

**Pocahontas County Chamber of Commerce Monthly Meeting**  
**July 24, 2008**  
**McClintic Library, Marlinton**

The meeting, held at McClintic Library in Marlinton, was called to order by President Malinda Meck at 6:05 p.m. Present were: Kevin Wingfield, Malinda Meck, Helen Woolridge, Gail Hyer, David Cain, Nelson Hernandez, Sunny Given, Bill Harold, and John Mutscheller.

Minutes from the June meeting were reviewed and approved.

David Cain provided the treasurer's report and a copy of the bank register for June 2008. 5/16/08 to 6/19/08. Gail Hyer made a motion to include Kevin Wingfield (Vice-President) on the bank signature card, seconded by Helen Woolridge, motion carried. Accounts payable for \$2192.36 were reviewed and approved. Helen Woolridge made a motion seconded by John Mutscheller that the Chamber join the State Dramas, Fairs, and Festivals for a fee of \$160.00, motion carried.

Dave Zorn, City Council member and proprietor of Locust Hill B & B was recognized on the floor. Mr. Zorn initiated a discussion as to who owned/controlled the sign at the entrance to the town of Marlinton listing the clubs, etc. David Cain volunteered to check to see who legally owned the signs and the property on which it set and report at next meeting.

Old Business – Under old business, no action or discussion ensued regarding Service or Business Awards.

The Web site report was discussed – May sessions = 2035 and June sessions were 2928. Helen said Red Eft had a page on their site representing how a business member's page on the PCCoC Web site might look.

Update on the staffing/phone for the Chamber at Snowshoe Career Center followed. Malinda indicated she had a conversation with Coby Brown of the Center. The Chamber might only have to be responsible for the paying of a designated person for one hour per week. Coby will give a better report at the next meeting. John Mutscheller offered to contact Tucker County CVB to see how it is going with their CVB hosting the local Chamber in Tucker County. John will report next meeting. John also offered to contact the Pocahontas County CVB to see if they might be interested in housing a PCCoC employee or to see if any way they might be willing to partner with us sometime in the future.

Malinda commented that Carte Hall CPA was performing an accounting review based on check book, and cancelled checks. She will report at next meeting.

After discussion, Kevin Wingfield made a motion, seconded by Helen Woolridge that the 2008 budget for RoadKill Cook-off /Autumn Harvest be approved.

Discussion ensued concerning Bike Night in Marlinton. Poor attendance by motorcyclists was explained by too many other events going on in the county simultaneously. As a side bar – it is noted here that there was an e-mail vote on July 8 to request the portable toilets required for Bike Night be awarded to The Outhouse, which a company is partly owned by the Chamber President

Malinda Meck. David Cain sent an email to everyone that he did not agree with this way of doing Chamber business. All others voted “aye “in this case where we had no time to ask for public bids. Everyone agreed, however, that we vote this way only this time and investigate if we need to add this element to our current By-laws.

Under the agenda item of Goals and mission statement for the Chamber, Nelson made motion, seconded by Bill Harold, that the mission statement not be revisited again until October; motion carried.

Under the goals for 2008 – (1) it was agreed the Friendly Merchant be expanded to cover all of the county and not just Marlinton; (2) that the Chamber participate on a county wide level in the Make it Shine 2009 cleanup campaign and hand out project materials. We will advertise in January requesting people send us in ideas for a cleanup effort. (3) Motion by Helen Woolridge, second by Nelson Hernandez that we participate in the Work Force Community meeting on September 4. – Motion carried. The event will focus on ways to improve community and promote business in the County.

Under new business – it was generally agreed by all that we needed to be cautious of spending our budget to assist projects in the County. Nelson Hernandez made motion, seconded by Bill Harold, to refrain from voting any particular request for special funding either by an individual or organization until the meeting after it was initially requested; motion approved.

The policy on email votes was discussed and David Cain said he would check with Robert’s Rules of Order to see if it covered such voting and if so, what the limitations/rules are. He will report at next meeting.

Gail Hyer asked if the Chamber would furnish a letter recommending/requesting that the HOG Rally for 2009 be held at Snowshoe Mountain, motion by Nelson Hernandez to furnish such a letter and seconded by Kevin Wingfield, motion carried. Gail Hyer will work with Chamber President on letter.

The next meeting will be August 21, 2008 at the Library in Marlinton, Autumn Harvest meeting will be held on this date also at 4 p.m.; also an AHF meeting will be held at 4 p.m. on Monday August 11th at the McClintic Library.

Because Sunny Given had to leave early, Nelson brought up the logo she was developing. A motion to approve the tag line “Promoting progressive, sustainable businesses in Pocahontas County” (Sunny – please verify this wording – thanks!) was made by Nelson Hernandez, seconded by Bill Harold and approved. Nelson also suggested we review a brochure from Bath County to see if we might want to do something similar in Pocahontas County. Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Gail Hyer, Secretary