

DMCO Minutes

5/19/12

George , acting chair, called the meeting to order at 8:30am.

New Member Cards: Judy Gray passed out new member cards. If members forget their cards that are used in voting, a blank blue card is available to use.

50/50 Jackpot Drawing will be held at 10:00. DMCO made \$146; winner will receive \$73. Elaine told members that the winner of the jackpot should not give the winnings back to DMCO; it should be considered a prize to be enjoyed by the winner.

Meeting Length: George discussed trying to keep keeping each meeting to a reasonable length of time. However, we're a young organization with many things to do, many items to discuss.

Treasurer's Report: Sandy Specht, secretary, presented the treasurer's report. We have \$1533.55 in the back account. \$948 is allocated to in the general operating fund. Sandy said that the cow purchase refund checks will be written and dispersed once our bank checks arrive this week. In total \$301 will be returned to members; \$201 was the profit on the cow purchase. \$25 was used for membership to Sunflower Health Foods in Westcliffe. Gwen, chair of the Health Foods committee said that the \$4.58 in that committee's budget would be kept as a slush fund to cover future overages. The first DMCO Flea Market brought \$267.55 which includes the sale table. Baked goods sold earned \$92. Becky's barn quilt earned \$25. Earnings does not include the 50/50 raffle. Money designated for the Building Fund goes into the Building Fund. Sandy requested a DMCO stamp to be used on back of checks. It should cost about \$10. Members voted and the decision was passed unopposed. George motioned to approve the treasurer's report; Elaine seconded it. Members voted and the report was approved unopposed. Please see addition to treasurer's report at end of these minutes.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: George read the minutes of the last meeting. Gwen moved to correct that AVA check should be quarterly. Lee Ann seconded. Members voted and the corrected minutes were passed unopposed.

Update from the Building Committee: Ken Barton of the Building Committee reported on the committee's progress in looking for land. He suggested that we need to inform our neighbors and get them involved and get their support. There are several possible prospects: Richard Kelly's Sterling Homes property, Gene Brickman's property, and Fremont County property at the Y. Elaine is checking into the possibility of leasing the Y property [at Copper Gulch and Road Gulch] from the county for a dollar. This property measures approximately 2.75 acres. Fremont County has leased out land for other non-profits and it is not at all unreasonable for DMCO to take our proposal to the county. Commissioner Ed Norden saw no problem in taking it to the county. Cheryl Fellows asked about the Y being a school bus stop. George said we would not interfere with that and our center could then become a safe haven for kids while waiting during inclement weather. Lee Ann suggested that this would be an asset for DMCO since the Y is a busy corner. Gwen asked that if land is leased for 99 years could we be assured that the building would remain a community center for that time span?

Elaine asked that we vote to move forward in pursuing this endeavor with the county. Members voted that we move forward; Elaine also passed around an interest sheet for members to sign. This evidence of community support and interest in procuring the Y property would strengthen our position in meeting again with Ed Norton.

We discussed a situation in Illinois in which county property granted to community was recalled. Gene Brickman asked if a 99 year lease would increase from one year to the next. Elaine said Penrose was able to procure a lease for a dollar. She also stated that the county is favorable to a community center and we would be sure that the lease doesn't increase.

Barb Barton inquired into the possibility that the lease might include an option to buy.

Gene Brickman inquired about 17 acres owned by the Odd Fellows across from the fire house. He suggested that they might be more than happy to donate that property.

George motioned that we move forward in securing a property and follow up on every lead. Cheryl second the motion and the members voted. The motion was passed unopposed.

Update on Membership Phone Contacts: Keeping members informed by phone and email is a key concern. Becky has volunteered to get a phone call list to keep members without internet access informed of DMCO events. Elaine is taking care of email contacts.

Gwen informed us that we can only adopt a County road for clean up and that clean up can take place 4 times a year.

Update on Shrimp Project: Gwen gave the members an update on the shrimp project. Most people who signed up were more interested in the Alabama shrimp. The more people order, the less the shipping cost. The shrimp is harvested in September. She would collect for the shrimp in August.

Update on Health Food Project: Gwen called a meeting at her house on Sunday at 4:00 for those interested in ordering from the health food catalogue. The next health food order goes in June 4th.

