

Divide Chamber of Commerce
Monthly Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, August 14, 2019
Historic Midland Depot, Divide, CO

Board Role Call:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Business</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Lisa Lee	Creativelee Designed	President	Present
Dave Martinek	RE by Dave Martinek	Vice President	Present
Greg Smith		Treasurer	Present
Kathy Hansen	UCN/Shipping Plus	Secretary	Present
Joe Kain	Ancestral Arts	Director	Present
Chris Thornton	John Wesley Ranch	Director	Absent
Robert Kowell	RDK Small Engine	Director	Absent
Lee Taylor	Edward Jones	Director	Present
Peter Hintze	RDK Small Engine	Director	Absent
Teddy	Ancestral Arts	Mascot	Present

Members Present:

Bunny Sabula
Jeff Hansen/Ute Country News/Shipping Plus
Jeanne/Community Partnership

KITE FLIGHT

Lisa got frisbees from Teller County Public Health that fold up into a small case, to hand out at the Kite Flight. Although unsure if Divide Fire will be there this year, they have been invited. Patches the Clown from the Masonic Lodge, Mueller State Park, TCRAS, Community Partnership will all be there. Shipping Plus received 20 kites from David Sylvester. After the Kite Flight we can send a thank you note, maybe with some photos.

Lisa will deliver flyers to the schools in WP and Lake George. Jeanne will deliver to Aspen Mine Center in Cripple Creek. Jeff Hansen agreed to take photos at the event. Dave has purchased the bike – it is 18” black with red trim. Lee is working with Renee Bunting of the Sheriff’s Posse about getting some plush toys for the little kids.

Set-up for Kite Flight is 8 a.m. and the event runs 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bunny will help set-up but needs to leave at 11 a.m. That is when Kathy will finish at TCRAS and can then help at the Kite Flight.

Jeanne of CP will bring water for the Kite Flight and Lee will bring Capri Sun and snacks (healthy, salty and sweet).

Lee discussed partnering with Kiwanis, whose goal is to help children in the area, as this will bring better long-term continuity and resources. Years back, the event was run by the county, then they dropped out, so Dave and Lee took it over. Working with Kiwanis

to partner will provide more continuity and structure. Renee Bunting will be the president of Kiwanis as of Sept 1.

FINANCIALS

Greg brought financial statements. Everyone is glad to see the sign is finally paid for. Bunny raised concerns over fiscal responsibility, given our current standing is negative \$580.12.

We revisited the discussion on raising the dues. The suggestion of \$75 for a business and \$50 for non-profit seemed like a high percentage to increase, especially given the few benefits the chamber can offer. While there seemed to be a bit of a disagreement on how many are a quorum, it was agreed to up the membership price to \$50 for a business and \$30 for non-profit/individual as of January 1, 2020.

It was also agreed to pay the secretary \$12/hour so as to be in compliance with Colorado minimum wage for 2020.

CHRISTMAS IN DIVIDE.

Dave said Santa will be there again, although he has not asked yet. Jeff agreed to take photographs of Santa and kids again.

Lee said Boy Scout Troop 43 closed down and a new troop has begun. Lee will find out who the new troop leader is and reach out regarding the Boy Scouts helping to set-up. Evidently, it will be an opportunity for the Boy Scouts to fulfill their community service requirement.

Kathy will begin the process of mailing or emailing vendors from last year to engage their interest for this year.

Kathy gave Joe 3 hard copy applications (previously emailed to him) and Joe gave Kathy payments from Lisa Pitts (\$55) and from Russel/Nancy Kellum (Check#800).

HATS

Kathy had a note to discuss ordering hats. Joe knows someone who makes a silk-screen patch, which is glued to the hat. While there had been a batch where the glue didn't seem to bond well, another batch seemed to. Joe recalled the price on the glue patches was about \$6 each. Lisa seemed to think the embroidery would be more expensive and the logo was too detailed to stand out. Kathy will follow up on getting a quote from Kathy Lake and Joe will follow up on getting a quote for the patches.

ELECTRONIC SIGN

Lee would like an electronic sign on wheels to be purchased by the Divide Chamber. It could be moved periodically from one corner to the next. It could feature a business of the week or could allow members to advertise (a potential money maker). We also briefly discussed lighting the sign at the Midland Depot. Discussion was tabled until next time.

NEXT MEETING: Wed, September 11, 2019 at 6 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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