

Deer Mountain Community Organization
Minutes
Saturday, January 19, 2013
1726 F Path, Cotopaxi, CO 81223

After all enjoyed a wonderful fundraising brunch organized by Becky Girdler, Rob Adams introduced himself as our new chairperson and called the meeting to order at 10:30am. He announced that a 50/50 raffle would not be held at this meeting or at the February meeting because we are busy serving meals, but will be held again at the March meeting. He announced that a quorum of members was present.

Membership Renewals: Jayne Oslin reminded us that the first batch of membership renewals is coming up in March, and read the names of those who need to renew their memberships and receive new membership cards in March. Your membership card shows your membership expiration date.

Treasurer's Report: Sandi Specht distributed copies of the 2012 year-end treasurer's report and the budget for 2013 and discussion followed. LeeAnn Adams made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, David Fischer seconded the motion, and it passed by a vote of 21, none opposed. Elaine Foster made a motion to accept the 2013 budget, Bill Baker seconded the motion, and it passed by a vote of 23, none opposed. Discussed was whether to adjust the split for fundraising funds. Currently 70% goes to our general fund and 30% goes to our land/building fund. No action was taken.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: Approval of the minutes of the November 2012 meeting was tabled as they were not available. LeeAnn Adams made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 15th special meeting, Linda Schuff seconded the motion, and it passed by a vote of 24, none opposed.

D&O Insurance: Gwen Hoffnagle has begun collecting additional bids for directors and officers insurance coverage and will have bids to discuss at the next meeting.

Land and Building Committee Report: Elaine Foster reported that closing on the property at 02995 Copper Gulch Rd. had been scheduled for yesterday, 1/18/13, but the appraisal came in low (and late and more expensive than we had hoped), requiring rethinking of the loan amount. A group of members met with Erick Miller at High Country Bank on 1/14/13 to discuss options and he agreed to ask the appraiser to reconsider certain aspects of the appraisal. We are waiting for the appraiser's response.

Housing an AVA Ambulance at Our Property: Elaine Foster proposed that we house one of the Arkansas Valley Ambulance's (AVA) ambulances in the smaller garage on the property once we close. AVA doesn't have a permanent location for it, and because they need to use electricity to keep the ambulance warm, they would pay for that electricity. Many expressed that it would be a great community service to provide this space at no cost to AVA other than the electric bill. AVA members collaborate with us to run raffles so this would also be a nice way to return the favor. Chip Foster explained that the potential lease amount would be a tax deduction for DMCO. Pending further information from Elaine Foster about which organization would be liable for potential losses related to the arrangement, LeeAnn Adams made a motion to offer the space to AVA for their ambulance, David Fischer seconded the motion, and it passed with a vote of 21, none opposed.

BLM Burning Projects: Rob Adams announced that the BLM will be burning slash piles in the area over the next two to three months. Linda Schuff, who is a dispatcher for the fire district, said that we

should not hesitate to call the fire department at 942-4444 if we see smoke, even if we think it could be from one of these projects, as we're better safe than sorry.

Articles of Incorporation Update: Gwen Hoffnagle announced that we need to update our corporate registration with the state to reflect the change in leadership for 2013. There is a \$5 - \$10 fee. LeeAnn Adams made a motion that we approve payment for this update and consider it a recurring expense approved for all future years without further votes of the membership, Dave Fischer seconded the motion, and it passed with a vote of 24, none opposed.

Sales Tax License: Gwen Hoffnagle proposed that we apply for a sales tax license, as it is believed that we should collect sales tax for certain of our sales such as t-shirts. She will look into whether we are required to collect sales tax for donated items, collective-purchase items such as meat, and fundraising items such as coupon books. The state charges a \$50 deposit to be refunded when we have paid \$50 in collected sales tax, an \$8 fee for the license for 2013, and \$16 to renew the license every two years after that. Bill Baker made a motion that we pay \$58 for the deposit and sales tax license and consider the \$16 renewal fee a recurring expense approved for all future years without further votes of the membership, Elaine Foster seconded the motion, and it passed with a vote of 23, none opposed.

