

**Cascade Chamber of Commerce
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at Lakefront Bar & Grill**

Call to order: 1208/13 in attendance

Approval of minutes from last meeting: Sandi motioned to approve 12/10/24 meeting minutes; Kayla seconded. all in favor. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report: None.

Secretary Report: None.

Welcome guests/new members: Rachel from Smith Air, <https://flysmithair.com/>

Office, Communications, and Media:

Office & Comms – Julie

- 1) Installed the Idaho Sled Dog Challenge banner at the corner of Market & Main St (Watkins lot). Took down the City Christmas Tree.

2) Idaho Chamber Alliance (ICA) 2025 dues, \$100.

The ICA represents member Chambers of Commerce at the State Legislature for local issues. Belinda motioned to approve \$100 spending authorization for 2025 ICA annual dues, Kayla seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

3) ISDC – 1st Annual Idaho Sled Dog Week

Idaho Sled Dog Week is scheduled to take place 27-31 Jan, with the races taking place 3-5 Feb. Mrs. Tibs Bakery, Valley Club, Lakefront Bar & Grill, Cascade Mercantile, and Bigfoot Coffee are Cascade businesses who will be offering services and/or hosting events in support of the 2025 Idaho Sled Dog Week.

4) Boise Airport Expansion – Preserving Gate 58 – Request for Support

Rachel from Smith Air spoke about the Boise airport's new expansion plan and how the current plan removes Gate 58. This gate allows small air charter companies to streamline travel for customers going to/from multiple locations across the state. Removing Gate 58 will add additional time and cost constraints to both customers and air charter companies. Rachel requested a signature of support from the Chamber in a letter to those responsible for updating/approving the Boise airport's expansion plan to keep Gate 58. Tom motioned to approve, Belinda seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Media Assistant – No report.

Open Issues –

2025 Cascade Chamber Board of Directors, Nominating Committee: Belinda motioned to approve current list of nominations; Sandy seconded. All in favor. Motion passed. Ballots passed out to those present at the meeting. An email to chamber membership will send out a ballot with a due date of Jan 27th.

2025 Cascade Chamber Fundraising Committee: Mindi chairing committee. Meetings scheduled for every other Friday, 1200, at the Chamber Office. Committee is working on a strategy to gain more sponsorships for events versus relying on donations.

2025 Calendar of Events: Current plan to keep regular events (Fourth of July, Hog Wild, etc.) during the year, but also looking to add a Father's Day golf tournament and bringing back Spring Fling.

Open floor:

Maria (Cascade Public Library): The library is looking for 2 members to fill Board openings. The library is now serving coffee, tea, and hot chocolate for a donation. Maria is also working on multiple grant applications for funding to complete other library needs (i.e. crosswalk to parking, art grants).

Sheriff Copperi: Bailey, the Valley County Sheriff's Department drug K9, is now an official member of the team after completing 3 months of training and POST certification. Ada County donated 2 K-9 vehicles to Valley County.

Tom (Cascade Medical Center-CMC): The flu season is upon us and the medical center has both flu and COVID vaccines available. The medical center also has a new transport van (with 4-wheel drive) to help people get to their medical appointments across Valley County and Boise. Call CMC to make a reservation. It's free for everyone who lives in the Cascade Medical District, which encompasses most of Valley County.

Tom (Stibnite Foundation): Tom represents Cascade to both the Advisory Council and Stibnite Foundation. One of his primary goals in being a representative is to ensure Cascade has ample opportunity to benefit economically from the mine. The Stibnite Foundation is offering \$30K in grant funding to non-profit organizations, with the 2025 application cycle opening 1 Apr 2025. <https://stibnitefoundation.com/grants/>

Belinda (Perpetua Resources): With the Stibnite Project progressing forward, once all the permits are approved, the initial focus will be on infrastructure (power, roads). Perpetua wants to ensure everyone is aware of the opportunity to apply for employment and contractor opportunities. All interested parties are encouraged to pre-apply at <https://perpetuaresources.com/connect/>

Kayla (Mrs. Tibs Bakery): Sip & Savor event scheduled for Sat, 1 Feb starting at 1:00pm. Only 3 spots left. <https://mrstibsbakery.com/>

Amber (Arrowhead RV Park): Volunteers for the ISDC are staying at the RV park, and they still have availability to reserve a bungalow. <https://www.arrowheadpark.com/>

Amber (Valley Store): The Liquor Store has added additional shelf space to increase the amount of alcohol available for purchase. Will no longer carry milk.

Amber (for Tackle Tom's): Partnering with Scheels to host the Annual Cascade Cup Ice-Fishing Tournament on Feb 15th & 16th (President's Day Weekend). They also now have alcohol available for purchase.

Michelle (Lakefront): Initial discussions in the works to bring back the vendors and food trucks at Van Wyck Park during the Fourth of July fireworks display/celebration. Permit requests have not been submitted to Lake Cascade State Parks.

Next meeting Tuesday, January 28th, 2025, location TBD. **Adjourned:** 1248