

Claresholm Chamber of Commerce Society
Meeting Minutes
NOVEMBER 15, 2011

Meeting location: Claresholm Golf Course

Attendance: 20

Russell Sawatzky-Chamber President/The Co-operators, Roxanne Thompson-Claresholm Local Press, Don Leonard-Chinook Credit Union, Linda Petryshen-Motel 6, Wilf Gour-Gour Wealth Management, Betty Fieguth-Town of Claresholm, Iqbal Nurmohamed-Bluebird Motel, Doug Bowman-Archer Photo, Rob Vogt-Local Press, Tony Walker-EFAB, Catherine Abel-Mural Artist, Arlette Heck-Porcupine Hills Lodge, Karen Uhl-Kaleidoscope Travel, Mike Young-Emcor, Cheryl Robinson & Linda Herbert & Mavis Hugo-Western Financial Group, Marianne Williams-Flower Nook, Isaac Shaikh-Claresholm Bottle Depot, Nancy McCance-Chamber Secretary

Call meeting to order: Russell Sawatzky, President

Additions to Agenda: Old-Fashioned Christmas

Approval of Agenda: moved by Linda Petryshen

Additions or corrections to October minutes: none

Acceptance of October Minutes: Linda Petryshen

Special Guest: Dr. Jagoda, Business Retention & Expansion Survey-Dr. Jagoda explained the purpose of the survey and chamber members filled them out at this time.

*Additional surveys are available at The Co-operators.

Calendar

Friday December 2, 2011 Old-fashioned Christmas

Saturday, December 3, 2011 Joint Hospital Christmas Party

Trade Fair: February 3 & 4, 2012

Committee Reports:

Financial: Sue Gour, treasurer, reports 1 bill outstanding: Local Press: \$488.52, General account: \$7,608.06, Trade Fair Account: \$11,167.36, Beautification Account: \$289.23. Total as of October 31, 2011: \$19,064.65.

Old-Fashioned Christmas: Roxanne Thompson: The Lions are providing beef on a bun and the Food Bank will be serving it, about \$6.00 each. Funds raised from their sale go to the Food Bank. Attractions include the Christmas tree lighting downtown, Claresholm Citizen of the Year will be in attendance, and wagon rides will be available. The cost of the wagon rides is \$735 and the Chamber has sponsored this event in the

past. Motion: by Roxanne for the Chamber to pay this, seconded by Wilf Gour. Vote: passed. Doug Bowman suggested that last year it was noted that there should be some kind of signage showing the sponsorship by The Chamber which Roxanne agreed to provide.

Town Report: Betty Fieguth: The Town of Claresholm has been asking for input re: parks and they got some from local school children. An Open house was also held for the public to give their input. Local parks will be improved in collaboration with the local Kinettes . The new animal rescue building is scheduled to be completed by the end of November. The 8th Street project is done.

MD Report: Glen Alm not in attendance

Mural Project: Russell asked Catherine Able to give us an update: A replica of the proposed mural is still on display at Patrick Lannan's law office (next door to The Co-operators). The historical part of the project has been submitted to Rae Trimble, local historian and Head Smashed In Buffalo Jump for historical accuracy. Some slight changes to the images have been made. A quote has been received for frames for approximately \$10,000. Steel and aluminum may not be compatible. This project will be discussed further at the December meeting.

Wifi: Russell: The Economic Development Committee cancelled their Nov meeting and Wifi is being pushed by EDC, so this will be discussed at their Dec meeting. They will probably go with the Lethbridge service outlined last month.

Downtown Farmer's market: Russell: no new information to report at this time.

Trade Fair: Don Leonard: 9 applications have been received so far—business wishing to participate should get their application and fee sent in before the booths fill up. Applications are available on the Chamber Website: claresholmchamber.com

Fair Days: The town made a presentation last month and the Chamber needs to make a decision as to whether they are going to take this project. Any feedback and/or volunteers to help with this project are welcomed.

Tony: Website not working properly. Doug will take a look at this.

New Business:

Russell: A New Executive is needed for 2012. Please contact us if you have any nominations or would like to volunteer for a position as President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary or a member of the board.

Moved to adjourn: Doug Bowman
2nded: Nancy

Next meeting: **December 13th, 2011 – this is the 2nd Tuesday for this month only

Annual General Meeting: January 2012 – date to be decided. This is an evening meeting/social.