Hells Canyon Chamber of Commerce Minutes for Meeting of April 2, 2019

Held at Pine Valley Lodge ● Halfway, Oregon • 1:10-1:55pm

Present: Pres. Becky Kaaen; Vice-Pres. Tami Waldron; Sec. Bill Schuhle; Lisa Steele, Shelly Wilson

Minutes of Last Meeting

February's minutes had been recently emailed to the group and a number of the items discussed were reviewed.

Finance Report

Lauri was out of town, so no finance report was offered at this meeting.

Old Business

New Coffee Shop to Open: Shelly Wilson's new enterprise will be called The Cornucopia Coffee House and will be opening on May 1st serving, in addition to coffees, treats (including gluten-free) and ice cream. Hours will be 8am–3pm Tues.–Sat.

4th of July/Junior Rodeo: The Junior Rodeo will be held on Sat. & Sun. July 6 & 7. Though no longer responsible for putting on the fireworks display, the Chamber will still be hosting on the 4th of July pie auction, helping sponsor the live music, and assisting the Fair Association in whatever way we can to make the 4th a great event.

New Business

PEEF Talent Show: In Lauri's absence, we could not get a definitive report on the financial results of the PEEF Talent Show fundraiser, but Bill indicated that it was a full house with good sound and lots of good performances.

Preschool Fundraiser: Becky reported that the Preschool has discontinued its running event fundraiser in Hells Canyon and instead will this year be holding a Buffalo Raffle.

Summer Farmers' Market: Bill indicated that there had been a planning meeting for folks interested in vending at Halfway Whimsical's Saturday farmers' market which was such a success last summer and that there were a number of enthusiastic producers in attendance. He had been asked about the possibility of the group placing a summer-long sign on or near our large welcome sign at the Hwy. 86 turnoff to let people know about the weekly market. The consensus was that an A-frame sign – possibly with balloons – placed there on the days that the market was operating should be no problem, but not a season-long permanent installation.

Knife Sharpening: Bill said that Rick Kruger, who had done knife sharpening at last summer's farmers' market was not going to do so this year. He pointed out that Tom Hayden does knife sharpening and there is a drop box at Old Pine Market to get your work to Tom.

Clear Creek Music Festival: Becky shared that the classical-oriented Clear Creek Music Festival (and school) will be back in Halfway for its ninth season July 8-21.

China Delegation: Becky also shared that her church was going to be hosting a delegation of visitors from China for the week of July 16-23.

Membership Mailing Work Session: Due to some of the materials for the mailing not being available, the planned work session was forgone and the work will be completed when possible.

Special May Meeting: Though our next regular meeting is scheduled for June 4th, it was decided that a May meeting to get a good head-start on planning for the 4th of July and Junior Rodeo would be in order, so...

Our next meeting will be on May 7th, 1:00pm at the Pine Valley Lodge.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55pm.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Schuhle, Secretary