

Divide Chamber of Commerce
Monthly Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, May 8, 2019
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	RE by Dave Martinek	Vice President	Present
Greg Smith		Treasurer	Absent
Kathy Hansen	Ute Country News	Secretary	Present
Joe Kain	Ancestral Arts	Director	Present
Chris Thornton	John Wesley Ranch	Director	Present
Robert Kowell	RDK Small Engine	Director	Absent
Lee Taylor	Edward Jones	Director	Absent
Peter Hintze	RDK Small Engine	Director	Absent
Teddy	Ancestral Arts	Mascot	Present

Members Present:

Mary Barrowman/Prospect
Trudy Feldhauser
Jeff Hansen/Ute Country News
Mike Isle/Divide Timber
Gerrod Walker/When Nature Calls Pest Control

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Midland Days will be May 18 at John Wesley Ranch celebrating the 10th Anniversary!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Lisa Lee announced that she will not be president next year, however, she will fulfill her term. Her official resignation will be coming by the end of this year. Write-ins could be accepted at our annual holiday meeting. Various people shared their thoughts on those who might be good in the position.

DISCUSSIONS:

Taxes – Property tax valuations were recently mailed out. Most property owners saw an increase. Discussion ensued about how an algorithm is used that is fairly complex, incorporates a number of factors and is done each odd-numbered year. The idea arose about coordinating a forum for the community, however, given the date to challenge taxes comes in early June, it was agreed there is insufficient time to arrange such a forum.

Student poster – DCC received a short letter from “Gemma” a student who chose Divide as the city to study for a school project. Gemma’s letter was read and the poster she made was passed around. It was decided to give the poster to the Divide Postmaster since a line from the poster said, “Divide is known for it’s post office.” Kathy made sure Postmaster Cori Freed received the letter and poster.

Cori suggested we reply to the student with our own package of information to include several brochures of the Divide area, as well as a copy of *Ute Country News*.

Membership dues – We had a brief discussion that the \$40 membership dues are too low and that it may be a good idea to increase the membership dues for next year.

FINANCIALS: Greg Smith unable to attend.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

July 10 meeting will also be a potluck BBQ. This began 2 years ago when we had a picnic to celebrate the sign in Divide and it seems to be worth creating an annual event.

The Kite Flight is a go for August 24. It was agreed the Divide-Wide Garage Sale was not a big enough money-maker or held enough community interest to continue. Details for the Kite Flight will be discussed at our June meeting.

September will be the month we will discuss more details about Christmas in Divide.

NEXT MEETING: Wed, June 12, 2019 at 6 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Kathy Hansen – Secretary, Divide Chamber of Commerce