

Odessa Chamber of Commerce

Minutes of Meeting held June 10th, 2008

The June 10th, 2008 Odessa Chamber meeting was held at the Rolling Thunder Saloon. The minutes were read from the previous meeting, and there was no Treasurer's Report.

President Jerry Schafer revisited the conversation from the previous meeting regarding the Fest tables and whether or not the Chamber should have a more formal policy in place for those who wanted to rent the tables. It was again mentioned that the most difficult aspect of having a formal policy would be the time involved for the person in charge of renting the tables. It was suggested that a donation be asked for instead of a set fee, with possibly a damage deposit requested as well. It was also suggested that perhaps 25 tables be set aside for the purpose of community member use. This would give the Chamber an idea if there were any problems with the tables not being returned and in what condition the tables were being returned in. It would also give the Chamber some control over the tables, while not involving much man power. Chris Brandkamp asked why the formal policy with a set fee was being pursued: Is it a question of money to repair the tables, or is it a question of a shortage of tables? After much debate, Norm Ott suggested that perhaps the Board should make a decision on whether or not a formal policy should be adopted.

Jerry then mentioned that Joel Kretz, who is running for reelection for State Representative of District 7 will be at the next Chamber meeting and there is also a possibility that Dino Rossi, who is running for Governor and Cathy McMorris, who is running for reelection to Congress, could be there as well.