

Board of Directors
DESERT SPRINGS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, DIRECTOR'S MEETING, FEBRUARY 28, 1959.

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order on February 28th, 1959 by President Max Kipf at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Goulet.

The minutes of the Board of Director's meeting of January 24th were read and approved.

A letter was read from the Public Utilities stating that our reservoir should be covered and filled by March 1st, 1959.

Another late letter is in our files from the Forestry service covering fire regulations.

The Chamber of Commerce balance in the bank as of February 28, 1959 was reported as \$ 95.76 and it was suggested that Mr. Arthur Cline be appointed to serve under Mr. Killian, the Membership Committee head, in search for new members. It was believed there were 90 to 100 paid up members in 1958 and to this date, we have about 58.

It was suggested that we send bills to the delinquent members and we were reminded that all property owners are potential members.

The Keys to the Building were discussed, some of the keys are to be smoothed on the key track and five individual keys were accounted for.

Bertha Kipf mentioned that more chairs were needed, we had 39 present at our last meeting with four available chair spaces left over and the new chairs are still available at \$ 4.77 each.

The water situation was discussed and it was mentioned that we might be out of water completely if the water isn't chlorinated. The County of San Bernardino executive suggested that a Mutual Water Company be started by the property owners of Desert Springs. The necessary out put of cash to organize a water district, circulate a petition, and pay for legal advice would be prohibitive from our financial standpoint. Mr Killian suggested that we try to meet Mr. Schwartz on a cooperative basis and see what would happen in the line of progress and the group felt sure that Mr. Schwartz and the Smithson Springs water company would remain unchanged.

It was stated that if the water is not supplied according to the franchise, we would be forced into a Civil Suit. Mr. Killian believes that Mr. Schwartz can lose his franchise and the State of California would then step in. Mr Killian promised to do some phoning and Mr. Kipf said he would see the County Attorney and slate the next move.

It was moved and seconded that Business meetings of the Chamber of Commerce and the Board as well would be eliminated during July, August and September and the Social meetings could be carried on if desired.

It was suggested that the people of Desert Springs who do NOT receive their mail here and were eliminated from the ballot letter by the Post Office concerning the change of name of Desert Springs, write the Postal Department and request a vote.

The meeting was adjourned by President Max Kipf and refreshments were served.

Respectfully submitted

Berta J Dobbs, Recording Secretary.

Board of Director's Meeting, March 28, 1959

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Desert Springs Chamber of Commerce was called to order by President Max Kipf on March 28, 1959 at the home of the Kipfs.

Minutes of the February 28th. Board Meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Sam Taylor mentioned that it would take some advance pressure to have the Post Office moved back to the Main Street. He, Mr. Taylor said this advance work should be done just before Mr. Neil Cox completed the new Post Office building. It was also recommended that we get in touch with Congressman Shepherd from our district to try and have Mr. Grieve removed from the Post, as he constantly discourages new people from settling here in Desert Springs.

We were reminded by President Max Kipf of the splendid progress being made by our new storekeepers, the Galbreaths, both stockwise and pricewise and it was agreed that we would patronize them when ever possible.

The construction of parking space, adequate for the Chamber of Commerce building was decided upon. The method of leveling the lot was not completely settled.

The painting of the Flag pole was turned over to Tommy Dobbs and the pole is to be set for the Chamber of Commerce Building.

The Treasurer's report showed 71 paid up members and a balance of \$ 151.76 before adding on the dues and paying the bills for the month.

The question was raised as to whether the Board members were to be notified of the Board meeting by mail and it drew an affirmative answer.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Berta J. Dobbs, Recording Secretary.

DESERT SPRINGS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD MEETING, APRIL 2, 1959.

The April Board of Directors meeting of the Desert Springs Chamber of Commerce was called to order by President Max Kipf, at the home of Frank and Katherine Jones on April 2nd, 1959.

Minutes of the March 28th. board meeting were read and approved.

