

**Divide Chamber of Commerce**  
Monthly Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, March 14, 2018  
Historic Midland Depot, Divide, CO

**Board Role Call:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Business</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Lisa Lee	Shipping Plus	President	Present
Dave Martinek	Flood Realty	Vice President	Present
Greg Smith		Treasurer	Absent
Bunny Sabula	Cordillero	Secretary	Absent
Joe Kain	Ancestral Arts	Director	Present
Chris Thornton	John Wesley Ranch	Director	Present
Robert Kowell	RDK Small Engine	Director	Present
Lee Taylor	Edward Jones	Director	Absent
Peter Hintze	RDL Small Engine	Director	Present

**Members Present:**

Carl Andersen/Andersen Enterprises  
Shannon Andersen/Vectra Bank  
Mike Isele/Divide Timber

Meeting was called to order by Lisa Lee at 6:00PM

**EVENTS:**

- Every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday is Bingo night w/Kiwanis at Shining Mountain Golf Club.
- Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> Crabby Tax Night hosted by Kiwanis at Crystola Inn
- Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, Midland Days
- Fri/Sat, June 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, Melodrama at John Wesley Ranch
- Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Breit Awards. Benefactors will be PP Historical Museum in Florissant, Gold Camp Victorian Society, and Larry Black.

**GREAT DIVIDE KITE FLIGHT:** Tentative date: Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup> from 9AM-1PM at Divide Hayden Park. Not likely at this time that we will host the Divide Wide Yard Sale in conjunction with the Kite Flight. Lee Taylor/Edward Jones suggested trying to get the County involved again. Continue same concept as in past events. Carl will see what he can do to assist with the involvement of the County.

**CHRISTMAS IN DIVIDE:** It was discussed on how to increase revenue for this annual event. An individual did call about sponsoring an entire table. We need to collect more auction items as this will increase revenue.

**DIVIDE SIGN:** It was agreed until we get confirmation from Greg Smith/Treasurer on how much has been paid towards the Midland Depot sign and how much is left on the balance, we would postpone determining how much Christmas in Divide money we will use to pay down the balance due. This will be resolved at the March meeting.

**RESOLVED:** Dave Martinek made a motion to pay \$1500 towards the balance due for the Midland Depot Sign. Joe Kain seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- An email was discussed from Newmont Mine about their expansion.
- Discuss Mayor of Divide: how to promote Teddy. Several members gave money towards vote at the meeting
- Continue discussion surrounding having the Midland Depot in the HHT. Will wait for Lee Taylor to return to continue discussions. The time/effort/money was discussed to be part of this event. Carl and Shannon Andersen discussed that Holiday Home Tour has volunteers to do the decorating and they also have an extensive amount of decorations that are available for the venues.
- Dave Martinek discussed that an RFP was out for excavation to take some of the hillside down and that the foundation of the Depot is low and we need to make level. Other discussions included a need for a retaining wall and the need to abandon the old well. Need to correct the drainage issues.
- Dave Martinek discussed that Community Partnership has approached him in the possibility of building a 10,000 square foot 2 story building and doing a land lease to the chamber. They have outgrown their current location. Chuck Severance would be the architect. They are still working through the process. No LOI yet.
- Dave Martinek discussed that while everyone was out enjoying St Patricks Day, he will be down in the springs to discuss buying railroad railing so the box car can be moved from Shoemaker Ranch to the Depot.
- Mike Isele talked about making a float for the St Patricks Day Parade down in Colorado Springs benefiting Alzheimer's

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday May 9<sup>th</sup> - **NO APRIL MEETING**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned at 6:42 PM.

Minutes taken by Shannon Andersen/Vectra Bank

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