



**General Membership Meeting Minutes  
February 9, 2009**

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

There were no additions to the agenda. VP Fritz made a motion that "we approve the agenda for the Feb. 9 meeting." VP Byrd seconded. All present: Yeas.

VP Raffelson made a motion that "we approve the minutes of the 1/26 meeting." VP Fritz seconded. All present: Yeas.

The Treasurer's report was given by VP Raffelson as follows:

General Account: \$2,233.26

Earmarked Items:

Toys For Tots: \$1,873.67

Disc Golf: \$1,380.66

Membership Dues: \$760.00

Pony Express: \$303.00

Haunted Hotel: \$235.00

Batting Cage: \$2,000

TOTAL: \$8,785.59

Shooter's Ed Account: \$3,206.67

Flex CD Certificate: \$2,040.16

12 or 15 Month Certificate: \$594.55

Discussion was held regarding those members which are currently due for renewal of memberships and Raffelson commented that letters were going out to current members asking for payment of dues or return of form indicating the events they will assist with in lieu of dues.

President Byrd reported that Radio Days went well and a total of \$2,010 was raised from solicitation on local businesses. The Jaycees will get to keep half of the proceeds with the rest going to KSID for payment on the ads. A number of members also promoted Radio Days during the week by going on air and talking about the Jaycees.

David Fritz reported on Super Shooters. Two dates are currently being considered. They are 2/21 and 3/7. Fritz asked for assistance from other Jaycees to make the event successful.

Shooters Ed is normally headed up by Greg Brekel. Brekel will be contacted regarding the status of the program this year.

Ken Steffens gave an update on plans for the upcoming Club Nights to raise money for the organization. The Club Night for adults will be on 2/27 and the kids version will be on 2/28. Both events were well attended last year. It was also noted there will be a \$1 charge for the kids event this year. The organization will also secure a full liquor license this year pending approval from city council. The idea is to serve beer, shooters, margaritas and other basic mixed drinks at the adult event. Jaycees are asked to provide as much help as possible during set-up, execution and clean-up on these two events.

Steffens also gave an update on the Putt Putt Bar Crawl. The event will be somewhat different this year in the fact that there will be a shortened stroke limit on each of the holes which will make the process move faster and each hole will need to be approved by the Jaycees prior to play. The Sidney Elks will host the event this year and will serve basic bar food.

Limited discussion was held on the Reverse Raffle. It was discussed that the event should be held in April and could be a fundraiser for the Pony Express Monument project. The group will work to find a chairperson and VP Hiatt would be willing to help after chairing the event last year.

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Tom Deal reported on the progress of the Haunted Hotel. They will be working to clean-up the space above Miller Office Products and remove the hay bales and corn stalks as they have attracted mice to the area. The group will work on Saturdays to get the area cleaned up and prepped for this year's event which may have a hospital or mental institution theme this year.

President Byrd gave the group a sneak-peak at the changes he's made to the website to give it more of a professional feel. The newsletter, application for membership and events calendar are just a few of the items included in the website re-design.

Discussion was held on a couple of Community and ID projects. They include a CPR class taught by Jason Teeters and the possibility of an individual tax class. Details soon on the status of these projects as more details are finalized.

President Byrd reported that we may have a new home for the organization pending board approval. The board will plan to visit the potential site on Thursday evening at 5pm pending availability with the building's owner. Paperwork for incorporation will need to be updated and sent to the state. We will need to include our permanent location for meetings with this information.

VP Hielt updated the group on the Pony Express Monument project. AutoCAD drawings have been completed and Judy Miller from Cabela's is working on an artist's rendition of the finished project. In addition, Hielt will meet with Cabela's COO Brian Linneman to discuss options for the transfer of the land and iron out any details relating to concerns Linneman has about the project.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.