

## **Odessa Chamber of Commerce**

### **Minutes of Meeting held September 25, 2007**

The September 25th, 2007 Odessa Chamber meeting was held at Chief's Bar and Grill. The flag salute was followed by the minutes from the previous meeting.

President Jerry Schafer announced that due to several outstanding Fest bills, a full report on income and expenses will be given on the October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Jerry praised the Fest committee for an excellent job done for this year's festival. Scotty Bacon was also thanked for her work in bringing the well received petting zoo to Fest.

It was noted that the number of campers and motor homes around the ball park seemed to be down, however there were still a large number on the streets and elsewhere. There were some concerns on the amount of the fee to camp in the ball park, however others thought the fee was reasonable.

The issue of if Deutschesfest is German enough was also addressed as were some complaints regarding the difficulty of finding scheduled events. It was suggested to send questionnaires to visitors on how Deutschesfest can be improved in future years. Mark Vlk reported that the Paint Ball did alright, however many visitors weren't aware that it was even going on. He also mentioned that probably 90% of his participants were from the Spokane area.

Audrey Beck spoke on behalf of the Junior Livestock 4-H club, which sponsors Christmas Fest. Audrey requested door prizes from the Chamber. Todd King moved giving \$90 for gift boxes, which was seconded and approved. Audrey also asked that local businesses let her know if there were any specials or promotions during Christmas Fest that could be announced during the day.

Rebecca Maddock asked the Chamber to continue their donation of \$400 for the Friends of the Pool Halloween Carnival. The funds are used for prizes and games during the carnival. June Powers made the motion to again donate the \$400, which was seconded and approved.

John Strohmaier reported on behalf of the tree committee. Jim Gies, who is donating the funds for the trees, is hoping to have the project completed this year. It was decided that the committee has the authority to make the discussions regarding the trees, with input from local business owners.

Mark Vlk announced that the Lincoln paintball was going to have a free Halloween party for children ages 2-6. There will be free admission and the children will be free to play on the inflatable barriers with smoke machines and disco lights.

Jerry reminded everyone that the logo for Fest is a trademark and approval is needed to use it. He also spoke about the White Knuckles Endurance Race on October 20<sup>th</sup>. The Chamber will be sponsoring a spaghetti feed that evening which will be held in the Seed-Rite building.

The Meeting was then adjourned.