

CTC Minutes  
November 19, 2015  
Location: City Hall Recreation Conference Room

Members Present:

Kaytlyn Berry  
Matt Guthrie  
Randy Just  
Kaye Laudner  
Steve Reynolds  
Rod Seel  
Jen Cook  
Molly Denton

Members Absent:

Mike Bhatt  
Natalie Donges  
Jean Plummer  
John Pyle  
Andrea VanAuken

Minutes from July 2015 and September 2015 were approved. Steve moves the motion, Randy seconds the motion.

**RECAP OF RECENT EVENTS**

The El Dorado Fall Festival occurred on September 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>. For the first year of combining these events and despite the cold & windy conditions Friday at Oktoberfest, it was overall a success! The Oktoberfest attendance numbers were up from 2014 and the addition of a kid's 1K race was a big hit. One downside was that Willie's had specials on beer and a lot of people went there when it got cold outside and could still hear the live music. Suggestions for next year's Oktoberfest: find out cost to have event in large tent and hire a Polka Band. Next year's Fall Festival weekend will be September 30<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>.

El Dorado hosted the SCKTR Annual Meeting October 14<sup>th</sup> at the Dilly Deli meeting space. The group toured Beyond Napa and the new Walnut River Brewery as well as other downtown shops. Next year, El Dorado will host again and will try to have it at Walter's Pumpkin Patch (approx. date 10/12/16).

The 2015 TIAK Conference was in Wichita on October 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>. Jen and Molly both attended (as well as Randy and Natalie). Lots of great speakers and networking opportunities. Jen is now a member of the TIAK Board and is also the new Treasurer for SportsKS!

The Partner's met along with their Board Members on September 14<sup>th</sup> and again on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. These meetings were requested by the Commission for the Partner's to discuss their duties and find any overlaps. The final report will be presented by the 4 directors at the Commission meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Jen recently traveled to Fort Dodge, IA for the NJCAA Cross Country Championships. El Dorado won the bid to host the CC Championships in November 2016! In Fort Dodge there were 697 participants plus coaches and spectators. The race will be held at the Prairie Trails Golf Course and the banquet dinner will be held at the BCC Welcome Center. This event has the potential to come back to El Dorado every 3 years. Jen also has an upcoming site visit with Bryce Rodderick from the NJCAA at BG Stadium to discuss the possibility of hosting the 2018 or 2019 Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

## **UPCOMING 2015 EVENTS**

The Holiday Bazaar! will be held on Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at Community Farmers' Market Building. We have 29 vendors signed up and will have free hot cocoa for everyone, a holiday photo booth and music playing. We wanted to have an event during the "off season" to showcase the building.

The director of Parks and Rec, Kevin Wishart, will be presenting the Parks & Rec Master Plan on December 1<sup>st</sup> at 12:00 at the Train Depot. The Main Street, Chamber and El Dorado Inc. Board Members, as well as anyone from the public is invited to attend.

## **FUTURE 2016 EVENTS**

There are so many events coming up for 2016. Here is a brief list:

- Valley Falls Rural Leaders Retreat – January 12-14, 2016
- Kansas Sampler in Winfield: May 6-8, 2016
- Lantern Festival: (tentative date June 18, 2016)
- AAU Track (Date TBD)
- 3v3 Live (Date TBD)
- Drums Across Kansas: July 18, 2016
- NJCAA Div. 1 Cross Country Championship – November 12, 2016
  - WILL NEED LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS!

## **UPDATED BED TAX NUMBERS**

An updated spreadsheet of Bed Tax Numbers has been provided. Overall, numbers have improved and the last four months have been higher than 2014 and so far 7 of the 9 months reported have had higher numbers than 2014. Days Inn numbers are not reflected or available yet. The new Days Inn is doing very well and has been fully booked lately.

## **MEMBER OPEN FORUM**

The Old Fashioned Christmas Parade will be Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. followed by an Old Fashioned Christmas at the Museum at the Kansas Oil Museum. BrewCo. will also have live music and hot cocoa from 5-7 p.m. that night.

It was suggested that we have a Spring Festival in April or May. Possibly tie it into the new El Dorado Half Marathon on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and have live music downtown, "Beats in the Streets".

Another new idea for a Kayak, Bicycle and Kayak race, "Ky, Bi, Ky".

A new shooting range has gone through its final approval at the Lake. Also, there has been discussion for a large concert at the Lake Amphitheater during the last weekend in July. Similar to the Country Stampede in Manhattan, KS. Possibility of bringing in 10,000 people.

The next meeting will be January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. at the Dilly Deli meeting space.