**Divide Chamber of Commerce**

Monthly Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, May 12th, 2016

Historic Midland Depot, Divide, CO

**Board Role Call:**

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| **Name** | **Business** | **Position** | **Present/Absent** |
| Lisa Lee | Shipping Plus | President | present |
| Dave Martinek | Flood Realty | Vice President | present |
| Greg Smith |  | Treasurer | present |
| Bunny Sabula | Cordillero | Secretary | present |
| Tod Tobiasson | Creative Building | Director | present |
| Joe Kain | Ancestral Arts | Director | present |
| Chris Thornton | John Wesley Ranch | Director | present |
| Robert Kowell | RDK Small Engines | Director | present |
| Lee Taylor | Edward Jones | Director | Absent |
| Mike Isele | Divide Timber | Director | Absent |

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Peter Hintze/RDK Small Engine Repair

Michael Montesano/Rustic Mountain Woodworks

Bryan Johnson/PK Enterprises - Guest

Meeting was called to order at 6:05PM

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

We reminded everyone that this is their chance, as a Chamber Member, to make any announcements to all the other members. This can include upcoming events, hiring opportunities, sales, new product lines, requests for volunteers. So please bring along anything of interest and share it with our group – everyone has a chance to speak!

- Little Chapel of the Hills has scheduled their Country Music Festival to raise money for the Food Pantry to be Saturday, August 27th. NOTE: This is the same day as the Chamber’s Great Divide Kite Flight & Divide Wide Yard Sale in conjunction with TCRAS dog walk & 5K run. Details to follow from Little Chapel of the Hills but plan to spend the day playing in Divide. Country Music Festival to be held on the grounds of the Ute Pass Saddle Club @ Hwy 24 & 67.

- Paradox Beer to open their doors in Divide on Memorial Day weekend – Welcome Paradox !!!

- Mike Montesano/Rustic Mountain Woodworks has announced he is now also raising crickets as live pet food. Anyone interested can purchase from him directly.

- Dave Martinek/Flood Realty announced that the 7th annual Midland Days of Divide is this Saturday, May 14th from 9AM-4PM at John Wesley Ranch & the theme this year is “Over the Great Divide” . Only a few spots left for tickets, so hurry!

- Chris Thornton/John Wesley Ranch reminded us of the FREE annual Melodrama being held at the Ranch on Friday, June 10th from 6-8PM & Saturday, June 11th from 12-2 & 5-7PM. They are looking for volunteers to help with the event, so contact Chris directly.

- Robert & Pete/RDK Small Engine Repair said they are getting REALLY BUSY with lawn mowers & blade sharpening, so bring your summer toys in early so you can be ready when summer actually arrives!

**MEMBERSHIP:**

- Membership applications continue to roll in – we now have 51 members! Mike Isele continues to market us to new members. Any member that knows of a good candidate for the Chamber is encouraged to get them to join. Our goal is to retain all our last year’s members and add more new members to our growing group. We are focusing on not duplicating businesses of existing members and finding more resources for the dozens of calls we get from folks relocating or visiting Divide and using the Chamber as a go-to resource. Ute Country News is still offering us to showcase 5 members a month in their Spotlight section – Thanks Jeff & Kathy Hansen/Ute County News!

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Midland Depot Sign Dedication Party: It was agreed that in order to keep the Sign Dedication party fun & not a lot of work for anyone, the Chamber’s Wednesday, June 8th 6PM meeting will be the OFFICIAL Sign Dedication party so MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW !!!! You won’t want to miss the BBQ, Champagne-bottle-breaking & games. The event won’t be open to the public. We request RSVP’s in order to have enough food & fun.

Bunny Sabula did a quick recon on prices for food. Assuming everyone that RSVP’s eats approximately 2 servings, we can serve Hot dogs, burgers, buns, chips, salad, baked beans & cookies for just under $4/person. Sodas, water & beer will be extra. Joe Kain motioned that we set the budget for the BBQ @ $250 & Dave Martinek seconded the motion. Motion carried. Lisa Lee & Bunny Sabula to work on food & drinks, Joe Kain to bring pop-up tents, Tod Tobiasson & Bunny Sabula to bring portable gas BBQ grills & Dave Martinek to bring extra coolers. We are requesting members to bring any games – horseshoes etc. Members are allowed to bring their spouse/significant other & are requested to RSVP to Lisa or Bunny ASAP so we have enough food.

- Discussion about the upcoming Great Divide Kite Flight/Divide Wide Yard Sale to be held Saturday, August 27th . TCRAS has confirmed they will be hosting their 5Krun/Dog Walk in conjunction with our event that day. As last year, TCRAS 5k RUN & Great Divide Kite Flight will be held at Divide Hayden Park. And TCRAS Dog Walk & Divide Wide Yard Sale will be held at Summit Elementary Parking lot. Lisa Lee to get paperwork submitted to Summit Elementary before school year closes.

And it was agreed that the Chamber will have a designated area for Chamber members to set up their own table/booths to market themselves to the community. Members can hand out business cards & brochures, discount coupons or give-aways. Members will be required to set-up & man their own booth but this is a **FREE advertising opportunity** to showcase your business to everyone that attends the Divide Wide Yard Sale & TCRAS Dog Walk. Details will follow.

Discussed pricing for booths at the Divide Wide Yard Sale. The price for a 2-parking space wide booth has traditionally been $15/spot. It was agreed that the price for the same spot this year will be $25/spot. Lisa Lee to update application & we will post to the website.

- Brief discussion for Christmas in Divide event to have everyone think about raising the price of booth space for this event. We have never raised the booth prices for this event. Further discussion is needed but everyone can start thinking about it.

**INSURANCE:**

- We continued the discussion on General Liability and Director/Officer Insurance. Bunny Sabula submitted bids to the Officers & Directors for review prior to the meeting. We discussed the range of bids and the different coverage & deductible available from the vendors. The WP School District requires that we have the General Liability Insurance in place prior to our August event. After much discussion it was agreed to proceed with The Insurance Center for both policies for annual coverage at a total of $1,399/year. Greg Smith made the motion that we proceed with the 2 policies agreed upon and Dave Martinek seconded the motion. Motion carried. Lisa Lee & Bunny Sabula to get documents signed & in place to meet WP School District’s timeline.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Lisa Lee announced that Newmont/CC&V has announced a Community Breakfast on Thursday, May 19th at Bronco Billy’s from 8-9:30AM to discuss updates and news. RSVP’s are required by Mon, May 16th and as a Chamber member, the invitation goes out to all.

- Bunny Sabula mentioned that the Friends of the Florissant Fossil Beds has contacted us regarding interest in the Lighter Side of Christmas Parade in Woodland Park this year. She will get more details to bring to the next meeting but the group was not enthusiastic about taking on another project timed so close to the Holidays.

**NEXT MEETING:**

- Next meeting/BBQ to be held Wed, June 8thth at 6 PM at the Historic Midland Depot building.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:10PM

Respectfully submitted: Bunny Sabula – Secretary Divide Chamber of Commerce