



General Membership Meeting MINUTES Thursday, March 31st at Noon at GN Lodge Room

- Present: Ashley Stuart, Sharon Kindle, Marko Manoukian, Mark Kunze, Khris Kuehn, Gary Howell, Bruce Christofferson, Bill Hicks, Shyla Jones, Van Savage, Lary Poulton, Jake Stuart, Ward VanWichen.
- **Call to Order & Welcome:** President Mark Kunze
- **Review Minutes/Financial Transactions:** Review/approve minutes from January 28th, 2016 and financial transactions as presented; motion to approve by Jake Stuart with second by Manoukian and motion passed.
- **Administrative Report and Project Updates:**
 - **Meetings/Conferences**
 - Bear Paw Development Annual Meeting- Ashley attended, Bear Paw has a great new promotional video. Ashley Stuart is an At Large board member.
 - Missouri River Country- Outdoor Writers Convention coming through Malta July 19, 2016. Feature the Ft Peck dam. Have asked PhillCo to help host the evening meal at the GN, Ashley agreed.

-SBDC Conference – Havre, Ashley attended and it was a great conference.

-MEDA 2016 Spring Conference – Butte, MT April 20th -22nd

Poulton moved to allow the executive director to attend this convention -\$80 registration and perhaps only one night lodging, second by Manoukian and motion passed.

- **Grants:** Malta Chamber/City **Awarded \$2,500** Triangle Connected Community Challenge – Ashley is a member of the Stakeholder Committee –update

The grant is progressing; \$1,500 of the grant going toward Technology Fair, \$1000 going towards adult education classes in the Fall, partnering with Malta High School and could qualify for college credit.

- **Triangle Business Boost Website Incentive**-applied for \$125 Award, if awarded, the Triangle logo would be put on the bottom of webpage

This will encourage regular updates be performed. Both Chamber and Phillco applied.

- **MEDA Return Celebration & MT Department of Commerce Office of Tourism and Business Development Training** - recap;

Overall success, well attended evening meeting and following day seminar. Ideas were presented and exchanged with attendees and various presenters with the MOTBD and the MDT.

- **Malta Parks & Recreation**- board member – update

Laura Pankratz is president; will make the baseball dugouts/parks a priority and host two soccer clinics in April. Future plans are to make the former skating rink by canal into a non-motorized BMX arena and/or skateboard park.

- **Ag Day Booth** – promoted new website, Facebook page, Chamber Community Calendar PhillCo shares and Adult Education Courses; great feedback by community

- **Old Business/Ongoing Business:**

- **MBIDD:** Former Malta Airport Cleanup Update- Marko

-Quonset leak fixed by–Fuzz Carnahan Construction/electrical issues- Spencer Electric, reported work is complete.

Two-part clean up: remove contaminated earth and reseed. It is hoped there will be “Life after Clean-up”.

- **Website Launch** - press release in PCN and joint email press release with Malta Chamber to economic development organizations and Chambers across the state as well as local organizations and tourism groups.
- **PhillCo Bylaw Amendments** – Review Draft for approval at Annual Meeting

These will be discussed and voted on at annual meeting April 14, 2016.

- **New Business:**

- **Phillips County Community Education Classes - Small Business Spring Series**
-PhillCo Sponsor meal- \$55.00 for 15-20 people includes sandwiches, mac salad, fruit and cheese tray, chips.

VanWichen moved to allow Phillco to pay for the meals for the April and May workshops at \$55 per event with second by Kindle and motion passed.

Two Class Series w/SBDC- Joe LaPlante teaching and PhillCo and Chamber facilitating and to continue series next Fall – Partnering with MHS and Kelly McCann

- **Annual Meeting – April 14th at GN Lodge Room** - 6:30 Social w/appetizers, 7:00 Annual Meeting, 7:30 guest speaker, **Lesley Robinson**
 - Certificates of Recognition: New Business, New Ownership, Business Expansion
- **Next Meeting: May 26th** at noon @ GN Lodge Room
- **Other** – Ashley asked for approval to send a letter of support to the Malta Irrigation District, Poulton moved, second by Manoukian.

- **WHAT'S NEW IN AND AROUND PHILLIPS COUNTY:**

- **Phillips County- Cardiac Ready Community** – what this means and plans for community education around the county

VanWichen did presentation on “Lucas”; a unit provided by a Hemsley grant; hospital and ambulance each have a unit. It is an automatic compressor system for someone who is having a heart attack.

Measures the number of compressions and rests for the patient.

- **Jason Mitchell Outdoors** – coming to Malta/Nelson Reservoir in May for a fishing tour with Malta Walleye’s members.

- **Adjourn;** Poulton moved to adjourn with second by Kindle and meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by
Sharon Kindle, Secretary