

**HILL CITY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
**Minutes of Meeting on May 20, 2009**

Members present at the meeting were: Sam & Joell Miranda, Mark Meyer, Chuck & Patty Hodge, Dave & Bambi Lange, Greg & Kathy Bounds, Georgia Benson, Shirley Spenser, Kathlyn Krammer, and Janet Hatfield (for part of the meeting).

14 people turned in application for membership and their dues, they were: Darlene Smith, Jame Ryan, Jessica Kaslow, Jeanne Tix, Tina Haugen, Theresa Olson, Stephanie Andrews, Keith Olsen, Katherine Barker, Sheila Dorn, Erin Boleman, Ricky Keegan, Mike's Uptown, and Jamie Harcey.

Meeting was called to order by president Dave Lange at 5 pm. The meeting was held in the meeting room at Woodland Bank.

The secretary's minutes were read, Shirley Spenser made motion to accept the minutes, motion second by Chuck Hodge, motion passed.

Chamber will be doing a food booth at the Softball Tournament on the weekend of June 27 and 28. Someone will need to check with the Snowmobile Club to see if we may use their food trailer again this year to sell concessions from. Will have a sign up sheet at our next meeting to sign up to work at the concession booth and also to donate bars and cookies to sell, other food may also donated so the Chamber will not have to buy as much to sell.

Chuck Hodge reported that the advertizing committee had met, Chuck Hodge, Dave Lange and Kathlynn Krammer. The Chamber had received \$5,000.00 grant from Aitkin Tourism to be used for advertizing new events that the Chamber is involved in. The committee set aside \$1,500.00 toward 'Art in the Park' and rest will be used for other advertizing, it may not be used for events that the Chamber does every year. Posters are being put up around Northern MN concerning Hill City's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival Weekend, which also has the Johnny Holm Concert listed on it. Will be doing advertizing with WJJY radio from Brainerd, KKIN from Aitkin and KGPZ from Grand Rapids. Radio ads will start May 21. KKIN will be live from the Johnny Holm Concert on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Bambi Lange reported that part of the buttons to sell to help cover cost for some of 4<sup>th</sup> July events are done. They will be available in local businesses to buy starting Memorial Weekend, the first draft of flyer listing July 4<sup>th</sup> Festival Weekend events will also be in businesses then.

The winning button this year was designed by Kyle Woodford. It was decided it would be nice to acknowledge him during the parade.

Lisa Anderson made a motion to donate \$100.00 to Hill City School's BPA Club for them working on button designs. Motion second by Kathy Bounds, motion passed.

The treasurer's report was given. Currently we have \$3,825.81 in the treasurer, with outstanding bills of \$44.66 to Lake Country Power, \$42.72 to Tim Hatfield for materials for putting shelving in the storage room at the Pavilion and \$159.17 to Kim Niles for web-site maintance. Upcoming bills will be \$4,000.00 for Bald Eagle Water Show, \$319.50 for other half of cost of bleacher rental for 4<sup>th</sup> July weekend, \$323.03 for other half of cost of making buttons for Chamber (chamber ordered 1,500 buttons made).

Blue Moon stated that they are having a concert on July 3<sup>rd</sup> featuring the band that will be opening for the Johnny Holm Concert on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Lisa Anderson questioned whether the Chamber was going to sponsor a street dance this year. She said Mike's Uptown will doing a street dance. Lisa Anderson would like the Chamber to do one on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and Mike's Uptown would do one on July 4<sup>th</sup>. There was much discussion on these issues.

Mike Olsen made a motion that the street dances be done on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, the Chamber would pay half the cost of the bands for the 2 nights and Mike's Uptown would pay the other half of the cost. Motion was second by Jeanne Tix. After much discussion a vote was taken. The motion passed by vote of 14 to 12.

Lisa Anderson, Mike Olsen, Theresa Olsen, Katharine Barker, Sheila Dorn, Jamie Harcey, Jame Ryan, Jeanne Tix, Ricky Keegan, Erin Boleman, Tina Haugen, Stephanie Andrews volunteered to be on a committee to come up and organize fund raiser/raisers to cover cost of 4<sup>th</sup> July events – such as the street dances.

It was stated that the Chamber needs to apply for a gambling permit if they are going to do any raffles or such. The permit is for 1 day events and cost \$50.00 for each permit. You need to know what you are doing, when you are doing it and who is going to be responsible for it before you can apply for the permit.

Mark Meyer reported on cost of fireworks for this year. At this time Lion's Club does not have much money that they can contribute to this event. It was tabled by the Chamber at this meeting on how much they can contribute to cost until we know what kind of expenses we will have with the street dances.

Grand Marshals for the parade were discussed. Chamber has a list of about 8 people for this. It was discussed having 1 couple be the grand marshals so would only have to use 1 vehicle. Mavis Gowell had stated at last meeting she would be willing to work on committee to come up with grand marshals.

Tim & Janet Hatfield said they had discussed with their daughter and the class of 2011 would be willing to organize and put on the afternoon street games on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. They would like a donation made to the class for doing this, no motion was made on this issue. Lisa Anderson stated she would be willing to put together a list of prizes that we have and what is nice to give for the games. It was stated that Janet & Tim and that class should make final discussion on what they want and how they will do it. More will be discussed at the next meeting.

It was noted the nice work that was done on May 2 for cleaning out room at the pavilion, organizing everything and shelving that was made by Tim Hatfield.

Thank you Tim and everyone that helped on that day.

Mike Olsen will put something in writing for the next meeting concerning krokate that could maybe done over the 4<sup>th</sup> or some other time.

It was noted that several youth organizations would be willing to help with clean-up around Hill City over 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend for a donation to their organization.

Shirley Spenser said she would be willing to put change donation cans around in businesses for people to donate to cost of 4<sup>th</sup> of July events.

Mike Olsen said he would be willing to go around and ask businesses for donations.

Kathy Bounds said she will go the Hill City Council meeting and ask the city to split the cost of port-a-potties for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend.

Bambi Lange stated she has sent out about 12 letters to food vendors and 35 letters to other vendors for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. As of yet no one has volunteered to organize and make sure vendors have paid as they come into town to set-up.

Katherine Barker stated that Kids Plus had met with Valspar Paint and they donated paint to fix up the painting on building at the beach, also paint to paint on the gazebo in Bear Park.

Kathlyn Krammer reported that CTV is willing to donate \$1,000.00 toward advertizing for 'Art in the Park', which is set for Sept. 12, 2009 this year.

Our next meeting will be on Wed. June 3 at 6pm at Woodland Bank meeting room.

No further business to discuss Shirley Spenser mad a motion to adjourn the meeting, motion second by Georgia Benson, motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:17pm

Minutes taken by Secretary Bambi Lange