

**HILL CITY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

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**Minutes from 6-23-10 Meeting**

Hill City Area Chamber of Commerce met on June 23, 2010 at 6pm at the community room of Hill City, city hall building.

Those present at the meeting were: Hank Berg, Tina Harvey, Bill Becker, Tami Meyer, Joell Miranda, Jessi Ahonen, Bill Klennert, Dave & Bambi Lange, Lisa Anderson, and Janet Hatfield.

The meeting was called to order at 6pm by President Dave Lange.

The Secretary's report was given. Tami Meyer made motion to accept the minutes from the June 9th and 16th meeting, Hank Berg second the motion, the motion passed.

The treasurer's report was given. 181 raffle tickets were sold at \$20 each. Glen Larson won the \$1,500.00 prize. \$3,620.00 was brought in by ticket sales, after prizes paid out and \$40 for printing the tickets the Chamber made \$1,680.00. Only 15 plates from the pulled pork dinner were sold at \$3 each.

The Chamber paid Joell Miranda \$268.00 for the pork that is used for doing the pulled pork sandwiches for the raffle, softball tourney weekend, 4th July weekend and possible if some is left for another softball tourney or Art in the Park.

Bambi Lange made motion to accept the treasurer's report, motion second by Jessi Ahonen, the motion passed.

Discussion was held on how the raffle went. It was harder to sell the tickets this year.

Talked of possibly rotating where it is held, possibly making it more of family event and have activities the children can also be involved in – maybe doing it at the pavilion next year.

Bill Klennert reported that the softball tourney is full with 16 teams. Discussed having another softball tourney the end of July for those teams that were not able to make it into this one, date set was last weekend in July, the dates would be July 31 and Aug 1. We will put up signs advertising this at the softball tourney, if anyone is interested in entering a team they may contact Bill Klennert at Roadside Market.

Those present at the meeting decided we would sell concessions at the softball tourney from the school concession stand this year; it has electricity and 2 pop coolers in it that we could use. Jessi Ahonen will contact the school to see if we can use the concession stand, if not then we will use the Snowmobile

Club's trailer. The Methodist Youth are going to sell pop, water, candy and chips at Kaslow field during the softball tourney, they will use the snowmobile or fire dept's concession wagon for their sales. They will charge the same prices as we do.

The Chamber set prices for their food for the softball tourney and the 4th of July weekend.

We will be selling the same items at both events: pulled pork sandwiches, hot dogs, pickle on a stick, pop, water, Gatorade, coffee, cookies, candy, suckers, sunflower seeds, popcorn, and nachos and chips.

Bill Klennert was still looking for couple kids to be ball chasers at the softball tourney, Jessi Ahonen will talk to her nephews to see if they are interested in doing it.

We have 2 people signed up to work each shift at the tourney, but if anyone else is interested in helping, their help would be greatly appreciated. Bambi Lange has small grill that we may use for softball tourney and 4th of July weekend for grilling the hotdogs.

We need to make sure the back gate is closed so people do not drive down by the field and park during the tourney.

Lisa Anderson had talked to the GR Herald Review newspaper about an ad about our 4th of July events. The price they gave her was \$490 for black and white ad, or the same rate they give the GR Chamber for their events for half page color which is \$500 for running the ad two times. Lisa Anderson made motion to advertise in the Grand Rapids newspaper for the \$500 ad, motion second by Dave Lange, the motion passed.

Lisa Anderson had also been working with Melaine Stevens about colored ad in the Aitkin newspaper for \$200, that ad had already been made up and corrected; it should be in the Aitkin newspaper on June 30th.

Lisa was also wondering where could get trailer for the bands to play on, they will contact Aitkin Cty. Sentence to Serve to see if they will leave their trailer like before to use for the bands.

Lisa also asked about what was in the minutes from previous meeting about cleaning the mud up after the mud volleyball. The Chamber had asked that for safety sake and cleanliness that she clean any mud off the sidewalk, street and bleachers from Sat. so they would be clean for the parade on Sun. It had been asked to be done for safety sake of people that are around for the parade on Sunday.

Bill Klennert will order case of bulk eggs for the egg toss for July 4th; also he will get pudding for the pie eating contest games.

Bill Klennert will do clues and hide the treasure chest for the medallion hunt. Clues will be posted Saturday July 3rd at the pavilion starting at 11 until it is found.

The Chamber will see if the 4-H would be interested in running the pie eating contest and turtle races on Sun. The Christensen Family runs the foot races and egg toss after the parade.

It was expressed for safety that we need more people around when the sawdust is being dumped for sawdust piles, there are kids around trying to dig in it as it is being dumped and the money is not even in the sawdust yet. Parents should try to watch their children to keep them safe, it is hard to see from the dump truck kids that are right behind it when trying to dump the sawdust.

Joell Miranda and Tami Meyer will do the kiddies parade. It was brought up that last year a gold dollar was given to each child in the kiddies parade, it was thought that Woodland Bank had donated them last year, will try and check on this, think we only used about 1 roll of the gold coins. Also need to let the bank know in advance that the Chamber will need about \$300 in nickels, dimes and quarters for sawdust pile, and also rolls of silver dollars for the Christensen family to hand out to winners in the foot races so that they will have enough change on hand for us the week before the 4th.

One vendor had asked permission to sell kitchen knives; he said they would be in a display case and not easy access by the general public. It was decided they would be able to – if there is a problem or others ask to sell hunting knives then they will be asked to not sell them.

The order of the parade will be: the Color Guard with the Scouts, singing the National Anthem when Color Guard in on Lake Avenue, followed by kiddie parade, then baton twirlers, then the parade. It was expressed that it would be nice if a few of the color guard could go through a second time when actual units in the parade go, Bill Becker will check on this.

Janet & Tim Hatfield volunteered to be number runners from where the parade is lining up to the MC to announce units in the parade. They will give each unit a number and number the papers that describe the units for it isn't as confusing for the MC when units and papers do not match up.

Bambi Lange expressed concerns about crowd control, especially on the last block of the parade, it is very hard to keep the people out of the street and back by the curb. Archery Club is selling beverages along the parade route will see if they will remind the people to stay back by the curb. Will also see if anyone involved in PTO would be willing to walk along the parade route reminding people to stay back by the curb.

There will be NO throwing candy from moving vehicles in the parade. If anyone wants to do candy they need to walk along side their float handing out or gently throwing the candy by the curb – not from the middle of the street. If any float throws candy they will not be eligible for trophies for float entries that the Chamber does.

The trophies this year that the Chamber is giving out will be for: most patriotic, comedy and best overall.

The tee shirts that the Chamber had made were at the meeting, they are very nice. A special thank you to Tina Harcey for going to area businesses and getting advertisement for the backs and working with the printers on getting them made. We are selling the shirts for \$15 each or 2 for \$25; the design on the shirt is the same as on the buttons.

Minutes taken by  
Bambi Lange

There was discussion after the meeting adjourned on how to get more people involved in the Chamber events that are members, but never show up at meetings or only show up when they want something changed. Could a by-law possibly be passed about if you are a member you need to attend at least half the meetings each year and not just be a name on the roster?? Or possibly combining Chamber with another organization that is out there since lot that is done is also done by other organizations and same people are involved over and over doing the work.

Any suggestions ????

**We can still use people to work at the Chamber booth over the 4th of July weekend and also donate a homemade pie to sell in the pie auction. If anyone is interested in doing either or both of these – please contact a Chamber member.**

**Thanks in advance.**