

**MINUTES OF THE
KEEP ABILENE BEAUTIFUL BOARD RETREAT
July 24, 2013
Betty Roses – 1055 N. Judge Ely Blvd.**

OFFICERS PRESENT

Ray Grothaus, President
Corey Ruff, President - Elect
David Harwell, Treasurer

OFFICERS ABSENT

E'Lisa Smetana, Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Doug Hodel
Martin Garcia
Eric Mallet
Shane Johnson
Elyse Lewis
Scott Kilmer

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

John Weir
Charles Mitchell
Stephanie Kraly

KEEP ABILENE BEAUTIFUL STAFF

Nicole Eaves, KAB Coordinator

ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT

None

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

None

GUESTS PRESENT

None

Item I: **Call to Order.** Ray Grothaus, President, called the meeting to order at 4:12 p.m. Sign-in sheet was passed and a quorum was established.

Item II: **Getting to know KAB's purpose, mission, and goals.** Mrs. Eaves read through the board's history, purpose, mission, focus areas and board member requirements from the bylaws. Discussion was held on these topics.

Item III: **Activity Calendar.** Mrs. Eaves covered annual events with the board. General discussion was held on what the events are and when they take place. The board was asked to think on what they would like to see added for the 2013-2014 year. Feedback will be provided over the next several weeks.

Mr. Mallet provided the board with a list of activities that he would like to see them consider. He walked them through the different items including: Recycling skits or presentations in the school and childcare centers, a concert and cleanup rally, meet and greets at the recycling drop-off sites, It's Our Community Business Luncheon, to create an identity for businesses to buy into, beauty of the month pictures, a high school scholarship, and an annual dinner. General discussion was held over these ideas and feedback will be provided over the next several weeks. The board requested Mrs. Eaves to place an action item on the next agenda to approve funds for board nametags.

Item IV: Breakout Groups:

Awards. Mrs. Eaves handed out a copy of the current business and school awards available. Discussion was held over creating a committee to address the current awards. Ms. Smetana, Mr. Grothaus, and Mr. Martin will serve on this committee.

Grants. Mrs. Eaves handed out a copy of the grants available through the Community Foundation of Abilene. Discussion was held to write one for the items needed to allow us to coordinate litter free events. The second award is for youth and children and we would like to request funds to put together a recycling team to present skits to our youth. Mrs. Eaves will pull the information together and seek board feedback before submitting.

Fundraisers. Mrs. Eaves updated the group on the fun run. Dyess AFB's 7th Munitions Squadron has agreed to co-sponsor the event with KAB. The fun run committee will meet on Wednesday, July 31st, 2013 and will invite contacts from Dyess to the planning meeting.

Item V: Adjournment – With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m. The next meeting will be held on August 7, 2013 at 12 noon in the Abilene City Hall in the Basement Conference Room.

E'Lisa Smetana, Secretary

Ray Grothaus, President