



**HILL CITY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

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***Minutes from April 15, 2009 Meeting***

Those present at the meeting were: Hollie Hanson, Ella Kingsley, Dave & Bambi Lange, Patsy O'Brien, Shirley Spenser, Kathy & Greg Bounds, Janet & Tim Hatfield, Mark Meyer, Barb Majerus, Kathilyn Krammer, and Tom Fasteland. Meet was called to order by President Dave Lange at 6pm.

Secretary's report was read from previous meeting. Motion made by Kathylynn Krammer to accept the minutes with changes (Georgia Benson, Shirley Spenser, Terry Becker were not at the meeting. Jessie Ahonen, and Janet Hatfield were at the meeting. Motion was passed at Feb. meeting to set vendor prices for 4<sup>th</sup> of July-leave prices as set at that meeting.) Motion seconded by Kathy Bounds, motion passed.

Treasurer's report was given; there is balance of \$4,337.81 in Chamber checking account. Property taxes for pavilion for full year are \$212.00. Greg Bounds made motion to accept treasurer's report as given and to pay property taxes in full for the pavilion for 2009. Motion seconded by Mark Meyer, motion passed. Need to check to see if we have any outstanding bills with Kim Niles for our web page.

Easter egg hunt held at Quadna went well. We will need more plastic eggs for event for next year.

Hill City area garage/yard sale will be May 15 & 16. If interested people may contact Kathy Bounds. There is \$5 fee if they would like to be included in our listing of area garage sales. The cost covers cost of ad and printing of listing of sales/map.

Greg Bounds reported that listing of area events in up and running on chamber web site. Greg Bounds is handling the maintainece on this calendar of events.

Kathilynn Krammer, Barb Majerus, and Mark Meyer are on committee to go over applications for Chamber Scholarship. 5 seniors submitted applications for this scholarship.

Kathilyn Krammer reported that the Chamber received the grant from Aitkin Tourism that they had applied for it was for \$5,000.00. Grant money is to be used to promote events that are happening throughout the season in Hill City. Part of the money will be used it bet sandwich type billboards that can be put up at both ends of town whenever there is a event going on to let people passing through know about it.

Greg Bounds will talk with Chuck Hodge about possibility of doing street dance the weekend of softball tournament. This would be the last weekend of June/weekend before the 4<sup>th</sup>. Could also maybe do some other things that weekend. Chamber will sell concessions during the softball tournament as a Chamber fundraiser.

Button design for 4<sup>th</sup> of July was voted on. Winning button design was done by Kyle Woodford. Motion made by Kathy Bounds to have same place as last year do our buttons for us again this year. We would like to have some buttons out for sale around fishing opener.

Time for Bald Eagle Water Show for 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend was set. Sat. July 4<sup>th</sup> water show will be at 3:30 pm on Hill Lake. On Sunday July 5<sup>th</sup> it will be at 12:30 pm.

There was discussion of parade line up. Legion would like to be before anything with flag presentation and National Anthem. Kiddie parade, baton twirlers and parade would follow possibly. It was discussed that would be nice if speaker system could work better, hard to understand and feedback, may need better speakers.

Discussed possible day and time for street dance for 4<sup>th</sup> July weekend. May do street dance on Fri. July 3<sup>rd</sup>. QMP may be hosting Johnny Holm music show on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Chamber hosting street dance on what day would depend if and when that concert is.

It was asked if map of parade route and possible 4<sup>th</sup> of July events could go on back of flyer for 4<sup>th</sup> of July events. Bambi will look into this.

It was discussed of doing pie auction after the water show on July 4<sup>th</sup>. This way people would not have to carry pies around and they could buy them before supper and have them to eat then. Bingo would follow the pie auction at about 3:30-6 pm. Hopefully by then the Legion would be done with the tables from meeting room at the bank and we would be able to use them all for our bingo event.

Tom Fasteland report that the 5K Run starts with registration at Quadna at 7am. Race begins at 9am.

We need someone to be in charge of organizing street games after the foot races that follow the parade. The Christensen Family host the foot races and egg toss each year. Other events that we need someone to organize would be such things as turtle race, pudding eating contest, saw dust piles, etc. If anyone is interested in organizing these events please let the Chamber know.

Chamber talked of possible Grand Marshals for the parade. We put together a list of about 8 possible people that we could contact.

Barb Majurus reported that "Art in the Park" would be held on Saturday, September 12 from 9-4:30 in Bear Park. Mavis Gowell and Ella Kingsley will handle Chamber Bake Sale for that day. Letters are being sent out to craft and produce vendors for "Art in the Park" event. Cost of booth for the day would be \$25. Discussed whether Chamber would do food booth that day also, it was decide this will depend if there would be enough people to work the booth for the day.

Janet Hatfield and Tom Fasteland are working on possible "Community Celebration", similar to Take Back the Night events. May be held on August 5<sup>th</sup> (this was it would not conflict with Jacobson's similar event). Could be held on Lake Avenue and include community potluck meal and other games/events/entertainment for the evening.

Dave Lange reported that there may be a possibility of hosting 'Harlem Ambassadors', which is similar to Harlem Globetrotters. Date they had available was Sept. 18; this is a Friday and would probably conflict with HC football game. Dave will check to see if there are any other days available. They charge a fee of \$4,400, but have given us a discount to \$2,200. Dave was going to see if he could get different businesses/people to help sponsor this event.

Chamber will meet on Saturday May 2 at 9:30am at the pavilion to clean out the storage shed and room at the pavilion and to put shelves up in the pavilion to organize everything. Tim Hatfield will check into getting materials for the shelves. Everyone that can help please meet at the pavilion at 9:30. We can do potluck lunch and get chamber grill working to roast some wieners. If everyone helps it shouldn't take long to get this done.

Meeting day and time for May meeting were not set. There is award banquet night of our regular meeting, will find out when spring concert is and try to find day that would work for our meeting.