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Annual Report: 2009

White Bird Chamber of Commerce

Mission Statement

The White Bird Chamber of Commerce (WBCC) is organized to:

- A. Advance the commercial, professional, and economic interests of its members and the civic interests of the town of White Bird and the surrounding communities.
- B. Encourage development of commerce, tourism, community, and recreational activities
- C. Promote understanding and cooperation among local businesses, private and public agencies, and government entities.
- D. Remain non-partisan, non-political, non-sectarian, and non-discriminatory.
- E. The Chamber shall take no part in or lend support to any political campaign or the election or appointment of any candidate for public office.

The Future

We hope to

- Encourage more tourism
- Focus on the appearance of our town and park and improve the quality of our community events
- Partner with the City on efforts to lease the old school building from the regional School District for the purpose of converting it to a community/training center, city hall and fire station
- Involve all area community groups and organizations to develop and promote the key community event - White Bird Days, which brings in many tourists, rodeo fans & residents from neighboring communities who stay in the area and spend money with our local businesses;
- Improve our volunteer recognition efforts
- Partner with our local businesses and organizations-to help them meet their goals and be more successful.
- Develop a non-profit determination by the IRS which will help us research and successfully apply for grants to obtain these stated objectives

Accomplishments 2009

Advance the commercial, professional, and economic interests of its members and the civic interests of the town of White Bird and the surrounding communities.

- 2009 Sausage Feed (Feb): proceeds contributed to enhance the IOOF Hall: \$883.42
- Lewiston Tribune subscription obtained and log-in given to WBCC Members: \$85
- Tour of Homes (April)
- Community Yard Sale (May): benefit to individual community members
- White Bird Days 2009: Family History Wall, Art Show and Music in the Park
- Quarterly newsletter published/distributed

Encourage development of commerce, tourism, community, and recreational activities

- Solar lighting for kiosk purchased (Feb)
- Easter Egg Hunt and Deviled Egg Contest: \$500 donated to organizers
- North Central Idaho Travel Association (NCITA) membership renewed (July)
- NCITA brochures purchased (approx \$300)/distributed, promoting 5-county area, including WB (July)
- New website developed, created, and launched (September): est. \$500
- Halloween Party (October)
- 1st Annual Western Christmas Parade & Chili in the Park
- Annual Christmas Program & Talent Show, with Desert Social, Photos & Family Dance

Promote understanding and cooperation among local businesses, private and public agencies, and government entities.

- Shelving devoted to WBCC's properties installed in storage room at IOOF Hall (Feb)
- 1st Annual Fireman's Ball: \$800 to WBVFD; \$300 to WBCC; \$100 to Royal Gem Rebekkahs
- Bylaws and Constitution amended (Sept)
- Chili Cook-off competition (Oct): \$750 donated to WB Volunteer Fire Dept. (WBVFD)

Thank You!

The White Bird community has a wealth of varied talents, energies and support, all of which come together to make this a very unique rural Idaho town and surrounding area. The White Bird Chamber of Commerce is sincerely grateful to its volunteers and community support.

Join Us!

We welcome new members –businesses, non-profits, and individuals. See the attached Membership Application to join us!



WHITE BIRD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INC.

Membership Application

Business Name: _____ Owner(s): _____

Business Location: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Business Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Home Phone: _____

Website: _____ E-Mail: _____ Yr Business started: _____

How would you like to receive updates/info from the Chamber? (Circle One) Mail Fax E-Mail

Refer to the White Bird Chamber of Commerce Constitution and Bylaws for details.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

| <u>GENERAL COMMERCIAL</u> | <u>ASSOCIATE</u> | <u>INDIVIDUAL</u> | <u>NON-MEMBER/WEB ONLY</u> |
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| <p><i>Any person, business or organization engaged in business or profession for profit. Includes a White Bird website listing with the business name in bold, telephone, e-mail and web address along with pictures and events.</i></p> <p>FEE: \$50 for 1st business \$25 for each business thereafter</p> | <p><i>Any person, firm, or organization engaged in a non-profit service business or profession. Includes a White Bird website listing with the business name in bold, telephone, e-mail and web address along with pictures and events.</i></p> <p>FEE: \$25</p> | <p><i>All others who are interested in the objectives and purposes of the Chamber, and who are not included in other classifications.</i></p> <p>FEE: \$25</p> | <p><i>If a business does not wish to be a Chamber member, this category offers an "Enhanced" White Bird website listing of the business name (bold), telephone, e-mail and web address.</i></p> <p>FEE: \$25</p> |

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Free Listing and Website Link on the Chamber website (www.visitwhitebird.com)
- Free online subscription to Lewiston Tribune; ability to post special events, etc.
- Access to your business literature/cards at the Visitor Center-Canyon House
- Opportunity to display your information at no charge at the Travel/Trade Shows the Chamber attends
- Opportunity to participate in Co-Op advertising that the Chamber offers
- Use of the Chamber Bulk Mail Stamp (Member pays bulk rate postage)
- Use of the Kiosk near Highway 95 (Contact Chamber for details)

MEMBERSHIP FEES: The annual membership fee is payable January 31st of each calendar year.

RETURN APPLICATION WITH CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO:

White Bird Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 93, White Bird, ID 83554

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____