Update on Nobel/Sysco Project: Truman said there were a few snags in the Nobel/Sysco food project as it is necessary to have credit and open an account with them.

Update on Go Cart Raffle: The go-cart raffle ticket will be \$5.00 and the raffle will run for about 4 months. We'll need to sell at least 100 tickets to make \$500. Ken suggested that we make flyers with pictures of the go-cart and post them in Westcliffe and Canon City. Elaine moved that we go ahead with the go cart raffle. Ken seconded that motion. Members voted and it was passed unopposed.

Report on Road Clean-up: Becky gave us an update on the Copper Gulch cleanup for August 11th from 8am until 12pm. Glen Vista POA will also assist. We will get orange bags from the county. After the clean up a pot luck will be held for all the volunteers at Linda Schuff's dad's house on Tumbleweed.

Report on Next Fundraisers: Elaine presented information about our t-shirt fundraiser and all possible color and logo options. Once 25 orders are in there will be no fee for the silk screening. Also if you sold 10 t-shirts, you might get a free t-shirt. This aspect of the fundraiser was not voted on.

Members voted and it was passed unopposed that members will be able to purchase t-shirts for \$12; non members, for \$15. We will order t-shirts in the color of our choice with logo on front and/or back.

Members also voted and the logo will say Deer Mountain Community.

George explained another fundraiser, the Honey Do Auction which will take place in August. George moved and Becky seconded that we go forward with this fundraiser. Members voted and it was passed unopposed. Patti Myers will make contacts to solicit talents for the auction.

Fourth of July Festivities: Becky reported on our 4th of July fun day plan from 11:30 to 3:30. The Odd Fellows Encampment may be available but she won't know for sure until June 10th. Rob, Lee Ann's husband, has a grill and has offered to grill meat that people bring. If the Odd Fellows site is unavailable, we will use the Wendy Drive site as an alternative. If we have to use the Wendy Drive site, we may have to use Darlene's port a potty or rent one.

Lee Ann motioned that we proceed with these plans. Elaine seconded it. The members voted and it was passed unopposed.

Regarding the 70/30 Split of Money: Elaine suggested that we wait until Sandy has a chance to review our expenditures and until Linda returns to discuss her idea with the members. Lee Ann motioned that we table this discussion; Becky seconded it. The members voted and it was passed unopposed.

50/50 Jackpot Winner: Barb Barton was the lucky winner of the \$73 50/50 jackpot. Congratulations to Barb!

New Business: Gwen needs an idea of how many pounds of shrimp to order. She also suggested that anything handed out during a meeting be attached to the minutes to be archived. Gwen made the motion; Lee Ann seconded it. The members voted and it was passed unopposed.

Sandy said she is waiting to hear about liability insurance costs.

Becky showed the members one of the bulletin boards that would be installed at mail box clusters. Plastic sleeves should be used so that notices could be placed inside to protect them from rain/snow.

Mary moved to change our meeting start time to 9:00 o'clock. Gwen seconded it. It was passed unopposed.

Our next meeting is June 16th at 9:00 a.m. at the Oslin's barn.

ADDITION TO TREASURER'S REPORT:

Total amount in bank checking account is \$1533.55 as of 5/19/12; the General Operating Fund is \$948.43 of which \$850 will be needed for the 501(c)3 filing with the Internal Revenue Service (probably won't happen until sometime early next year per Elaine). The only amount spent as of 5/19/12 from the General Operating Fund was \$20 with the State of Colorado for the Articles of Incorporation filing fee.

As of 5/19/12 the Food Co-op Fund had a balance of \$498.50 of which \$312 will be repaid to purchasers resulting in a profit of \$201 for the Wholey Cow Project; a donation was received for \$2.50; the Olive Oil Group Buy resulted in a profit of \$8; \$25 was used for the Sunflower Health Foods membership. (I'm not sure where the \$4.58 figure came from as there was actually \$186.50 in the Food Co-op Fund.)

As of 5/19/12 the Land and Building Fund is \$136.62; the AVA Special Gaming Bingo Fund is \$-50 (paid to AVA for 1/2 of annual special gaming bingo fee). Profits from raffles will be realized quarterly.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Dmyterko
Substituting for Patty Funk