

Pocahontas County Chamber of Commerce Monthly Meeting
Dunmore Community Center, Dunmore WV
May 21, 2009

The meeting, held at the Dunmore Community Center, was called to order by Vice President Kevin Wingfield at 6:00 p.m. Present were: Gail Hyer, Sherry Radcliff, John Mutscheller, Kevin Wingfield, Nelson Hernandez, Gayle Boyette, John Mutscheller, Bill Harold, Jerry Ramos, Sunny Given and newest member Jeanette Canada.

The minutes of the April meeting were approved after a motion by member Radcliffe and a second by member Boyette.

Because the treasurer was not present, there was no treasurer's report or bank reconciliation available so the matter was tabled until the next meeting.

Notice was given that a first meeting for the WV RoadKill Cook-off and Autumn Harvest Festival will be June 1 at 5:00 p.m. at the McClintic Library. All are asked to attend as we are beginning the project late and will need as much assistance as possible.

Under old business: The Web stats for the month of April are 3282 sessions down a bit from previous month's stats of 3303. Again the Festival info pages were the most popular. Member Hyer commented to members Given and Boyette, who are the Web site go-betweens, that the PDFs for the Festival still had a date of 2008 which of course are incorrect. Hyer said she contacted previous Web contact Helen Woolridge and asked her to follow up on the changing of the dates on the site, in lieu of the Chamber having previously paid for such changes.

Attendance of a Chamber Choice representative was discussed and it was conceded that they Chamber Choice group had not yet gotten local representatives and so it was probably better to wait until that assignment was completed before any meeting was scheduled.

Discussion and action on the proposed yearly budget were tabled as the treasurer was not present at this meeting.

John Mutscheller gave a report on the CVB. He said there was currently one board opening from the Little Levels area, and that the Green Bank open position resulted in three applicants. He advocated anyone on the Chamber who knew an interested person for the CVB Board to contact the CVB President. He indicated the Depot Committee was waiting to hear from the State on previously submitted grant. He also indicated that as early as the day before the CVB had become aware of some stimulus money that may be available and they were looking into the prospect of that funding for the CVB offices.

Discussion followed on the Make It Shine effort held on April 18. Member Hernandez reported that the effort resulted in most of the Greenbrier River Trail being cleaned up. Overall, he reported the Trail was in good condition. Member Given suggested that next year perhaps more youth, civic and church groups could participate in the event. Everyone thanks Nelson for all his hard work on this project.

Member Hyer reported two members of the policy committee met and reviewed the Chamber minutes for the past 18 months to secure motions and resolutions taken that needed to be taken. The full policy committee will review the changes and compare them to the Chamber By-Laws to identify which ones are matters of policy by the bylaws.

Action on the 2009 Chamber goals were going to be tabled but member Mutscheller lead the group into reviewing the goals and deciding that we were proceeding along a good path as far as meeting the goals and objectives of the group.

Member Radcliff reminded the group that Sheets GMC dealership in Green Bank is hosting a Meet & Greet on Thursday June 18. The group agreed to have the regular Chamber meeting at 5:00 p.m. with the Meet & Greet at 6:00 p.m. Member Hyer made motion, seconded by member Wingfield to page for 2 page ad one time in the Pocahontas Times, that motion was amended by member Ramos, and seconded by member Boyette to run a quarter page ad two time, motion, carried.

Member Boyette made motion to furnish name tags for the Meet & Greet, motion carried. Member Hyer the CVB could be responsible for such tags as they have the hardware and software for such things.

Under new business, member Given reminded the Chamber the WV Press Association will have their annual meeting at Snowshoe Mountain on August 7 – 9 with about 300 people expected. She will be sending out an email to notify members of the opportunity to set-up a booth at the event.

Member Radcliff had previously emailed the group information about the WV Executive magazine taking nominations for what is called the Hot Guns. Several people within the county were suggested. More than one person can be nominated and group concurred it would be nice for some of our local leaders to receive some statewide recognition for their efforts. This item will be discussed more at the June meeting.

Discussion followed of the closing of Sheets GMC by GMC officials. It was agreed that member Boyette would do a draft letter and share with other members and then provide a hard copy so President Meck could sign it on behalf of the Chamber upon her return.

Next Chamber meeting is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. at Sheets GMC dealership on Thursday June 18th, 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Hyer, Secretary