

## ***Minutes from 2/18/09 Meeting***

Hill City Area Chamber of Commerce met on 2/18/09 at 6 pm in the meeting room at Woodland Bank.

Meeting was called to order by President Dave Lange.

Members present at the meeting were: Mavis Gowell, Ella Kingsley, Chuck Hodge, Dave & Bambi Lange, Patsy O'Brien, Shirley Spenser, Hollie Hanson, Georgia Benson, Greg Bounds, Kathlyn Krammer, Kathy Bounds, Janet Hatfield, and Bill Becker.

Secretary's report was given. Motion made by Mavis Gowell to approve the minutes, second by Ella Kingsley, motion passed.

Snow sculpture contest was held on Sat. Feb. 14. Blaine Sawdey was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place of \$50.00. (He was the only entry, snow was very hard and no one could get anything to stay on that weekend)

Scholarship letter has been handed out to seniors at Hill City High School. Deadline to have them returned is April 10, 2009. So far we have received one application back.

Greg Bounds reported on the community calendar he is working on. He had talked to Kim Niles, who has set up and handles the chamber website. Kim gave Greg the password he needs to go in and access the chamber website to set it up. If Greg maintains the entering and editing of events there should be no charge from Kim. Her charges would be with Greg communicating and her helping him.

Chuck Hodge passed out the bylaws for the Chamber and explained some of the changes he would like to see made. Copy of bylaws will be e-mailed to everyone so they may study it and give their input at the next Chamber meeting.

A question was raised if all businesses will receive a certificate of membership with the Chamber that are members. Quadna has not received one yet. Will check with Mark Meyer and report back.

Greg Bounds raised the question of chamber sponsoring a concert/street dance the weekend before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July when the softball tournament is going on. It could possibly be held out at QMP; Greg said he would check to see if they would be willing to split the cost of band with the Chamber. Greg will check this out and report back to the Chamber.

There was some talk that QMP may be able to get Johnny Holm for concert around 4<sup>th</sup> of July. When know more will let us know.

Treasurer's report was given. There is \$5,682.14 in our checking account. Bills need to be paid are electricity for pavilion, \$250.00 for scholarship awarded for 2008, and \$200.00 for donation to HC Community Ed. at school that was previously approved. Bambi Lange made motion to accept treasurer's report, motion second by Chuck Hodge, motion passed.

Next item on agenda was Hill City's 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. Kathy Bounds made a motion to have fees for vendor's the same as last years were. They are \$150 for food vendors and \$25 for craft vendors for one day and \$50.00 for weekend. Motion second by Kathlyn Krammer, motion passed.

It was discussed about possibility of having chamber or different group from another community sell in part of pavilion for us because we are so busy doing so many things on 4<sup>th</sup>, then we would recipitate and do it for them at one of their events. It was talked that it is nice to have half pavilion with just tables for people to sit and relax in.

Bambi had received price for buttons for \$.39 per button. It was tabled until next meeting what to do. Button machine will be brought to next meeting and see how it works with us making the buttons.

Dave Lange will check on getting at least one section of bleachers to rent on 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. Nice to have for people to sit on during parade and other events. Will have quote for us on rental at next meeting.

Dave Lange reported on communicating with several water shows for July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. Bald Eagle Water Show from Centerville, MN is available. Bambi Lange made motion to have Bald Eagle perform 2 days of shows for us (1 show on each of 2 days) for cost of \$4,000.00, motion second by Bill Becker. After discussion vote taken, motion passed with 1 nay vote. You may check out the Bald Eagle Water Show on their web site at: [www.baldeaglewaterski.org](http://www.baldeaglewaterski.org). Dave Lange will contact them to see if they are still available. (They were contacted, they are available, we are awaiting hearing from them if Fri. and Sat. show would work for them, or if it would be a Sat. and Sun. show. Depends on work schedule for their water team-if they have to work on Fri. or not as most of them work. They will let us know as soon as they find out.)

Tom Fastland is talking to group out of Hoyt Lakes on Dock Dogs that do competition by water for dogs. He will let us know more as he finds out.

Also discussed possible canoe races and other water events that could be done that weekend. If anyone can think of any or knows of any they should let the Chamber know.

Discussed if water show would be done on Fri. to possibly also doing BINGO and maybe Chamber selling food for a supper meal also on Fri late afternoon into

evening. Mavis Gowell and Ella Kingsley volunteered to spear head bingo, they would also like help, especially if getting donated prizes.

If bingo is done on Sat. would be nice to start it at least ½ hr. later than was last year, after legion event is over so not so congested in clubroom and more tables for sitting space available.

It was discussed to do pie auction, shared with baton twirlers, again this 4<sup>th</sup>. Felt 45 pies would be plenty.

It was discussed not to do the tractor pulling contest this 4<sup>th</sup> of July. There are costs involved in doing it.

Will get early flyers out for 4<sup>th</sup> as soon as few more events are finalized.

Hollie Hanson is working on the Easter egg hunt for the Sat. before Easter. She will need help stuffing the eggs.

Chuck Hodge is working on grant with Aitkin County Tourism, which is to be used for advertising new events or events for our community. (He submitted paperwork for HC Chamber for grant to be used for advertising special events that the Chamber has going on during the summer.)

Our next meeting will be Wed. March 18 at 6pm at the meeting room at Woodland Bank.

Bill Becker let us know that the HC Legion will be doing Memorial Day services at MacVille Cemetery, Hill Lake Cemetery and Veteran's Park. They will start at 10 am and end at Veteran's Park at about 11 am.

No further business to be discussed, meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm.

Minutes taken by Bambi Lange, secretary.