

Limon Chamber of Commerce
Board Meeting
April 1, 2025

Called to order at 6 pm.

Present: Jake Herrera, Alison Arnold, Teresa Bauman, Sara Lancaster, Joy Johnson, Jess Castle, John Dennison plus Chamber Administrator Katie Zipperer. Plus, guest Jason Bandy.

1. Jason Bandy spoke about the Cal Ripkin Babe Ruth Baseball Tournament July 3rd - 7th in Limon and Hugo.
 - a. Players are ages 8 – 18.
 - b. There will be more games in Hugo this year than last year.
 - c. Stats from 2024 tournament:
 - i. McDonalds did \$8,000.
 - ii. Loaf and Jug in Hugo did \$4,000.
 - iii. Oscars did \$6,000 in just food.
 - iv. Other businesses didn't give figures but said they had a spike.
 - v. 237 hotel rooms were rented.
 - d. This will be the last year Limon hosts the tournament as the organization wants to move the tournament around.
 - e. They will start playing games on Thursday all day.
 - f. Opening ceremonies will be Friday evening at the football field with no time set yet. Ceremonies will be combined with a BBQ dinner. Meal is free to players and their families and \$5 to everyone else. Since American Legion will be selling concessions at the same time, entities will possibly work together. Alison will take it to the Legion for a vote on April 9th.
 - g. They had 25 teams last year and will have 34 or more this year.
 - h. They will have a small softball tournament of four teams.
 - i. April Hollowell will be asked to sing the national anthem at the fireworks.
 - j. Jason will hold the 5k in the morning.
 - k. Jake asked Jason to come up with a schedule for the 4th. He will.
2. Recreation Department's Banner Project
 - i. For baseball and softball field fencing.
 - ii. Cost is \$300.
 - iii. Banners are 4 x 6 ft.
 - iv. Banners will be up for the baseball and softball seasons, March - October.
 - v. Jason has sold 30 banners already.
 - vi. He figures he can hang 54 at the baseball field.
 - vii. He will sell the Chamber a banner for \$150.
 - viii. Money raised will go toward recreation projects.

3. Sara made a motion to buy a banner for \$150, Jess seconded, approved by vote.
4. July 4th Celebration
 - a. Joy said she only has four or five vendors. She will send out a second email.
 - b. Limon Area Fire District has had all the training that Joe required.
 - c. Jake will contact the tourism board asking for an answer to our request for money for fireworks.
5. Easter Egg Hust
 - a. Alison said she is ready with baskets and candy donations.
 - b. She will take Aspen Leaf their eggs the week of the 7th.
 - c. Carla will pick up her eggs the week of the 7th.
6. Car Show
 - a. No one has called John to volunteer to be on the Car Show Committee.
 - b. John will once again pay for the DJ.
 - c. John asked Katie for a list of who normally sponsors, the prizes they sponsor and who has already paid.
 - d. Someone asked Sara if we could use a high school group from Hugo to volunteer.
 - i. We could use them for water.
7. Shred It
 - a. We need to get contact info from James. Jake will ask Craig if he has anything.
 - b. Joy questioned if James scheduled the event with Shred It. No one knows.
8. Katie will resend the membership list of non-paying businesses out to the board.
9. Joy asked if anyone has talked to the restaurant who bought Ruby's if they want a ribbon cutting. Many responded that no one is ever on location.
10. Sara quickly figured that we need \$30,000 a year to pay bills.
11. Sara made a motion to approve Katie's March time of 20 hours, Alison seconded, approved by vote.

Adjourned at 7:28 pm.