

Odessa Chamber of Commerce

Minutes of Meeting held April 8, 2008

The April 8th, 2008 Odessa Chamber meeting was held at the Rolling Thunder Saloon. The minutes were read from the previous meeting, and there was not Treasurer's Report. A correction was noted on the March 25th minutes, regarding Norm Ott's motion to run a "Welcome Stumpjumpers" ad in the paper. Norm's original motion included verbiage in the ad with the dates of Deutschesfest.

Don Strebeck gave an update regarding the beer garden the Chamber sponsored during the Stumpjumpers weekend. Don stated that the net income was not confirmed but he guessed that the Chamber netted a couple of hundred dollars and that he was told that the Stumpjumpers would be giving the Chamber a donation as well. He also mentioned that attendance on Saturday night was up from the previous year, however if the Chamber decided to do the tent again next year, more help would be needed. A brief conversation then followed regarding the slim profit of the event and if there was a way to decrease expenses in order to increase the profit margin.

Ron Costlow then gave a short update on the ORV committee stating that the County would be having an open hearing regarding the ordinances on Monday, April 21st.

President Jerry Schafer than asked Biergarten chairman Steve Braun to give an update on the preparations of Fest. Steve commented that he has been in contact with Mike Wren regarding security and that there would be more of a presence this year from the Lincoln County Deputies. He also noted that the German Beer has been ordered from Odom.

The website was then brought up and it was then noted that the website would need someone to look at the site and tell Tom what would need to be updated, changed, and so forth. A contact person would also be needed for people to give the updated information to. Chris Brandkamp offered to get together with Tom to get information on the site and would give an update at the next meeting.

Peggy Tracy gave a brief update on the Float, saying that it was getting closer to completion. Jerry commented that the donation request letters were about ready to get to the Post Office.

The meeting was then adjourned.