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## Anthony Chamber of Commerce

### Board of Directors Minutes

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May 20, 2009

A regular meeting of the Anthony Chamber of Commerce was held on May 20, 2009, at Smokehouse Café & Supper Club. Board of Directors present was Bryant Anderson, Karen Younce, Lori Allen, J.D. Hays and Gwen Warner. Absent was Judy Brummer, Ron Poor, Vicky Knapic and Tim Gates. Also present was Jean Barber.

President Bryant Anderson called the meeting to order at 12:17 p.m. Minutes of the previous meeting of April 12, 2009 were presented and approved, with one minor correction, by motion from J.D. Hays, seconded by Karen Younce. Motion Carried.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Retail Report** – Karen Younce reported that the retail committee met yesterday morning and quite a bit of time was spent on the Christmas Promo. Christmas promotion will re-use the “Wishes come true” theme we used a couple of years ago, with some small changes. As a reminder, shoppers filled out wish lists in stores so those shopping for them could have some suggestions. Each store drew a name at the end of the promotion and gave away a gift from the winner’s list. Details to yet be worked out. The sidewalk sale will be held in October with the October Fest. The committee also discussed the traffic lights on Main Street and the Horse and Dog Races.
- **Sunflower Balloon Fest Update** – Jean Barber reported that 15 balloons attended the balloon fest. Thirteen (13) of the fifteen (15) participated by either flying, glowing or tethering. Seventeen (17) received rides, 160 tethered rides were given in the POW balloon and about 40 children tethered in the other balloon. We had no Sidewalk Chalk Art so we will not do this again. The parade was fantastic, the Asphalt Cowboyz was drew a large crowd, the Paper Airplane Contest was very successful and attendance was poor for the Kite Flying Adventure. All the other events were successful and the vendors all reported good sales.
- **Harper County 4<sup>th</sup> of July Update** – Gwen reported that the 4<sup>th</sup> July Committee is busy planning activities for the upcoming celebration. Friday evening the Goons will play at the lake. Saturday plans include a scavenger hunt, inflatables, fireworks, fun run, Float Your Boat Contest, hot dog contest, fishing derby, horseshoe contest, Ded Bette and the Chikaskia River Boys for entertainment plus drawings for some nice prizes.

### NEW BUSINESS

- 1) **Review April Financial** – The board reviewed the April financial.
- 2) **Corporate Tax Return** – Gwen reported that we had received an extension for our 2008 tax return.
- 3) **Removal of Traffic Lights of Main Street** – The board discussed KDOT’s request of considering the removal of the Main Street traffic lights. All were in agreement that this would not be in the best interest of Anthony. Contact will be made with the mayor to let her know of our concerns.

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- 4) **Anthony Downs Horse & Dog Races** - The board discussed possible ways to help support the Horse and Dog Races this year. Karen Younce said that the Retail Committee also discussed with Sharyl Davis possible ways to support the races as the businesses have always done in the past. Many ideas were discussed and we will invite Dan Bird to the next meeting. All agreed that if they ask for help we would do what we can to help.

A motion was made by Karen Younce, seconded, by Lori Allen to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:16 p.m.

**Minutes respectfully submitted by Gwen Warner, Executive Director.**

***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

- ❑ The next board meeting is June 3, 2009 at noon at the Smokehouse Café & Supper Club
- ❑ City Wide Garage Sale is June 6, 2009.
- ❑ The next retail meeting is June 16, 2009 at the Chamber office at 8:30 a.m.
- ❑ Anthony Downs Races is scheduled for July 10-11-12 & July 17-18-19.