

**KEEP ABILENE BEAUTIFUL
BOARD MEETING
March 7, 2012
Outback Steakhouse**

OFFICERS PRESENT

Stephanie Kraly, President
Ray Grothaus, President Elect

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Martin Garcia
Sarah Kieschnick
Corey Ruff
E'Lisa Smetana
Carolyn Cockerell
Tara Castille

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Rob Bigham
Doug Hodel

ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT

Theresa James
Brent McClellan
Megan Santee
Jon James

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Darah Waldrip
Mary Ann Martin

GUESTS PRESENT:

Michael Stewart
Makea Smith
Eric Mallet
Terry Kraly

Item I: **Call to Order.** Stephanie Kraly, President, called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Item II: **Approval of Minutes.** Board meeting minutes from the February 1, 2012 meeting were presented to the Board for their approval. Minutes were reviewed and motion was made to approve the minutes with the correction of the operating account balance to \$35,935.95 (a difference of \$160) by E'Lisa Smetana and seconded by Ray Grothaus and through a show of hands the motion passed unanimously.

Item III: **Treasurer's Report.** Stephanie Kraly presented an updated Treasurer's report for October through January and an updated Master budget. The starting balance for the operating

year was incorrect and Stephanie has gone back through and corrected the budget and treasurer's reports so that they would reflect accurate numbers. Discussion was held regarding the reports and budget. Ray Grothaus made a motion to approve the amendment to the balances on the reports and budget and seconded by Corey Ruff and through a show of hands the motion passed unanimously. E'Lisa Smetana made a motion to approve the January Financials, seconded by Ray Grothaus, and through a show of hands the motion passed unanimously.

General Operating Account	Checks Written/Cost	Deposits
Balance as of 01/01/2012		
\$34,898.79		
General Operating Account		
Balance as of 02/01/2012		
\$ 37,303.35		

Item IV: Action Items:

- A. Discussion and Possible Approval of Chamber of Commerce Annual Dues -**
 Discussion was held on the possibility of canceling the chamber membership since we will not be hosting a Business After Hours. The Motion was made to continue paying the dues and maintain our membership by E'Lisa Smetana and seconded by Martin Garcia and through a show of hands the motion passed unanimously.

- B. Discussion and Possible Approval to accept Board Member Resignations -** DeDe Morris has resigned as secretary. Motion was made by Martin Garcia to accept DeDe's resignation and seconded by Ray Grothaus and through a show of hands the motion passed unanimously. Malcolm Bramlett has resigned as Treasurer. Motion was made by Ray Grothaus to accept Malcolm's resignation and seconded by Martin Garcia and through a show of hands the motion passed unanimously.

- C. Nomination and Election of Treasurer -** No nominations or volunteers for this position.

- D. Nomination and Election of Secretary -** E'Lisa Smetana was nominated as Secretary by Ray Grothaus. Motion was made to elect E'Lisa Smetana as secretary by Ray Grothaus and seconded by Martin Garcia and through a show of hands the motion passed unanimously.

- E. Discussion and Possible Approval of Davis Kinard and Company to complete an audit for 2008-2009, 2009-2010, and 2010-2011 years for the amount of \$1800 -**
 Stephanie Kraly informed the board that we are having to conduct a financial audit since the audit has never been done. She also informed the board that the City of Abilene has suspended the funds they donate from the aluminum can recycling. Discussion was held on possibly changing our by-laws to remove the audit requirement and only require a financial statement. Theresa James provided input as to why the City has suspended the funds and what will be required to be awarded that

- donation back. Motion was made by Ray Grothaus to approve the funds for the audit, seconded by E'Lisa Smetana and through a show of hands the motion passed unanimously.
- F. Discussion and Possible Approval of \$500 to pay for a live remote and advertising from Cumulus Broadcasting for the TX Trash Off** - Discussion was held on this topic and the importance of the advertising needed for this event. Motion was made by E'Lisa Smetana to approve the funds, seconded by Corey Ruff and through a show of hands the motion passed unanimously.
- G. Discussion and Possible Approval for participation at the Dyess Big Country Air Fest** - Discussion was held regarding past participation in this event and the decision of should we participate this year. Stephanie Kraly talked about the value of the booth location that KAB gets at the air show when they donate the waste services. Nicole Eaves presented the cost that the board will have to pay for the 4 roll-offs requested by Dyess and Ray Grothaus confirmed that the disposal can be considered as part of the 12 that Republic Services donates to KAB. The amount needed to be donated by the board is \$483 for the additional containers. Martin Garcia made the motion to approve the funds, Corey Ruff seconded and through a show of hands the motion passed with one member Sara Kieschnick voting in opposition.

Item V: Non-Action Items:

- A. Coordinator's Reports** - Nicole Eaves, KAB coordinator
Nicole Eaves discussed the need for a Board Retreat for training purposes. The retreat will be held on March 24th from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. at the Hendrick Home for Children.

Discussion was held on the need to purchase more KAB T-shirts. At least twelve shirts would need to be purchased to receive the price of \$10.80 each. E'Lisa Smetana stated that perhaps the Board members could pay for their own and general agreement was voiced. Nicole Eaves asked for the Board members to get with her on shirt sizes and how many each wanted.

Discussion was held on the "Don't Mess With Texas Trash-Off" to be held on April 14, 2012 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nicole Eaves talked about the sponsors for the event, the billboards that would be paid for by the City of Abilene's Stormwater Services Division, and the need for volunteers to make this event successful. E'Lisa Smetana brought up the need for the Board members to be at the event and support this effort.

Next meeting - Nicole Eaves talked about the possibility of meeting at the City of Abilene's Basement Conference room for the next meeting. The Board members agreed to try this location for the next meeting with a brown bag lunch suggested.

- B. Committee Reports** – Stephanie Kraly asked for any committee reports. The awards committee has awards due at the end of the month.

C. Community Partners Reports - Mary Ann Martin discussed the Janet Parkey Memorial Environmental School Awards that she had received and she provided those to Nicole Eaves. Mary Ann also discussed the Recycling Program at the schools and the Project Redirectory information.

Darah Waldrip discussed the TxDOT Adopt-a-Highway groups and that she had 100 contracts up for renewal. She sent out notices to those groups and is hoping for a good response to participate in the “Don’t Mess with Texas Trash-Off”. Darah stated that TxDOT wants to partner with KAB on this Trash-Off event and could provide some Don’t Mess with Texas keychains and other small give-away items for the event.

Item VI: Adjournment – With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:14 p.m. Next meeting will be held April 4, 2012 at 12:00 noon at Abilene City Hall in the Basement Conference Room.

Raymond Grothaus, Secretary

Stephanie Kraly, President