Correspondence was read from Ken and Jane Swart with a check for dues and a donation in the amount of \$ 20.00. It was moved and seconded that \$ 10.00 of the above be relegated to dues and \$ 10.00 to the chair account, thus building our chair account up to \$ 12.00. A letter was read from Mr. and Mrs Allen also bearing a check for dues. There were 82 paid up members on March 25th, 1959. Correspondence was read from the Southern California Desert Committee urging our representation at the 1959-60 Desert season activities on May 19, 1959 at Hysperia. It was agreed that Mr. ~~Frank~~ Taylor be requested to attend in our behalf. Correspondence was read from the Mojave Antelope agency of the Feather River water project wherein we have been advised to get in early and have a Mojave Desert Water Area set up for ourselves for approval by the State Legislature. Mr. Harry Banks is one of the project representatives, to whom we can send our requests. quote,

" I WANT THE LEGISLATURE TO CREATE A MOJAVE DESERT WATER, STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTING AGENCY. Unquote. President Max Kipf believes we should all mail cards carrying the above request.

The weeds around the Chamber of Commerce fuel tank were mentioned again.

Progress on the flag pole installation was reported by Hill Killian and Tommy Dobbs.

It was voted upon and approved that ~~that~~ June be the last Business meeting of the Desert Springs Chamber of Commerce and no notices would be mailed for the ensuing social meetings if any. The proceeds of the last Business meeting would be donated to the chair fund.

It was moved and seconded that on November 9, 1959, we have a Community Night in conjunction with our Business Meeting and ask Mrs. McGee to head the program.

Mr. Goulet reported his investigation into imprinted Place Mats to be sold in Desert Springs and although the idea was attractive, the individual copy was considered too expensive by the Board.

The Treasurer's report was read by Mr. Joe Adams and revealed a balance of \$ 223.58 on April 2 1959.

It was suggested that the women of the Desert Springs Chamber of Commerce take turns baking cakes for our refreshment committee, thereby saving the cost of buying one or more cakes.

The meeting was adjourned by President Max Kipf.

Respectfully submitted

Berta J, Dobbs

Recording secretary.

DESERT SPRINGS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD MEETING, MAY 23, 1959

The Desert Springs Chamber of Commerce Board of Director's Meeting was called to order on May 23, 1959 by President Max Kipf at the home of the Kipf's.

Minutes of the meeting of April 25th were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read by Mr Joe Adams, showing a balance of \$ 245.82 plus a \$6.00 amount indicitave of 2 months rent on the building. 6.00
Total 251.00

Bills were read and voted to be paid.

The mortgage payment of \$ 150.00 plus \$ 18.00 interest totaling \$ 168.00 . our annual loan payment was due. It was moved and seconded that this amount be paid.

It was moved and seconded that the Directors waive the bylaws and avoid the 30 day delay after Mr. Dixon's resignation and appoint Mr Dockery as custodian of the Chamber of Commerce Building.

Mr Killian suggested that various women in the group bake cakes for the Social Committee thus save money and improve the quality of our refreshments following our Monthly Chamber of Commerce Meetings. The recommendation did not close with a vote.

It was moved and seconded that we suspend Board meetings through July, August and September 1959. October would then be our next business meeting.

Bertha Kipf mentioned the need of more chairs for the building and said match- ing metal chairs were available for \$ 4.85 each. There had been a chair fund previously set aside.

It was decided that June the 13th be ~~set~~ detlaired a work day to level and grade the back yard of the Chamber of Commerce Building to make space for adequate parking.

The meeting was adjourned by President Max Kipf and refreshments were served.

Respectfully submitted
Berta J. Dobbs

Recording secretary.

VACATION

July
August
September

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 27, 1959

Desert Springs Chamber of Commerce

An informal Meeting of the Board was held on June 27th, at the Hill Killian home. In attendance were Frank Jones, Tommy Dobbs, Hill Killian, Max and Bertha Kipf.

Discussing the work of leveling the parking lot, at the Chamber of Commerce, it was agreed that use of his tractor and grader involved more than "man hours" and therefore we should offer Frank Jones the sum of \$5.00 to compensate for gas and oil.

The matter of the Public Utilities Hearing was brought up and discussed. The following statements were set up representing the position of the Board of Directors: There should be no raise in rates until a Health Permit is secured - Impounding of the increase, with the Public Utilities Commission, until compliance is fulfilled - Most people in Desert Springs are prepared and glad to pay the raise contingent upon compliance with Health Department requirements, improvement of the system and activity in the development of more water.

Mrs. Killians contribution in the way of cold drinks was very much appreciated.

Departure of Director Oran Dixon was mentioned but no steps were taken to fill the vacancy.

Meeting adjourned.

Bertha Kipf, Cor. Sec'y.

