

Odessa Chamber of Commerce

Minutes of Board meeting held March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009

The March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Odessa Chamber Board meeting was held at the Chamber office.

Members present for the March 17<sup>th</sup> board meeting are as follows:

President Jerry Schafer, President-Elect Ed Hayden, Vice President-Elect Scotty Ossman, Secretary Aimee McKay, Treasurer Melissa Schafer, Board Member Steve Braun, Board Member-Elect Vickie Iverson, Board Member-Elect Justin Parr.

The first topic of conversation was regarding the change in meeting location. It was decided that if the location did change, the new location would need to be free of charge. The Old Town Hall was then again discussed for its more professional atmosphere. After a quick conversation with the Town it was discovered that the Chamber could use this location free of charge with the only stipulations being that a schedule of the meetings be provided and that the Chamber would clean up after the meetings. It was voted on and passed to move the location to the Old Town Hall.

President Jerry Schafer announced that the White Knuckle motor cross would be held on March 28<sup>th</sup>, with over 200 riders expected. Jerry suggested that the Chamber charge spectators to watch the event as a fund raiser.

President-Elect Ed Hayden spoke about the regional chamber meetings that he planned to participate in. The May 6<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held in Ritzville, with Odessa on the schedule to host at some point as well.

The Odessa float was the next discussion topic. The float committee was looking for a firm dollar amount that the Chamber would be willing to spend on the project. After much discussion it was decided to pay for expenses up to \$3,500.00. Justin made a motion to go with this dollar amount, Scotty seconded the motion, and the motion carried. There were also some ideas to help the float raise more funds, should the need arise.

The meeting was adjourned.