

## **Odessa Chamber of Commerce**

### **Minutes of Meeting held January 8, 2008**

The January 8, 2008 Odessa Chamber meeting was held at the Rolling Thunder Saloon. The flag salute was followed by the minutes from the previous meeting. There was not a Treasure's Report.

First topic of discussion was regarding the \$5,000.00 pledge to the Lion's Club's purchase of the Festplatz lot. Several members voiced their frustration on the lack of information that was received regarding the purchase, along with the fact that such a large donation was pledged at the same meeting that it was introduced. After much conversation on whether or not to rescind the vote, it was decided to table the matter until the next meeting when the Lion's Club would have more information.

The discussion then turned to the Chamber's policy on voting procedures for higher dollar amounts. Todd King made a motion to add a bylaw stating that anything outside of the normal budget that is over \$1,000.00, can not be voted on at the meeting it is presented, but instead should be voted on at the next scheduled meeting. H.P. Carstensen seconded this motion, and the motion carried. Due to the Chamber's current bylaws, the addition of new bylaws can not be incorporated until the next meeting, and therefore this change will not become effective until the January 22, 2008 meeting.

President Jerry Schafer then reminded the group that elections for new officers would take place at the January 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. A nomination committee consisting of Tom Clavel, Norm Ott, and Becky Maddock was formed and they will present their nominations at the next meeting.

Tom Clavel announced that he does not have enough time to manage the website for the Chamber and recommended that the Chamber go with a professional service. Mark Barglof suggested that those individuals with proposals out to the Chamber for the website give presentations to enable a better perspective of the different proposals. John Strohmaier will contact committee chair Chris Brandkamp for a presentation at the next meeting.

Tom Schafer then spoke to the members about the beer tent at the Stumpjumper event. He suggested that the Chamber talk to Wes King and Jerry Allen about releasing the small portion of the ground in which the tent will be located on out of the Stumpjumper lease so that the Chambers insurance expense is not as high. John Strohmaier will speak to both Wes and Jerry about this possibility and Don Strebeck will follow up with Kathy Taylor at Schmidt Insurance regarding the insurance options.

The meeting was then adjourned.