

MINUTES - White Bird Chamber of Commerce

February 9, 2017 | Location: Barb Lowe's Home

Meeting Opening: Verna Lowe, President

-Members Present: Mike Andrews, Lynn Cook, Char Hurt, Linda Wdowiak, Verna Lowe, Anna Ousley, Danielle Lindsey and Cody Farmer

-Non-members Present: Randy Brown, Cathy Brown

Minutes of Last Meeting: Read by Mike Andrews, Secretary; no corrections were noted. Motion to accept Linda Wdowiak, second by Cody Farmer, motion carried.

Financials: Linda Wdowiak, Treasurer gave a financial report: Checking balance \$5965.13, several bills were that were yet to be paid were mentioned, and it was noted that the Fireman's Ball expenses totaled \$380.34 and that monetary gifts for the event exceeded that amount. Anna Ousley made a motion to accept the report and it was accepted by acclamation.

OLD BUSINESS

-2017 Dues: 12 members have paid and 19 have not paid so far. A discussion was held as to the best method to collect dues. There was no official action, but there were some positive thoughts.

-Secretary's file box: Verna talked with Nathalie Brake but was not able to get the file box yet. Verna will keep trying and get the box to the new secretary.

-ByLaw Text Change: Change distribution of funds should the White Bird Chamber close on page 5 of By Laws to the following:

Section 5. CHAMBER FINANCES

Funds and assets shall be transferred to these 3 community organizations: 33 1/3% Rebekah Assembly of Idaho, White Bird Royal Gem Lodge #13, 33 1/3% City of White Bird, and 33 1/3% White Bird Parks & Recreation District.

Mike Andrews will check to see if these changes need to be communicated to the state of Idaho or any other place.

-Fireman's Ball 2017: Update from Barb Lowe included a detailed report on progress to date as well as what remained to be done. There is much work left to do but we are assured that it will be accomplished. Total cost for Ball is \$750 and income is currently \$900 so the cost is totally covered. There was much discussion on the Idaho state tax that was to be collected and the necessity of collecting the tax. There is a statement from the Idaho Tax Commission attached to these minutes that explains the requirement which we will continue to comply with. After expenses, 15 % of the revenue stays with the Chamber, and the remainder will be divided

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between the 4 regional volunteer fire departments. From their 15% distribution amount, the Chamber will donate an amount to be determined to the local American Legion.

- Easter Egg Hunt 2017: Update from Cody Farmer: Date will be April 15th. Cody is getting geared up to make an order for supplies. Though expenses exceeded revenue last year there are many items left that will be used this year. Donations are still needed and appreciated; please send to Renee Farmer Box 89, phone 839-2309. Volunteers are also needed for the event.

-ITC Grant and the Boise Travel Show: Verna Lowe show update: We are still on the list for the Boise show but it has not been approved as yet. The Missoula and Spokane shows require a \$350 non-refundable deposit to sign up. We would prefer attend the Boise show as those show expenses are reimbursed from our ITC Grant. We continue to make preparations in spite of not knowing and are ready to go.

Marketing materials:

Magnet - Linda Wdowiak passed out one of the magnets to be handed out at the show. All were impressed with the quality. The Chamber paid for the magnets, and this cost will serve as our match for the ITC Grant.

Marketing materials - Anna Ousley (Rack Card & 8.5" x 11" flyer) presented samples for approval a few changes were suggested and a decision was made. All were pleased.

-Chamber Website: Char Hurt re for sale URL 'www.whitebird.com'; She was not able to make contact with the person offering the URL for sale and will continue to try.

-2017 Officer Elections: Nominations were made as follows: President – Anna Ousley, Vice President – Cody Farmer, Secretary – Mike Andrews, and Treasurer – Linda Wdowiak. After much discussion the nominations were concluded by electing the above by acclamation. We are very grateful and appreciative of the excellent leadership and volunteer work from the outgoing President, Verna Lowe.

NEW BUSINESS

-Use of Jenny Hansen's office – donation: A motion to make a donation in the amount of \$50.00 was made by Anna and seconded by Verna; after much discussion the motion carried.

-Sausage Feed 2017: date Sunday March 12th, Anna usually heads this up but this year Danielle Lindsey, who just joined the Chamber, will be the Chief Organizer. It will be held at the IOOF Hall.

-Email from Inter mountain Jet Boat Association: They requested a donation but those present felt that there was not enough information to make an informed decision. A reply will be made as to our decision and they may request again in the future.

-Letter from Salmon River Chamber: Was received asking for us to buy ad space to promote the jet boat races on April 16th. Motion to send \$50 for a t-shirt ad promoting the URL visitwhitebird.com was made by Verna, seconded by Danielle and passed.

-Web page: Our Chamber's web page received 852 hits. This was an increase over our last high (69) and low (9).

-Next News Letter: Charlotte and Anna will put out the next news letter. A prolonged discussion was held as to the cost, frequency and the possible need for an increase in advertising rates. An annual rate for ads was considered as \$125 per year (5 issues) with a \$25 discount for paying annually. The price of \$80 per ½ page was discussed (was \$67) and the subject is to be included in the next news letter for readers comment. No decision was voted on as yet.

-Fund Raiser Dance for Rodney Pilant: Verna announced that they were trying to get a dance/fund raiser together to help Rodney with a possible trip to Texas for treatment. The treatment will cost \$12,000.00. She will let Mike know when/if plans are complete so he can inform members by Email.

NEXT MEETING: DATE: March 9th TIME: 10:30 AM
LOCATION: Pleasant View BC Fellowship Hall (Mike's place)

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