



September 3, 2009

Minutes of the Meeting

The meeting was held at the Dundy County Senior Center located at 710 Chief Street, Benkelman, NE. Members present: Jann Clark, Betty Deyle representing the Dundy County Library, Gary Clark, Randy Hudson, Linda Melchert, Joya Neville, Joyce Blair, and Rita Jones. Sam Jaeger attended representing the Benkelman Jaycees.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm by President Gary Clark.
2. The minutes from the August 6, 2009 regular meeting and the August 18, 2009 special meeting were reviewed. Motion by Randy Hudson for approval of both sets of minutes as recorded. Second by Joya Neville. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.
3. Treasurer Jann Clark submitted the treasurer's report for period ending 08-31-09. Beginning balance on the account as of August 1st was \$19,157.26. Total debits for the month were \$1,105.98 and total credits were \$861.87. It was noted that credits consisted of funds contributed from the 2009 Prefair barbecue and the 1st place float award from the Dundy County Fair Parade. Motion by Joyce Blair to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Second by Randy Hudson. Motion carried unanimously of the members present.
4. Old Business
 - a. Action Groups
 - i. There was nothing to report regarding Benkelman Beautification at tonight's meeting.
 - ii. Scott Vanderford was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Gary will drop a current membership listing so Scott can update the website. Gary noted that the FBLA group is a new member since last month.
 - b. Fall Festival – Rumble on the River, September 18, 2009 Progress Reports
 - 1.) The area is staked on the Courthouse Lawn and materials are gathered and ready for the tree dedication during the Walk for Breast Cancer on Friday, September 18th.
 - 2.) Funding solicitation was kicked off, but has yet to gather momentum. There is work to be completed in this area. There was no discussion at the

meeting. 7 mailings went out last week to potential corporate sponsors requesting assistance with sponsorship.

- 3.) Joya Neville has the plans set up for the Donation Booth the night of the Rumble. She has a work schedule set up and will be completing the schedule with additional volunteers. Any who could assist are to contact Joya. The giant pink ballooned Breast Cancer Awareness Ribbon will be used for the booth. Joya shared flyers which will be posted and distributed via email to the membership asking for assistance to “re-balloon” the ribbon. This will be accomplished at the “Olde Benkelman Market” parking lot on September 17 from 5:00-7:00pm. Any and all are welcome to come help..
- 4.) Gary Clark reported that the plans and set up for the stage is good and ready to go.
- 5.) Gary Clark & Randy Hudson reported that the electrical is being handled by Joel and his crew from the City of Benkelman and is on schedule for set up and testing.
- 6.) Joyce Blair has been in contact with the Dundy County Fair Board and received approval to utilize the metal arena panels to securely fence the area. These panels are loaded on a trailer and can be set up on the 18th. Frank Merklin is the contact on this day. Gary Clark has talked to Lori Chapin at MNB Insurance to provide assurance that the barricade panels will be set up to keep the general public off the stairs and ramp to the MNB building. Gary has also make re-contact with Bonnie Mullanix at the Ford Garage and they are interesting in helping the Rumble in any way they can.
- 7.) Gary Clark will contact Mike Clark to check on the progress for the “Command Center”.
- 8.) The neighborhood that is adjacent to the street dance area should be canvassed to provide some information on the dance and the anticipated noise level that evening. Joya Neville and Rita Jones offered to do a door-to-door campaign to disseminate the information and promote good will in the Benkelman residents.
- 9.) Gary Clark has been soliciting volunteers for security. Sam Jaeger discussed a source for affordable T-shirts that would designate those individuals who would help with this endeavor. Gary reported that Beth Bolio has amassed 10 individuals to secure the Beer Garden, but the Chamber needs further assistance with security.
- 10.) Joyce Blair has arranged for tables and chairs to be borrowed from the Dundy County Fair Board. These may be accessed through Frank Merklin on September 18th. Trash barrels will also be borrowed. Dumpsters will be provided by the City of Benkelman. Rita Jones has 6 Porta Pots and 1 handwashing station coming from Winston Brown.

- 11.) Judy McCune was successful in enlisting the Methodist Women to serve hamburgers, nachos, popcorn, pop, and tea. They will need electrical power for their booth. Gary Clark will tend to this detail.
- 12.) Sam Jaeger discussed the potential of getting Pepsi to donate water and product for the evening. In further discussion, the Chamber does not wish to compete with the vendors who have agreed to serve food. Sam will put the Pepsi representatives in contact with the Methodist Women.
- 13.) Sam Jaeger discussed an anonymous donor who would like to donate \$250 to the evening. This donor wishes to set the money up as drawings throughout the evening in an attempt to keep the crowd at the event and simply add to the fun. The chamber will add this feature to the donation booth and sell raffle tickets. There will then be drawings throughout the night of progressive amounts. Joya Neville volunteered to print up the raffle tickets. Jann Clark offered tickets available from the Senior Center.
- 14.) Rita Jones discussed the possibility of directing traffic to park at the fairgrounds parking lot. Joya Neville will approach Tri-State Truck Repair to see if the electronic sign could be used for that evening.

5. New Business

- a. A request was made from the Dundy County-Stratton FBLA for assistance with their Spook Parade – Pumpkin Judging competition. Motion by Joya Neville for the Chamber to support the FBLA's project by providing assistance the day of the event and fund the prizes for the pumpkin judging as it has in previous years. Second by Jann Clark. Motion approved unanimously of the members present.
- b. Gary Clark lightly touched on the 2009 Christmas Promotion. This will be a large part of the October meeting to finalize the promotion.
- c. Gary Clark discussed the 2010 Chamber year as follows:
 1. Election of Officers – Gary noted that election of officers will be done at the January meeting.
 2. Chamber Agenda for the New Year – Gary noted that the agenda should be set for the year, allowing the group to focus on the plans. The question was raised if there would be another Rumble in 2010 noting the advance booking requirement. More would be known about this once this year's Rumble has come to fruition.
 3. Membership Drive – Gary noted that the membership drive needs to begin in January and not wait until a later date to get members signed up and involved. He noted that assigning the lists of potential members to the current attending members did not work last year.

6. Next Meeting: Special Meeting is scheduled for September 10th at 6pm at Beth's Bar & Grill.

Regular Meeting is scheduled for October 1, 2009 at 6pm at the Dundy County Senior Center

7. Adjournment at 7:35 pm

/s/ Rita Jones, Secretary DCCCD