

LA VETA/CUCHARA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BOARD/MEMBERSHIP MEETING
12-11-2009 .
The Inn at Spanish Peaks

President Steve Perkins called the Meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Board/Officers Present: Steve Perkins, Tracy Webb, Brad Atchison, David Rinehart, Don Lowell, Chris Hudson

Board/Officers Absent: Mitzi Kearns, Liz Henson, Rich Snyder, James Cooper, Nancy Wooldridge.

In attendance: Holiday Party Goers/Members (members: **bold**): **Scott Medsker, Bill Stark**, Pam Perkins. **Netta & Don Easter**, Sarah Lowell, **A. Taylor**, S Hines, **Deb Klinke, Larry Klinke, Jerry Orrell, Holly Orrell, Nicole Copel**, Sandy Helwig, **Bob Baker, John Fredrick, Linda Fredrick, Annie Renaud-Wilkinson.**

Agenda-

Steve reviewed the agenda for the meeting:

Intro Welcome

Review of last meeting and year

Call for nominations

Request for Volunteers and Memberships

New and old business

Adjourn

Steve thanked Bill & Tracy for their hospitality and all those who brought food for the party/meeting. Steve reported that minutes from previous meetings are located on the Chamber website He reported that the board works to be a transparent organization.

Year Review

Steve reported that the Chamber spent more money on promotion than it took in, in memberships. Steve encouraged anyone interested to apply for vacancies in the Huerfano County Tourism Board. Steve thanked Bill Stark for serving on the county tourism board. Sarah Lowell reported that she would apply to serve on the board.

Bill Stark explained that the mission of the country tourism board is to promote tourism in the county by distributing grants and other funds for promotion, operate a website with a focus on promoting Huerfano County as a whole.

Annual Meeting/Elections/Board and Officers

Steve reported that Rich Snyder and Nancy Wooldridge have resigned from the board. Steve reported that Liz Henson will not serve as secretary, but will serve as a board member if elected. Steve said that Brad Atchison would be willing to serve as secretary, Tracy return as vice president, Dave Rinehart as treasurer and Steve Perkins as president for 5th year. Bob Baker and Larry Klinke, were willing to serve as board members and Don Lowell was willing to serve a second term.

Holly moved that slate of directors and officers be approved by acclamation. Don E. seconded the motion. Steve called for a vote and the new board members and officer were unanimously elected.

Sandy was recognized by Tracy for her work about 12 years ago to bring the Chamber back to life. Sandy then explained that the Chamber was not functional and there was no effort to promote the area or support the businesses here. She said several people jumped in and brought it to life. Then she spoke on behalf of the Huerfano County Park and Recreation Board. She listed several projects: public toilets in Cuchara, sprinkler systems at the Walsenburg golf course, bear proof trash cans in the City Park etc... and encouraged those in attendance to apply for funds.

Membership Drive

Steve encouraged members present to promote membership to businesses that are not members currently.

Next Meeting –

Steve announced that the next chamber meeting would be 1-11-2010, upstairs, at the public library at 5:15.

Tracy Webb moved to adjourn and Bill Stark seconded the motion. Steve adjourned the meeting at 6:59

Respectfully Submitted,

Brad Atchison,
Secretary