

Hyattville Community Services Association and Cowboy Carnival Committee

Board Meeting and Committee Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. Those Board Members present were John Johnson, Dave Greer, Kevin Negus, Jenny Mercer, and Philip Caines. Special guests were Loretta Hyatt and daughter, Teresa Brown, and Tom Delaney and John Joyce of the Big Horn Rural Electric Board of Directors. There were also around 11 community members present.

Kevin noted the passing of Milton Hyatt and offered the Board's condolences to Loretta and her family. At that time, Tom Delaney made a few remarks about Milton. He noted that Milton had done a lot for the REC and rural electric companies all over Wyoming. He also mentioned how much Milton cared about his constituents when he served on the REC Board and how much he cared about agriculture and Hyattville. He then presented Kevin with a donation from REC in Milton's name for \$3,000 to be used for HCC expenses. Loretta and Teresa thanked Tom and Kevin thanked them for coming. Phil asked them if they have anything specific in mind they would like the donation money and memorial money to go towards. Teresa replied to use it however we needed it, and Loretta expressed her wish to see the HCC and the community continue to be viable. Linda suggested that the Board consider investing in a P.A./speaker system, since she has noticed at some meetings in the large rooms you cannot hear over the heaters or if the speaker is soft-spoken. John Joyce suggested a plaque of some sort be made and displayed at HCC in honor of Milton. Some stories were shared about Milton and pictures were taken.

Kevin mentioned the historical marker and Dave wondered if we could get some signs put up to point folks to it from the highway. Jenny suggested the best place would be on the power pole by the alley leading to HCC. John Joyce offered to bring it to the REC Board if this was permissible. Dave also suggested one be placed on top of the hill to direct folks that may not drive through town. The item was tabled until more information could be obtained.

Treasurer's Report: Philip passed out the year-end financial summary to those present. He mentioned that if anyone had any questions about specifics, they could contact him. He also noted that we did better on Cowboy Carnival fundraising last year, but costs were also up, so the net income for last year is about the same as the year previous.

Grant Update: Philip noted that the Final Construction Plans were sent to the State for approval on February 4th. He expects the final approval process to take two weeks, and the Grant Committee anticipates hiring an asbestos contractor right away when the approval is given. Bids for other construction projects will be solicited before Cowboy Carnival, but he doesn't anticipate any actual construction to take place until after it is over. We can still meet all the building code items with the current Plans and grant amount, and the Grant Committee is actively seeking other grants for handicap access items and other "wish list" items.

Building Maintenance Report: John said there has been a lot of snow to remove from the roof. He had asked for help to remove it after the last storm, and a lot of folks showed up to help him on the scheduled day. He mentioned that there has been an issue with the heat being left on in the gym several times. Kevin had suggested via e-mail that a timer could be installed to turn it off. The Board agreed that this is a good idea and John said he would look into getting one.

New Business: Linda mentioned that American National Bank wanted to do a dinner on the 20th and wondered if the cooker that Casey Greer is building would be available. Dave suggested that she tell them to bring their own just in case Casey's wasn't available.

In a later e-mail discussion, 500 gallons of propane was ordered from V-1 to fill the tanks.

The Board Meeting then adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

The Cowboy Carnival Committee Meeting started immediately.

Jess Tharp, Chair and General Manager, mentioned that Bobby Herman has offered to run the Auction again this year. She noted that American National Bank has pledged \$1,000 to be a sponsor for an entertainment event at CC, and also offered some volunteers to help with the gate. Jenny mentioned that she has contacted the Ringling 5, a comedy/musical group, to see if they would come, and she will try to line them up next week. Several folks said they have seen the group perform and really enjoyed them. Jenny said they focus on ranching/agriculture humor so would fit right in with the event.

Linda had a suggestion for the auction. She noted that the auction for the Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts sells raffle type tickets for a gun that is to given away right after the auction is over. The people who purchase tickets must be present to win, and she said this keeps a lot of folks around for the whole auction. Her suggestion was briefly discussed and noted by the Committee.

Jess mentioned that the Photo Contest doesn't have a volunteer to run it. Kevin said Eva would help with it, but would like someone else to run it. Jess is going to ask several people, but if anyone is interested, please contact her.

Peg Johnson said she would do bingo again. She also mentioned that several people asked her last year where the book sale was. She suggested there be another book sale this year since there was interest in it. Ann Joyce volunteered to run this event. Kevin mentioned that the History Committee could advertise for their book in conjunction with the book sale event.

Rene offered to run the horseshoe event again. Jill Tharp and her Dad, Chauncey, offered to run the dog trials. She said that this year, the event will be a general "ranch dog" event with very few rules and the handler is allowed to help their dog, just like they do at home. Anyone can enter.

Linda asked that anyone in charge of an event contact her right away so she can post the information and any changes on the website.

It was noted that the food ran out last year, so folks are needed to bring a salad. Casey said he will provide the meat and beans if the community can help with salads. A coordinator for this will be chosen by the next meeting.

Bobby will send out a list of donors and those Committee members that need to contact them in the next few weeks.

Dave said he is considering adding a miniature chuck wagon race to the horse race event and will keep the committee posted on this.

It was noted that \$10 per individual/\$25 per immediate family was charged last year and the Committee felt this should stay the same.

Jess noted that she will get a Cheyenne Frontier Days donor prize package again.

She also noted that she needs an estimated budget from each event person right away and she would like the next meeting to be on March 14th at 7:00 in conjunction with the HCC Board Meeting again.

The meeting was then adjourned at 8:07 p.m.