworks, Bill Brown/Little Chapel of the Hills, Mary Ratcliff/RDK Small Engine & Robert Kowell/RDK Small Engine. Everyone introduced themselves.

**Officer Elections**
Since we didn’t do 2016 Officer elections at the Christmas Party, we handled the election at this meeting and discussed having the elections at the January meetings going forward rather than try to manage them at the Christmas party. We are still looking for any members that would like to nominate themselves as a Director and they may do that at anytime throughout the year. Cori Freed made a motion that the 2016 Officers stand as in 2015 & Greg Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**New Membership**
It was discussed & agreed that in order to save on postage, we will email 2016 Membership renewal notices & Application instead of via USPS. Then we can hand out or mail Applications to any new members interested in joining. Applications will be attached to the January meeting minutes. Mike Isele has been instrumental in getting us new members, so he will continue his quest. And once again, Ute Country News has offered to showcase 5 members/month in their paper.
Christmas in Divide

Lisa Lee to issue the 2 $100 checks to Summit Elementary PTSO & the Music Dept as voted on in the November meeting.

The event was a huge success and Cori Freed pointed out that if we could promote the event through Social media, she & other vendors feel we could get even more participation & shoppers. We discussed that none of the members is savvy with Social media but we will try to get someone to handle that before next December (& hoping Cori may have time to take this on.)

Financials


Lisa Lee still needs to get to Park State Bank and close the extra Savings account as previously voted on.

Dave Martinek suggested we proceed with issuing the $1,000 check for partial payment on the sign to Pete Kuyper as we voted on in September meeting.

Midland Depot Sign

Continued the discussion about how to make the new sign more noticeable by either lighting the train with solar lights or possibly cutting the radius larger where the train guard meets the sign. Lighting would require approval from the CDOT and there was discussion on how to pay for any improvements.

We opened discussion again about the Ribbon Cutting ceremony this spring possibly in conjunction with an update from the Saddle Club or a Divide Business After Hours/Expo &/or a presentation of plans for the Midland Depot renovation. After extensive discussion it was agreed that everyone would think about how best to host the event for members & the public and it was agreed that we will try for a date TBD in June, 2016.

Midland Depot Renovation

Dave Martinek gave a brief update and estimates received and Grant application in order to continue this Renovation project. Pete Kuyper to be signing over the property sometime mid-February.

Facebook

Facebook articles, news releases & photos are requested by Deborah Maresca/Mtn Top Cycling Club so she can post them to Chamber’s Facebook page. She has kindly offered to update our Facebook info but requests we keep sending her new things. Members can email her directly at: redhorse680552003@yahoo.com.

New Business

Lee Taylor suggested that the Divide Chamber put Teddy Kain up for the new Mayor of Divide election coming up
through TCRAS. Since Teddy attends all Chamber events (that dogs are allowed at), we agreed that he is the strongest candidate and we should support his campaign.

**Meeting Location**

It was discussed that since the membership is growing, that we may need to relocate to another facility to handle the larger group. Dave Martinek to discuss option with Chris Thornton @ John Wesley Ranch. Future meeting locations will be advised at the Meeting reminder email sent week prior to meeting.

**February Meeting**

Next meeting is Wed, Feb 10th at 6PM.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM

Respectfully submitted: Bunny Sabula, Secretary, Divide Chamber of Commerce