



## **General Membership Meeting February 23, 2009**

A meeting of the Sidney Jaycees General Membership was convened at Western Nebraska Community College at 7:06 p.m. Board members present were President Klark Byrd and Vice Presidents: Gayle Tropp, David Fritz, Krystle Byrd. Also present were: PR Director Kevin Pierce and Chairman of the Board Ken Steffens. Board members absent were: Vice Presidents: Dalan Hiett, Mandi Raffelson, Audrey Matthes, Tom Deal and Amber Walker.

Introductions were held in which new attending members Jennifer Kepler, Tyler Bailey, Rhonda Merryfield and Gina Hawkins were introduced.

There were no additions to the agenda. Rhonda Merryfield made a motion and Krystal Betts seconded that, "we approve the agenda for the Feb. 23 general membership meeting." Votes: All Yeas.

PR Director Pierce made a motion, VP Byrd seconded that, "we approve the minutes of the Feb. 9 general membership meeting." Votes: All Yeas.

Due to the absence of VP Raffelson, the Treasurer's Report was not given at this meeting.

Due to the absence of VP Matthes and Raffelson, there was no discussion on upcoming membership dues.

Chairman Steffens mentioned two prospects for potential Jaycee membership. PR Director Pierce said he also had a prospect and that he would talk some more to her.

Discussion was held on the upcoming project Super Shooters. VP Fritz said the event will be held March 7 at the Cheyenne County Community Center from 10 a.m to 12 p.m. Fritz asked that anyone wishing to help host the event show up a half hour early for preparations. Several members have already volunteered their assistance.

There was no update on Shooter's Education. The possibility exists that the event will not be held this year.

Chairman Steffens updated the membership on the upcoming event Club Nights. He informed the membership that the Sidney City Council had granted a full liquor license to the Jaycees so that more than just beer can be served at Friday night's Adult Club Night. Steffens asked that anyone wishing to help show up an hour early for preparations. The doors are scheduled to open at 8 p.m. on Friday. The crew of Adult Club Night will stay a little later to help clean up for Teen Club Night on the following evening. A massive clean up event is scheduled for 11 a.m. Sunday morning in which the clean-up crews will be treated to Pizza and Drinks on the Jaycees.

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Chairman Steffens updated the membership on the upcoming event Putt Putt Bar Crawl. Registration for the event is ending on Feb. 28 and there will not be any late entrees allowed for any reason. The event is scheduled for March 28. The Jaycee manning the hole that morning must approve it for the bar or the hole will be skipped. Steffens said there was already three teams from Scottsbluff and 20 from Sidney signed up for the event.

Discussion was held on the upcoming Reverse Raffle event. VP Hiatt has stated that he is willing to help out the chairperson for the event this year since he chaired it last year. PR Director Pierce said he was thinking about chairing the event. A chairperson must be found soon so the event can go on as scheduled.

Discussion was held on the upcoming event Golf Tourney. VP Tropp said the process for getting the event started has begun and that we are trying to reach a party to discuss when the event will be held.

Discussion was held on the Haunted Hotel. This year the crew has started working early in order to transform the Haunted Hotel experience for Sidney. Justin Jallen said the lobby was almost done and the members were working on making the walls bleed. He said there is a lot of work to be done and the chairperson for the event, VP Deal, is meeting with helpers on Saturdays to work on the event.

President Byrd informed the membership that the new Web site was active. He asked that the membership consider allowing membership minutes posted on the Web site for allowing absent members to catch up.

VP Fritz made a motion, VP Byrd seconded that, "the approved minutes of each meeting be posted to the Web site." Votes: All Yeas.

The minutes are available under the Newsletter tab.

Byrd also discussed needing board member biography's and photos for the Web site as well as a 2009 Board of Directors group photo to replace the space holder of last year's boards photo.

PR Director Pierce asked that any articles for the newsletter be turned in to him by March 3 for a March 6 publication of the "In The Know" newsletter.

Discussion was held on radio and newspaper coverage of the Sidney Jaycees. Chairman Steffens said he had been on the radio for several days on the morning program Swap Shop discussing the upcoming projects. Radio Ads for Club Night were also scheduled to begin playing Feb. 24. President Byrd said he was going to write an article on the wrap up of registration for the Putt Putt Bar Crawl.

Discussion was held on the proposition to have Disc Golf equipment purchased by the Ladies Chamber and rented from the Cheyenne County Community Center. President Byrd said he had spoken with Mike Namuth, director of the center, and that Namuth's only concern was space. The general feeling from the membership was to continue to explore having the equipment rented from the center.

President Byrd passed around his Chairperson's Planning Guide for an Individual Development

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Class on CPR that would give Jaycee members and community members a chance at being CPR certified. He said he had spoken with an instructor would do the class at a reduced cost for the Jaycee's. The cost is that if non-members balance the number of members who attend the class, the Jaycee's would not have any cost in the class as non-member's would pay a small fee and members would attend for free.

President Byrd said he had spent time concentrating on the CPR class and had not been able to work on setting up an Individual Tax Class. He said he would work on that in the next two weeks, if possible.

No discussion was held on the Sidney Jaycees Foundation Application to attain 501(c)3 status for donations as VP Hiatt was absent.

President Byrd discussed an offer on the table for the Jaycees to have a new home. Many board members were unable to attend an open house and Chairman Steffens asked that the item be tabled until more board members were allowed to see it. He said he wanted Rob Kuhns to look at plumbing before the home would be considered. Byrd reminded the group that the Jaycee's were on a time schedule due to incorporation papers needing filed with the Secretary of State.

No update was given on the Pony Express as VP Hiatt was absent.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.