
Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting Minutes

Location: Rim Community Library

Date: February 3, 2024

Time: 9:00 am

Agenda details:

Meeting Attendance: Lynn Tricozzi – Jessie Carlson – Gary Lindsey – Shawn Barbetta – Allen Gillis - Anna Gustafson

Guest Speakers:

A. NONE

Chamber Board Meeting started at 9:00 am which was followed with President Lynn Tricozzi introducing Allen Gillis as a new board candidate. Allen was asked to step outside the room so the current board could vote to either accept or decline his candidacy for the vacant Board position of Director. The current Board's vote was unanimous to accept Allen Gillis as a Director on the H-O Chamber of Commerce Board.

I. Reports:

- A. Membership Report – Anna reported that the Chamber received 7 new members with one of them a past member that rejoined the Chamber.
- B. Treasurer Report – Gary covered the status numbers of all 3 AZNB accounts showing that the Chamber currently has an available fund amount of \$55,905 which is \$23,712 more than the same time in 2023.
- C. Committee Report – Lynn discussed that she is getting bids to start improvements within the Park on some of the buildings and structures that are showing its wear and tear. It was suggested that we ask Supervisor Seymore to request an individual from the County Maintenance Department to walk the property with Lynn and Board members to help with the improvements. Lynn is hoping to have 3 bids to submit to Supervisor Seymore at our February Public Meeting.

II. Old business:

- A. **Pickleball Court and Funds:** Anna reported that the current Pickleball Donation Funds was at \$5352.17. The Facebook controversy with the Pickleball court was discussed and Lynn indicated that we should just ignore the statement being made and that she has reached out to the individual that brought up the question of the Basketball Pole removal. It was also suggested that an email be sent to Supervisor Seymore to give him a heads up of the controversy since he will be at the February Public meeting.

- B. **Pony Express Meet and Greet:** The meet and greet event at the Chamber Office was one of the best attended that we have had. The Hash Knife group did not have any of the horses or riders at the event and once it was announced that they would not be attending, the crowd quickly dispersed. It was suggested that we work with the Hash Knife group to assure that the horses and riders will be at this event in 2025. It was also suggested that we have a booth/table with Chamber merchandise at 3 Bears in 2025 to help increase merchandise sales.

- C. **Liquor License Permit:** Shawn is working with the County on clarifying the type of license we need to apply for. The County told Shawn that the Liquor License have changed for 2024 and they are looking to see how those changes will affect the Chambers applications. Shawn indicated that he is expecting an answer by the middle of next week.

III. New business:

- A. **Job Fair – April 11th (Thursday) 1:00 – 4:00:** Gary reported that Lynn and himself are participating in weekly conference calls with Ben Sandoval at NPC to help organize the Job Fair. We have received permission from Reed Porter to have the Job Fair at the High School and to have it open to both outside individuals and High School Students. A spreadsheet was handed out to all members to use to list any businesses in their circle of influence that might be a candidate for the Job Fair. It was asked that the spreadsheets be updated and returned to Gary within 2 weeks so we can update the committee with our suggestions. Lynn and Gary will ask for support from NPC on making banners for the event and to create a flyer so we can add it to our Webpage and Facebook page and post them around the community.

- B. **Park Maintenance Engineer:** The Board agreed to not have the position posted on Facebook or the Webpage at this time and to gather candidates from the Board that they feel might be interested in the position. All candidates will need to email the COC stating that they are interested in an interview. No resumes or applications are required. Lynn and other Board members will interview each candidate.
- C. **Chamber Membership Increase:** Lynn suggested that the Chamber increase the membership fees from \$75.00 to a minimum of \$100 stating as soon as possible. Gary suggested to put the initiative on hold at this time because of the controversy of the Basketball Pole removal and the Pickleball court issue. It was suggested to wait until after the 4th of July event to publish the increase.
- D. **Signs at Town Entrances:** The Chamber wants to use the structures to post our events, but the Chamber is not sure how owns or manages the structures. Jessie will reach out to June Call to gather more information and will report back to the board.
- E. **Webpage and Facebook info and comments:** Lynn requested that all comments or posts on the Chambers Facebook and/or Webpage needs to be approved by Lynn prior to posting them. Lynn commented that each Board member and our Office Manager is the face of the Chamber and that any negative comments could damage the efforts of what the Chamber is standing for.
- F. **Webpage Tab for Business employment needs:** It was suggested that a Tab needs to be created on the Chambers Webpage for our business members to use when they have job openings at their business. Allen Gillis also suggested that the Webpage needs to be updated to be more advantageous and user friendly for our business to show them that the Chamber is here to help and improve their business and sales. Allen will work with Anna on this project. Allen will talk about the improvements on the Webpage at our Public Meeting on the 14th.
- G. **Supervisor Seymore Presentation and Park Bench Location:** The Board agreed to meet with Supervisor Seymore prior to our Public Meeting to discuss the location of the Park Bench.