

**Divide Chamber of Commerce**

Monthly Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, Sept 14th, 2016

Historic Midland Depot, Divide, CO

**Board Role Call:**

| <b>Name</b>    | <b>Business</b>   | <b>Position</b> | <b>Present/Absent</b> |
|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Lisa Lee       | Shipping Plus     | President       | Present               |
| Dave Martinek  | Flood Realty      | Vice President  | Present               |
| Greg Smith     |                   | Treasurer       | Present               |
| Bunny Sabula   | Cordillero        | Secretary       | Present               |
| Tod Tobiasson  | Creative Building | Director        | Absent                |
| Joe Kain       | Ancestral Arts    | Director        | Present               |
| Chris Thornton | John Wesley Ranch | Director        | Present               |
| Robert Kowell  | RDK Small Engines | Director        | Absent                |
| Lee Taylor     | Edward Jones      | Director        | Present               |
| Mike Isele     | Divide Timber     | Director        | Present               |

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Peter Hintze & Jennifer Elderbaum/RDK Small Engines  
Jeff & Kathy Hansen/Ute Country News

Meeting was called to order at 6:05PM

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

We reminded everyone that this is their chance, as a Chamber Member, to make any announcements to all the other members. This can include upcoming events, hiring opportunities, sales, new product lines, requests for volunteers. So please bring along anything of interest and share it with our group – everyone has a chance to speak!

- Peter Hintze/RDK Small Engine repairs announced they are having a Veteran’s Day Open House all day on November 11<sup>th</sup> and will be hosting a BBQ during lunch time on that day. Also announced that soon they will be the authorized rep for Amsoil motor oil. And along with blade sharpening, they are offering chainsaw blade manufacturing – you can bring in an old blade to replace or you can give them the make & model of your chainsaw & they can custom-make a match. These custom blades are as cost-effective as purchasing new blades from hardware stores.

- Chris Thornton/John Wesley Ranch said they are ramping up for fall/winter activities now & completing some Lodge repairs for winter.

- Lee Taylor/Edward Jones explained that based on the new Federal Dept of Labor laws, ALL retirement accounts will be subjected to some new guidelines & rules & by April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Retirement account owners will be required to move to a fee-based account, which will re-structure their existing accounts. Details to follow and things unfold.

Lee also updated us on conversations with Teller Co Sheriff Dept, that there is an increasing issue of squatters growing pot on empty lots & in abandoned properties, so we all need to be more vigilant of what is happening in our neighborhoods.

### **GREAT DIVIDE KITE FLIGHT/DIVIDE WIDE YARD SALE & TCRAS 5K RUN/DOG WALK**

- Kite Flight was a great success with great weather. Lee & Dave gave out over 100 kites and they also had bubbles to give to smaller kids. And they gave away a bike and have pictures posted on the Chamber Facebook page. The road blockades were a successful to keep the site safe.

- Divide Wide Yard Sale had 2 more vendor spots than last year and had a reasonably good turnout. Feedback from the Vendors is it was successful since they sold a lot of items. Next year we need some sort of food available (other than muffins & water) & better blockades. We also need to move the Chamber booth to the top of the parking lot. No issues over the increased booth fee.

- We did not have any details on the success of the TCRAS 5k run/Dog Walk.

- We also did not have any details on the success of the Alpine Music Festival but some members that attended the event said it wasn't a huge crowd. Details to follow.

- The purpose of this event is to be more as a community service than a fund raiser. And as a Community service event, it was agreed that we were successful. Next year we need more Volunteers to help the day of the event !

### **FINANCIAL:**

- Greg announced the Chamber has billed T.H.E. Coalition for half of this year's phone bill.

### **CHRISTMAS IN DIVIDE:**

- Mark your calendar for Saturday, Nov 12<sup>th</sup> for our Christmas in Divide !

- We need to make sure we have our advertising for the event by early October for the November issue of Ute Country News.

- Discussed & agreed to increase price of booths as follows. Also agreed to specify the depth of the booths on application to eliminate confusion on morning set-up.

5' x 6' booth \$25/member & \$35/non-member

5' x 8' booth \$35/member & \$45/non-member

10'x10' booth in lobby \$55/each

Table rental to remain @ \$10/E & Electrical hook-up to remain @ \$5/E

- Lisa Lee to talk to PTSO about food service & to coordinate with Summit Elementary for music, etc.

- Jeff & Kathy Hansen have volunteered for taking the Santa pictures again to be emailed to parents after the event. And Dave Martinek already has Santa lined up.

- Extra efforts are required for getting timely advertising in place. Ute Country News October issue deadline is Sept 19<sup>th</sup> & November issue deadline is Oct 24<sup>th</sup>. The November issue has to list Silent Auction items to spark interest. Greg confirmed that donations are NOT Tax deductible to companies that donate but should be encouraged as good-will advertising opportunity.

- Discussed having Silent Auction more visible this year but no one wanted to give up the lobby spaces for the Auction. Will plan on using hallways again this year & trying to find a good spot for the Auction since that is a key money-maker. Silent Auction will use the lobby space if no other vendors reserve the spot. All members are encouraged to secure some Silent Auction items – the help would be greatly appreciated !

#### **CHRISTMAS PARTY:**

- Mark your calendar for Wed, Dec 14th. Food is still to be determined but both Dave Martinek & Lee Taylor offered to donate \$50 each to the catering expense. Chris Thornton/John Wesley Ranch has kindly donated their facilities for our event.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Deborah Maresca continues to beg Chamber members to contact her with news, photos & information to post on our Facebook page. Her email is [redhorse680552003@yahoo.com](mailto:redhorse680552003@yahoo.com). And thanks Dave Martinek for forwarding her photos of our Kite Flight/Yard Sale !

- Lisa Lee has offered to have Lisa Joslin in her office take over the management/upkeep of the Chamber website for the same fee of \$10.00/hour to keep it maintained. Lee Taylor made a motion that for the next 3 months, Lisa take over with a not-to-exceed 5 hours/month limit and see how things work. Bunny Sabula seconded and motion passed unanimously.

- Lisa Lee suggested the Chamber consider taking over the Divide intersection for highway cleaning and then we could get our name posted on the CDOT sign. The program requires you cover an approximate 2 mile stretch and do a clean-up 2-4 times/year. After discussion , Lisa to get more information & details.

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

- Next meeting to be held on Wed, Oct 12th at 6PM at the Historic Midland Depot building.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

- Meeting adjourned at 7:10PM.

Respectfully submitted: Bunny Sabula – Secretary Divide Chamber of Commerce