

Hells Canyon Chamber of Commerce

Minutes for Meeting of August 2, 2022

Held at Cornucopia Coffee House, Halfway, Oregon • 1:05-2:50pm

Present: Becky Kaaen, Tami Waldron, Bill Schuhle, Whitey Bloom, and Melody Huff

Treasurer's Report – Lauri presented the finance report with Becky inquiring as to whether the monthly expenditures for web site maintenance were staying within our requested parameters and it appears that they are. U.S. Bank has started charging us a monthly \$8.00 “maintenance fee” which Lauri will question.

Car & Quilt Show – Melody said Seth Brown would like to do a concert at next year's show. A way would be needed to charge \$10/person for the show. A “donations” option was also discussed.

Quilt Block Trail – Bill relayed that Dona Schmitt had called him to point out that three of the quilt block street addresses on the Chamber web site were incorrect. Since Bill recently got permissions and access to edit the web site, he went ahead and fixed them right away. Becky said there will likely be a number of blocks added to the trail next year. Bill said the Lions did not mount their block where they had said they would, so he has placed a sign at that location directing visitors them to the actual location on the south end of the picnic shelter.

Hells Canyon Food & Drink “Menu” – Becky said that (the inevitable) changes have been made to the menu for further distribution.

Lions Club Auction – Bill said that the 4th of July auction took in over \$4,000 for the club with something like \$80 in “breakfast” items being sold as well. It will likely become an annual event as it had been many years ago.

4th of July Celebration – Whitey said he'd like to see one or two really large firings included in the displays. It was pointed out that they are expensive and that our insurance for the event is already \$1,900(!). The folks who go to pick up the fireworks also asked if they might get help with fuel costs for next year.

Increased Fairgrounds Utilization – Becky wondered in what other ways the Pine Valley Fairgrounds could be utilized, both for additional income and for general opportunities for folks to get together. Melody suggested bringing country music acts to the Fairgrounds. There was discussion of the need to replace the aging small stage on the Fairgrounds.

TLT – Becky said that the Jr. Rodeo has received a TLT grant and this month our Halfway Fair & Rodeo will be applying for one. TLT is becoming more aware of the County as a whole – rather than just Baker City – at least in part because of Becky's presence at their meetings and her working with them which we very much appreciate.

(Bill's recording ended here, so any further discussions were lost. My apologies. – B.S.)

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:45pm. Our next meeting will be October 4th.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Schuhle, Secretary