

## Cougar Country Association Meeting Notes

**Date:** Tuesday, March 11, 2025

**Location:** Article 15 Bar and Grill

**Time:** 5:30 p.m.

### **Discussion Points:**

- **Meet Raffle Review:** The raffle held at Woodshed on Saturday, February 8th, 2025, from 12 to 3 p.m. resulted in a profit of \$188.00 from the 50/50 drawing. Kristi Urch, a new business member from All Seasons Painting & Home Repair Specialists, was the winner.
- **Financial Outcomes:** Despite not being very busy, the raffle generated a profit of \$1433.00. These funds will be allocated towards Coleman School District scholarships and Shop Local radio advertisements that promote our local business members.
- **Donations and Purchases:** We received a donation from Peshtigo National Bank to purchase more meat, which was acquired from Mursau's Piggly Wiggly and Meatski's. Meatski's also donated \$75 worth of meat for the raffle. It is suggested to consider purchasing meat boxes from Starzer Meats in the future.
- **Upcoming Events and Promotions:** Discussed strategies to enhance the visibility and membership of The Cougar Country Business Association. Scholarships to Coleman School District were reviewed, along with plans to sponsor musical entertainment for the Friday night prior to the Fireman's Picnic at Coleman Park. Emphasis was placed on showcasing local businesses through social media, in-person events, networking functions such as business banquets, and encouraging businesses to share information on our page.
- **Fundraiser Plans:** Decided to organize a gun raffle as the next fundraiser. Steven Wendt and Vern Christopherson will collaborate with Meatski's and Brazeau Gun Shop regarding the selection of guns and ticket printing. Tickets will be available for sale throughout the summer at local businesses and members. The drawing will take place at Article 15 Bar and Grill on August 3rd, accompanied by live entertainment to announce the winner.

**Next Meeting:** Scheduled for The Woodshed at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday April 29, 2025. Please attend with any concerns or suggestions that could assist in the growth and development of the Association within the community. We are currently seeking new members!