Cowboy Church Fundraising Dinner Report: Gwen Hoffnagle reported that the church gave us permission to sell donated items at the dinner. Minimum bids for three items – a buffalo skull, a print, and an original watercolor painting – were discussed and an informal vote decided they will be sold via silent auction. Becky Girdler went over some of the details regarding plans for the dinner.

Chili's Breakfast Fundraiser Report: Becky Girdler reported that 100 tickets have been printed, and we need to sell 200 in order for Chili's to proceed with plans. Members were asked to pick up tickets and sell them, and to record who they are sold to in case we don't sell enough and have to refund buyers. Once we have 100 tickets sold, we will print additional tickets. The breakfast is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children for all you can eat. It's from 7:00am to 10:00am, Saturday, March 2nd at Chili's in Cañon City.

Lunch Fundraiser at February's Meeting: Becky Girdler announced that we will be serving a soup lunch after the February 16 meeting.

Coupon Book Fundraiser: Becky Girdler explained our next fundraising project which is a coupon book that we will sell for \$15 that will offer discounts and free items at local businesses. We hope to collect 101 coupon offers. It will cost \$5.25 to print each book, so our profit will be \$9.75 per book. Jayne Oslin made a motion that we proceed with this plan and that we mix restaurant offers with offers from other businesses in the same coupon book rather than creating two different books, Bill Baker seconded the motion, and it passed with a vote of 22, none opposed.

Collective Purchase of Beef: Becky Girdler showed us rib-eye steaks available from Scanga's in Salida that we can sell for \$5 each. Rob Adams has prices from a local butcher shop of \$2,500 for a 1000 lb. cow and \$2,000 for an 800 lb. cow, butchered and packaged. At 46% yield that would be \$5.45 per pound, 40% of which would be burger and the rest steaks and roasts. These are high-altitude, grass-fed, grain finished cows that will ready in June or July. Be thinking about whether you want to purchase this beef so we can make the decision to order a cow at the appropriate time.

Audit Committee: Gwen Hoffnagle reported that the Steering Committee accepted herself, Jayne Oslin, and Barb Sarkis to form the annual temporary audit committee to audit our books and report back to the organization. She asked for further volunteers and Bill Baker volunteered.

NEW BUSINESS

T-shirt Sales: LeeAnn Adams is in charge of t-shirt sales. She has two available right now: an XL forest green shirt with a small logo on the front and a large logo on the back, and an L red shirt (same logo pattern). They are \$12 for members and \$15 for non-members. Contact LeeAnn to get in on the next order.

Order at Meetings: Jim Oslin asked that we maintain order during meetings because we cannot hear what people are saying when we talk over one another.

Honey-Do Auction Extended Offer: Bill Baker extended his Honey-Do Auction item, offering to donate gunsmithing to anyone who needs it, with proceeds going to DMCO – anything from a \$5 gun cleaning on up.

Honey-Do Auction for March: Becky Girdler announced that we will hold another Honey-Do Auction at the March meeting.

Child Care Needed: Tracy Clark, a new participant who recently moved to our neighborhood, needs someone to provide child care. Please contact her with recommendations.

Need for General Info Flyer: Betty Warner requested that a flyer be prepared with general information about DMCO to hand to people who would like to learn about us but don't use the internet.

Play Dirty ATV Tour Guides Needed: Jackie Tripp from Play Dirty ATV Tours in Texas Creek needs people-oriented guides for the coming ATV season. Call 269-3733.

Raffle Items Needed: Becky Girdler asked us to search out possible items to raffle this year. They should be on a par with the go-cart and quilts we raffled last year.

Furniture Needed: Elaine Foster announced that AVA needs some basic furniture for the building in Texas Creek that AVA plans to rent beginning next week. Please contact her at 942-3423 if you anything to donate.

Ron Adams welcomed all ideas and opinions for the organization and adjourned the meeting at 12:00am.

Respectfully submitted by



Gwen E. Hoffnagle, Member substituting for Secretary Patty Funk