Announcement was made by Secretary Bertha Kipf that an anonymous donor had contributed \$50. to the Chair Fund. Other members had contributed \$12. and the sum collected at the regular meeting, June 13th. - \$17. brought the total of \$109. to be deposited in the Bank. Other credits in the Bank account, subject to the chair fund, are \$16.00.

DESERT SPRINGS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING. AUG. 28, 1959

The August Board of Director's meeting of the Desert Springs Chamber of Commerce was called to order by President Max Kipf on August 26, 1959 at the home of Tommy Dobbs.

Minutes of the June Board of Director's meeting were read and approved.

A letter from the Wrightwood Woman's Club was read by Acting Secretary Bertha Kipf relating the ~~due date~~ of the regular visit of the Tuberculosis and chest X-Ray unit. It was suggested that we give it publicity and take the test if possible.

A Woman Minister of a Protestant faith has requested the use of the Chamber of Commerce building for church services. A discussion of how many contributors in time and money could be found in Desert Springs and whether or not the Church should pay rent for the building or be charged for fuel and light only. The matter was set aside for further discussion.

Mr. Cline had said the Chamber of Commerce sign was ready to be erected in front of the building and Tommy Dobbs promised to put it up immediately.

WATER- President Max Kipf stated that Mr. Jenner, the Commissioner and his Deputy have established a clear cut record on the water problem. A survey has been made on the lines and those who have put in their own lines may have forfeited payment for same from the water company due to lack of contract.

Sam Taylor had talked to Mr. Gnaggs and they expect a ruling in October with a possible 50% raise in revenue to the water company and they might force Mr. Schwarts to improve the spring and do better generally.

The meeting of the San Bernardino Water Conservation Company was announced for October at Victorville in view of our community gaining their share of the Feather River water. Individual fees \$ 10.00 Company fees \$ 25.00 approximately.

A clean up crew for the Chamber of Commerce building was deemed necessary by President Max Kipf and the following women were appointed. Mrs. Hill Killian, Kathryn Jones, Bertha Kipf and Berta Dobbs.

A pot luck supper was announced for October 10th. at the regular Chamber of Commerce meeting.

A nominating Committee to nominate new officers for the year 1960 was appointed they are as follows,

Max Kipf, Arthur Cline, Sam Taylor to meet at the home of Sam Taylor on the following Friday, September 4, 1959.

Summing up the opinion of the group as expressed in discussion and comment President Max Kipf stated that we as a Chamber of Commerce would notify the Postal and Highway departments that we would not accept the new name of Desmont. We had not endorsed it and it was enacted over the heads of the residents.. 65 residents protested this change of name last November 1958. We would again protest to our Congressman Harry Shephard. A night letter was written emphatically protesting the Post Office change and wired to Washington D.C. We demand the change be immediately revoked and an on the spot investigation be made.

The Treasurer's report was read and a balance of \$101.49 was reported by Mr. Joe Adams. The electric bill of \$ 3.21 was elected to be paid.

The meeting was adjourned by President Max Kipf.

Respectfully submitted

DESERT SPRINGS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 7th, 1959.

The November meeting of the Board of Directors of the Desert Springs Chamber of Commerce was called to order on November 7th by President Max Kipf at the home of the Max Kipfs.

The important subject at hand was the name change at the POST OFFICE.

Minutes of a previous Board meeting called on October the 18th at 10 A.M. were read, naming action taken then to avoid the above mentioned name change.

One early letter written by Mr. Fuller, a Post Office executive, reads as follows .

"NAME OF THE POST OFFICE CAN NOT BE CHANGED UNLESS RESIDENTS OF THE COMMUNITY VOTE IN FAVOR OF SUCH A CHANGE "

Note. Box holders not residents voted which was contrary to above quote.

Our Congressman Mr. Shepard noted a discrepancy in Mr. Keon's letter on investigation.,

i.e. 29 persons voted against change of name from Desert Springs.

26 persons voted for "Desmont"

7 persons voted for something other than Desmont.

" It is then illegal to add the 7 to either side. This they did.

Mr. Grieve used the Post Office as a campaign ground for his project. This was illegal. He was reprimanded.

Mr. Grieve coerced many of those 26 votes by telling them the Post Office would close if they failed to vote his way.

