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# Lander Ambassadors



11/11/2024

City of Lander, Wyoming  
240 Lincoln Street  
Lander, WY 82520

Dear Mayor Richardson:

I am writing at your request regarding the title and actual ownership of a parade float that the Lander Ambassadors built in 1985.

I have been asked to represent the Ambassadors and our current president Mike Jones. My name is Jeff Young, and I am a past president of the Lander Ambassadors and began my time with the club while I was serving on the Lander Chamber Board between 2010 and 2017 where I was also president in 2014.

The Lander Ambassadors have had a long-standing relationship with the City of Lander since the club's inception in 1982. The Ambassadors have represented the City and the chamber for over 40 years and have donated to the purchase of city statues, upgrades including the bar and carpeting at the former community center and paying off the construction loan and paying for the coat closet at the current community center. Through our efforts, we have donated over one million dollars in support of the City of Lander, Lander businesses and non-profits in our community.

The parade float that represents the Lander Ambassadors was constructed in 1985 and was, until last year, a motorized horse trailer that was donated to the club by Mr. BT McManis. The float included a horse trailer that was attached to a wrecked Ford Bronco and has been driven in events including the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, advertisement for our fund-raising events and Light Up Lander for approximately 37 years. As a right of passage, new club members were required to drive the horse trailer during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade until 2023 where, as a

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club, we determined that it was not safe to continue its use due to sight limitations during operation and the toxic environment the trailer created by enclosing a gas vehicle inside of the trailer. In 2023, it was determined that removing the trailer from the vehicle and the purchase of a cargo trailer to tow behind would more benefit the club and Business After Hours where we donate our efforts in support of the Lander Chamber of Commerce and local businesses. The horse trailer has since been removed from the vehicle and upon an attempt to license it for use, it was determined that as a favor to the Ambassadors, the City of Lander in 1985 agreed to provide title for the float because at that time, the ambassadors were not a 501 3C and could not own the float as a group. It was also determined through the State of Wyoming that the City of Lander was the last known vehicle owner and that the Ambassadors had been licensing the float as a trailer and not a vehicle. The float continued to be licensed as a trailer in Laramie County and the Bronco had never been licensed in the State of Wyoming.

The Lander Ambassadors are requesting the release of the title to the club by the City of Lander so we can continue the use of the vehicle in its original intent in support of the City, the Lander Chamber of Commerce and the Lander Ambassadors.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey A. Young, Lander Ambassador, Past President

Michael Jones, Lander Ambassador, Current President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Jones", with a stylized, flowing script.