

Boron Chamber of Commerce

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Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:30. Directors present were Randy Smith, Jaime White, Shelley Keller-Gage, Tammy Brown, Waldo Stakes, and Anthony Espindola. Becky Thompson and Dale Slavinski were absent.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, corrected, and accepted.

REPORTS:

Sheriff: Ryan Rush reported for the Sheriff that there is a petition being circulated to recall Prop. 57. This is the proposition that reduced many non-violent felonies to misdemeanors.

Supervisor's Report: Ryan continued that The ATP grant for the \$1.97 million pedestrian path from Boron to Desert Lake, plus new ADA compliant sidewalks and safe crossing zones is in the process of being approved and has only to pass Cal Trans. The grants received very high scores and Kern County received three of them (other counties are complaining). The entire project will run about \$2.3 million and the rest will be covered by Kern County.

In answer to a question about BRACH, Ryan stated that Edwards Air Force Base is the largest employer in the County, so there is not too much concern about the base closing.

SAM: There was an event on Sunday that had been planned for several months. Several record setters were in attendance and they came to reminisce about their various feats in land and air speed trials. There were between 50 and 60 people here, including journalists who will write articles for Speed Boat and other publications. This will publicize the museum. Waldo reported that fundraisers will start in the Spring to bring over Pancho's hangar. He has spoken with Mr. Mulholland, who owns the property Pancho lived on, and he disputed the claim that the house had been given to the Chamber several years ago.

TMTM: Karen Caillier reported that the bills have been paid and the grounds are being improved. The porch railing has been repaired and painted and shrubs and trees have been trimmed or cut down. Karen listed several things that need to be improved inside and outside the museum. People want to donate time, skills, and materials but want to receive tax credit for it. She requested that the museum be allowed to apply for a 501(c)3. Jaime replied that the work has been recognized and the idea of separation was discussed in the Directors' Meeting. Randy explained that in order to not pay property tax, CoC needs to remain as an umbrella of both museums, but that they could each maintain a separate identity as a nonprofit but remain in a supporting role to the Chamber.

Jaime made the motion to allow the Twenty Mule Team Museum to apply for a 501(c)3 that would allow them to remain financially separate but still a support to the Chamber. A lease agreement will follow. Anthony seconded, and the motion carried. Everyone agreed that the understanding is that the buildings and grounds belong to the Chamber.

Financial Report: Tammy passed out the report and there were no comments, corrections, or questions.

Events Committee:

Anthony submitted the final report for Twenty Mule Team Days and a bill for \$774 to repay him for

the permits, etc. he paid for.

Thanksgiving: Anthony reported that things are moving fast with receiving donations for the Thanksgiving Dinner. The turkeys have all been donated, along with other supplies and help.

Christmas: The theme for the parade is "Winter Wonderland". Anthony would like to invite Community Groups to decorate a section of the Museum Grounds.

Old Business

Waldo brought up having TMTD downtown and Anthony said he would like to have a separate event downtown. Waldo suggested "Aerospace Days".

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM.

Shelley Keller-Gage

Secretary, Boron Chamber of Commerce