

Divide Chamber of Commerce
Monthly Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, October 9, 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	Absent
Kathy Hansen	UCN/Shipping Plus	Secretary	Present
Joe Kain	Ancestral Arts	Director	Present
Chris Thornton	John Wesley Ranch	Director	Present
Robert Kowell	RDK Small Engine	Director	Present
Peter Hintze	RDK Small Engine	Director	Present
Lee Taylor	Edward Jones	Director	Present
Teddy	Ancestral Arts	Mascot	Present

Members Present:

Bunny Sabula
Jeff Hansen/Ute Country News/Shipping Plus
Mike Isele/Divide Timber
Trudy Feldhauser
Gayle Gross/SOAR w/Network Fundraising

INTROS

Brief introductions.

SOARwithNetworkFundraising.org

Gayle Gross was invited by Deb Maresca of Mountain Top Cycling Club to discuss the SOARwithNetworkFundraising.org and how they have created a cooperative for local non-profits in such a way that they can collaborate on fundraising. The organization is planning an event scheduled for January 15, 2020 entitled Social Media Training with Kevin Knebl, High Tech and High Touch = Profitable Relationships. Gayle is happy to discuss their process for those who wish to learn more and can be reached at 719-233-9902.

KITE FLIGHT

Lee will create a checklist for Kite Flight and send to Dave for edits.

CHRISTMAS IN DIVIDE.

Lisa spoke with Katie and has space approved at Summit. The same music teacher as last year is involved. SOS will do chili lunch fundraiser again. Summit Singers confirmed for 10 a.m. Mrs. Taylor will play the harp to start the day. Mountain Eire Dancers are scheduled at noon. Dana's Dancers are scheduled at 11 a.m. Joel McGuire's Quartet is flexible about their performance time. Bob will speak with a group of singers that may

be able to fill the remaining time. Lake George school is an option to contact if Bob's group is unavailable. Dave confirmed Santa and Mrs. Santa will be there. Jeff confirmed he will take photos again. Greg will tend the coffee and doughnut table.

Discussion of a smaller coffee maker took place as it seems the very large brewer takes 45 minutes to be ready and in past few years it was wasted. Chris has a 12-cup maker he can loan for the day and Lisa has a carafe to keep it hot.

Joe confirmed 19 vendors have already signed up, some with 2 spaces. Only 6 spaces remain.

Lee has a call out to the boy scout leader. In years past, boy scouts have helped vendors unload.

Setup is at 5:30 p.m. Friday, November 15. School opens at 8, and sometimes the janitor is there earlier to open the building.

Advertising Christmas in Divide will consist of 1 ad in *Ute Country News*, and 2 ads each for the *Courier* and *Mountain Jackpot*.

SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS REQUESTED

Please be aware that this is the chamber's ONLY fundraiser of the year. As a chamber member, if you are not good at asking others for silent auction donations, then please consider purchasing something or even finding something gently used to donate. This year we have 46 paying members; if everyone donated 1 item, we would have ample silent auction items. Also, remember the item can be of as little as \$1 in value – there could be children or adults with limited income seeking low cost items for gifts.

HATS

Joe passed a hat around so everyone could see what they look like.

CHAMBER HOLIDAY PARTY

Bunny volunteered to contact the Smokehouse to see if we can hold the event there again as we have the past few years. The date is December 11, 2019.

PIKES PEAK/SAN ISABEL FOREST

The chamber received a letter from PP/SI Forest service requesting a letter of support for the OHV. Dave agreed to write the letter of support due November 14, 2019.

ELECTIONS

Lisa Lee suggested Kate Adams be invited to the next chamber meeting so she can better see if she is interested in the position. It was suggested members speak to those they know as we need both secretary and president. Dave is willing to be temporary president and Pete suggested he might consider a co-president position.

BREIT AWARDS

Dave reminded us that the 3rd Annual Breit awards will be held October 27. He is expecting 65-70 people at \$50/person, or \$375/table. There are currently 4 sponsors. This year's honorees are Lucille Fen, Sandborn Camps, and John Wesley Ranch.

FINANCIALS

Greg dropped 13 copies of the financials at Shipping Plus, which Kathy distributed at the meeting for those interested in fiscal responsibility.

RDK BBQ

RDK will hold their annual Veteran's BBQ, free to the public on Veteran's Day, November 11, 2019.

NEXT MEETING: Wed, November 13, 2019 at 6 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

REMINDER: Dan Campbell will have a tent and table set up for him for the 2020 Kite Flight, just like it was for the 2018 Kite Flight.

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