



BURMA Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2010

The meeting was held at The Steer Steakhouse and called to order by the president Sharyn Coker.

9 Attending: Sharyn Coker – Whimsical Treasures
Angela Errett – Angelic Designs
Jerry Henderson – A Governor’s Inn
Nancy Shobe – Caleb’s Closet
Debbie Huber – Wendy’s
Paul & Anne Sterneman – Faith Lodge

Guests: Officer Stewart and Officer Gissy

Call to Order:

Guest Speakers:

Officer Stewart

- Buckhannon Police Dept will be doing a new program for children
- Bike Patrol will start in April with three certified officers
- New Mobile Crime Scene Lab in service. No tax dollars were used. Dept. was able to secure money through Grants. Lab cleared 9 felony cases.
- 2,112 arrests in 2009
- 77% Clearance rate – solved cases
- Misdemeanors are down. Drug busts are at 52% and Felonies are up with 119 in 2009.
- Officer Stewart is the new Investigator for the Buckhannon Police Dept.
- Working to have a contact list for businesses and/or owners so police can contact them after hours or during emergencies, etc. One would be kept at the 911 Center and one at the Com Center.
- Robbery Program is already established and is always open to suggestions from businesses.
- Police Dept. answered 5,962 calls in 2009
- Response times were improved due to officers having cruisers a home.

Officer Gissy

- Secured funding to start a new self protection program
- Will have 4 certified instructors
- Information will be made available to the Senior Center, WVWC, Business Groups, etc.
- Classes could be held at Stockert or other suggested locations
- Working to have classes 2-3 times a week if possible

- Looking to start classes in the Spring
- Classes will be FREE to the public
- Class sizes will be around 15 people

BURMA thanked both officers for doing a great job with the Blue Card Notification program. Members discussed how the response time has improved because officers are able to leave directly to the scene in a cruiser and commended the Police Dept. for making them available for use.

Jerry suggested the Dept. consider placing a Blue Light Phone location on Main Street for emergencies downtown.

Motion made by Jerry asking the Buckhannon Police Department to make BURMA aware of any assistance needed on equipment for the program and would like the 1st available date for BURMA members to attend. Nancy seconded. Motion Approved.

The minutes from January 14, 2010 meeting were e-mailed for review. Stand approved as read.

Treasury Report

Current Balance is	\$2,113.59
Progressive Bank	\$2,076.96
Petty Cash	\$36.63

Treasury report for February stands approved as presented.

Old Business:

Ex. Board for 2010

- Call for slate vote of nominees suggested by the Nominating Committee
- Slate: Sharyn Coker, President; Emma Lue Marsh, Vice President; Nancy Shobe, Secretary/Treasurer (until bylaws are finalized)

Motion made by Jerry: On behalf of the Nominating Committee move to accept the nominations as given. Angela seconded. Call – all attending voted in the affirmative and Hometown Market, The Sign Guy, and Classic Elements submitted votes by fax.

Under New Business

WVSF Pageants

- Queen/Teen Queen Pageant – March 13, 2010
- Jr. Royalty – April 17, 2010
- Open discussion on the BURMA Basket Promo
- Past years have shown no benefit for merchants.
- Have CVB schedule the “Welcome Banner” downtown
- Festival has not attended lately to discuss projects

Motion was made to not do the BURMA Basket Promo for the Queen/Teen Queen Pageant due to lack of participation/time available for the contestants families to shop downtown made by Angela. Jerry seconded. Motion approved.

Committee Reports:

- Tour Maps
 - Contact Sharyn at 304-472-5186 if you need any
- Eye on Business
 - Bruce Henderson has walked 4 trips and Sharyn Coker has walked daily.

Announcements:

- Vote in March if BURMA would like to be in Souvenir Program
- Wendy's will be undertaking a major remodeling during after-hours so please Pardon Our Mess. Looking to donate table and chairs. If interested contact Debbie Huber.
- BURMA will be looking into purchasing full version of QuickBooks software

Upcoming Events:

7th Annual Culinary Classic Weekend – Feb. 12-13, 2010 – Stonewall Resort, Roanoke
Valentine's Day – Feb. 14, 2010
Presidents Day – Feb. 15, 2010
Orange & Black Weekend – Feb.20, 2010 - WVWC

Adjournment:

The next regular meeting will be on March 4, 2010 with the location to be determined. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.