Postal authorities are public servants and should be impartial but it appears to this board that these men are not impartial. They did not take the time to make an all over survey, ignored the property owners who are the taxpayers and they seem reluctant to change the name back to Desert Springs do to confusion and complaints now registered by the Post Master.

Mr. Killian suggested that we ask for a public meeting where everyone can express themselves by secret ballot.

President Max Kipf suggested to the Inspector that two new names be submitted and one chosen by the group in Desert Springs. Mr Cline says it took ten long years to place our Desert Springs on the county and road maps. changes are defeating.

Our Post Office was 3rd class when Mr. Grieve took the postal examination and he does not live in the area yet he boasted that he would change the name of the town before he was hired.

Mr. Keon did not attempt to make an investigation that would reveal that 75 % of the residents were opposed to the change. He merely spot checked the list carefully submitted to him by Mr. Grieve.

Mr. Cline suggested that we again contact Mr. Shepherd and look for further ways and means to be used in our attempt to strike DESMONT from our records as our contacts with Misters, Scroggins, Summerfield and Bristol have been

disappointing.

A Mimeographed letter is being prepared by President Max Kipf requesting further consideration from the postal Authorities on this matter and will be available at the next Chamber of Commerce meeting for all who are interested to sign.

B. D.

DESERT SPRINGS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING NOV.28, 1959

The November meeting of the Board of Directors of the Desert Springs Chamber of Commerce was called to order by President Max Kipf at the home of the Max Kipfs on November 28th., 1959.

Minutes of the special meeting called to order on November 7th. were read and approved.

An insurance bill in the amount of \$21.15 for the Chamber of Commerce building was ready for payment but the payment was postponed as it was voted that an additional amount be written for the furniture.

It was moved and seconded that a Boy Scout troupe be allowed to use the building once a month on a date not conflicting with the Chamber of Commerce or the Sheriff's Reserve. The fee was established at \$ 10.00 per evening.

POST OFFICE A letter from Mr. Haurich of the Postal Department sent to us via Mr. Harry Sheppard was read. This letter did not sound encouraging but it had crossed our letter to Mr. Sheppard in the mail. Our letter was written by President Max Kipf and Mr. Arthur Cline and we feel, that it will change the picture some.

Mr. Cline explained to us why he knows our efforts will in time cancel the work done by our opposition. And he feels that DESMONT will then be stricken from the records. Mr. Hatfield in San Bernardino does not sympathise with the complaints of our postman and the Desert Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce president is not in accord with Mr. Grieve either.

The disappearance of the Desert Springs County road sign from the Palmdale cut off on highway 138 was noticed and it will be investigated.

Water- While most of our citizens were unhappy with the raise in water rates to \$ 48.00 per annum, it is difficult to find an opposing factor in the face of higher prevailing rates in our neighboring communities.

The balance in the treasury stood at \$ 75.29 with three small amounts to be paid.

The meeting was adjourned by President Max Kipf and refreshments were served.

Respectfully submitted.

Berta Dobbs, recording secretary.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING DESERT SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA DECEMBER 12, 1959.

The December meeting of the Desert Springs Chamber of Commerce was called to order by Vice President George Goulet in the absence of President Max Kipf. This was the annual Christmas meeting and 34 members and guests were present.

The minutes of November 14th were read and approved. the salute to the flag was given and one verce of America was sung.

POST OFFICE Mr. Arthur Cline reported on the Post Office situation wherein he read a letter written by Max Kipf and himself in answer to the negative answer received from Mr. Harry Sheppard. A letter from Mr. Nelson Poe was then read where we are promised a thorough on the spot check up of not only the postal box holders but the property owners also who have been ignored in the past.

We were urged to write another letter to Post Master, Washing D.C. protesting the change.

Mr. Killian reported on the Board Meeting held earlier in the day on December 12th wherein the water situation was again discussed. It was decided that a investigation would be made in view of another possible rate change in the near future. This we would oppose. However the present raise in water prices although difficult to take are not unreasonable in the face of prevailing rates in other communities.

The Meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served by the Social Committee.

A candle lighting Christmas Carol song program was headed by Kathryn Jones assisted bu Berta Dobbs, Mrs Killian and Tomay Dobbs this involved the decorations and all. (The committee is grateful to Margaret Campbell too) who among others made the Christmas party go.

Respectfully submitted

Berta Dobbs. Recording Secretary.