

Pocahontas County Chamber of Commerce Monthly Meeting
Citizens Bank of West Virginia
October 8, 2009, 2009

The meeting, held at Citizens Bank of West Virginia in Slatyfork was called to order by President Malinda Meck 6:00 p.m. Present were: John Mutscheller, Sunny Given, Gail Hyer, Nelson Hernandez, Sherry Radcliff, David Cain, Bill Harold, and Kevin Winfield.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved after a motion by member Given and a second by member Radcliff.

The treasurer's report was given by David Cain and a motion to accept was made by member Radcliff, seconded by member Wingfield, approved. Not all RoadKill event bills have been paid out yet but initial figures suggest a deficit of several hundred dollars.

Member Given made a motion that half the monies collected from arm band sales be returned to the non-winning cooks at \$35.00 each team, second by member Hernandez, approved.

Discussion followed about the PayPal account collecting over \$235.00 in Web sales with little or no publicity.

Under old business:

President Meck did not receive a Web session detail from the Web master. Member Hyer asked if Web Eft could tell us the name of the software used for collecting data to see if in fact we wanted a more comprehensive report offered by Google Analytics. Web contact Given said she would check for us.

President Meck offered a report on the WV RoadKill Cook-off and Autumn Harvest Festival, held in Marlinton the week before. All agreed it was a successful event despite a day of rain. The committee will hold a regular 4 p.m. meeting in November and then take up next year's agenda beginning in January so there is more time for diverse planning and programming.

Chamber Choice was discussed in great detail. There are no agents in the immediate area who are company representatives. Member Mutscheller made a motion to take the issue off the table, with a second by member Hernandez, approved. If and when new information becomes available, we can take it up again then.

Member Mutscheller gave the CVB report which detailed the opening of the new Visitors Center at the base of Snowshoe Mountain sometime in November. This is a joint effort among the CVB, Pocahontas County Free Libraries, and the Slatyfork Lions Club.

Member Mutscheller also reported that the policy committee had not had an opportunity to meet since the last meeting. Committee members agreed member Hyer could begin wording for policy changes with the rest of the committee getting together to edit to meet the deadline of November to have items available for the full Board.

Member Cain reported he had heard nothing further from the IRS regarding our non-profit status.

The employee committee offered a motion to provide hiring a full time employee in the weeks preceding actual VISTA employment. After discussion, with input from members Cain and Wingfield, the final motion offered by member Hyer was "To recommend a candidate for the PCCOC position, to be subsidized at minimum wage for 40 hours until he/she can achieve VISTA training and start as a VISTA worker, not to exceed 8 weeks with a cap of \$2320.00 paid as a contract worker for which we would provide a 1099 Misc, predicted on us obtaining liability insurance coverage for such candidate not to exceed a cost of \$500.00," seconded by member Hernandez, approved.

Under new business, the Create WV conference was discussed. The VISTA worker for the Library was suggested as a representative to the conference. If she cannot attend then the group concurred to pay conference registration of \$350.00 if member Cain could attend. It was suggested that whomever attends make a report back to the Board at the November meeting.

Member Radcliff brought an item referred to her by Gil Willis of the Elk River Turing Center. It was his suggestion that the Chamber support signage along Rt 39 directing skiers and winter visitors to arrive at Snowshoe via Marlinton. Because Rt 39 is part of the Appalachian Scenic Byway, the group concurred that we had no affect on the issue. Robin Mutscheller is recognized as the expert on the byway, and it was suggested member Radcliff contact Mr. Willis and suggests he contact Ms. Mutscheller over the issue as well as pick up copies of the byway regulations at the Town of Marlinton office.

Next meeting will be November 19 at the new Career Center in Marlinton at 6:00 p.m. with a RoadKill meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn member Radcliff, second by member Given, approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Hyer, Secretary