



Sidney Jaycees
Membership Meeting
January 26, 2009

A meeting of the membership of the Sidney Jaycees was convened at 7:10pm at the offices of the Sidney Sun-Telegraph. The change of venue was brought upon by the closure of Western Nebraska Community College due to inclement weather. Present were: President Klark Byrd and Vice Presidents: David Fritz, Tom Deal, Dalan Hiatt and Audry Matthes. Also present were: President's Assistant Krystle Byrd, Chairman of the Board Ken Steffens, PR Director Kevin Pierce and Patrick Drake. Board members absent were: Vice Presidents: Gayle Tropp, Mandi Raffelson and Amber Walker. Advance notice of the meeting was e-mailed by Mandi Raffelson. All proceedings shown hereafter were taken while the meeting was convened.

Following introductions, Hiatt requested an addition to the agenda addressing the Pony Express project. Fritz motioned to approve the agenda as amended and Hiatt seconded. Fritz then motioned to approve the minutes of the January 12 meeting. The motion was seconded by Pierce. No Treasurer's report was presented.

The group discussed membership and the new structure for recruiting and maintaining members. The new structure will allow for "paper members" that pay their dues to belong to the organization, but act more as silent members. Active members will be given the option to pay dues or sign up for at least two events during the course of the year in which to work in lieu of dues. Byrd expressed his desire to weed out those that don't participate in an effort to have a more productive group and spend less time trying to contact and work with those that don't want to be active members.

Byrd said that he would begin working on selling advertisements to support our group for the Radio Days promotion during Jaycees Week. Pierce said that he would be available to assist with the effort if needed.

Fritz discussed the upcoming Super Shooters competition which is an annual event for the organization. Last year's participation was disappointing and Fritz would like to see more publicity for the events including flyers at the local schools to encourage more participation. It was discussed that Perhaps Gayle Tropp could assist with the design on flyers.

Shooters Education was briefly discussed and Greg Brekel would be contacted to get his thoughts on continuing with the program in Sidney.

Club Nights will be held on February 27-28 at the Sidney American Legion Hall. The Adult Club Night will include alcoholic beverages and will be held on Friday February 27. The Jaycees will officially ask for the special liquor license designation at the February 10 Sidney City Council Meeting. The Teen Club Night will be held on Saturday, February 28. Ken Steffens will assume responsibility for the liquor license on behalf of the Jaycees.

Work has been done to improve the Sidney Jaycees website. Raffelson updated the application and it is now available on the website for prospective members. A handout was also developed with includes the application and upcoming events and other news about the group. Byrd expressed a STRONG desire to remove the Dumb and Dumber music from the website but to this point has not been able to isolate the track to remove it from the home page.

A proclamation will be read by Byrd at the January 27 Sidney City Council Meeting. The proclamation is to draw awareness to Jaycees Week February 2-8. All members and board members were encouraged to attend the Tuesday meeting at City Hall.

Deal informed the contingent that preparations for the Haunted Hotel would be begin the weekend of January 31 and February 1 with an initial meeting.

Steffens discussed preparations for the 2nd Annual Putt Putt Bar Crawl event. Steffens has put together the informational packet and sign-up sheet. Steffens said there was a lot of interest in the event and some changes will be made to streamline the event and make it even more successful that last year. The Sidney Elks was discussed as a possibility for the host site for the event.

Hiatt discussed the progress on the Pony Express project. Jim Pelster finished the CAD drawings outlining the technical aspects of the project. Judy Miller, a local artist, is working on an artist's vision of the finished project. Continuing discussions with Cabela's to finalize the location are taking place and fundraising efforts will hopefully be able to begin soon. With the finalized plans and drawing, efforts to obtain grants can now begin as well. A meeting will be scheduled soon with the Pony Express Committee to discuss the next step in the process.

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM.