

Claresholm & District Chamber of Commerce
June 15, 2010

Additions to agenda: New Business: Michelle Day

Approval of agenda: Dawn Bourke, Bernie Feodoroff seconded

May minutes: accepted as recorded; moved by Linda Petryshen, seconded by Bernie F.

Mexican Fiesta: 5:00 pm June 25th, downtown parking lot

Michelle Day reported there will be 400-450 taco in a bag and a new addition, "lazy man Mexican fried ice cream". Don Leonard confirmed the liquor license will be faxed to him in time for the event.

-children are welcome in the bar area this year (they were restricted last year)

-tents will be set up Thurs evening - Doug Symonds requested any help would be appreciated--around 7:00 pm

-Russell will confirm with John McLean (mover) as he will be setting up and taking down chairs and tables this year

-Russell Sawatzky reported the plan for the new Jalapeno eating contest.

Treasurer's Report: Sue Gour was unable to attend today but she will e-mail a report to members. Donations are needed for the flower pot program. Bills received so far: \$1200 for the pots themselves and \$120 for fertilizer. There are \$800 in donations so far, so there is a shortfall.

Donations are typically around \$1800-\$2000 in years past. Any businesses who wish to donate to this program can contact any member of the executive, or mail a cheque to the Chamber. The donation amount is \$100 or more.

New Business:

Michelle Day, manager of the Porcupine Hills Lodge extended an invitation to the public to come to their Grand Opening, July 10th 10:00 am to 11:00 am. The Honorable Ed Stelmach will be in attendance to officially open the new supportive units that were recently completed. All units are full with a waiting list. Town and MD officials will also be in attendance.

Presentations, and other housing organizations will also be there. There will also be a dedication ceremony and a new roadway name & plaque will be revealed. Coffee and refreshments will be provided.

Doctor Recruitment Committee: The committee opted to use the already existing Welcome Wagon basket and enhanced it for welcoming doctors to town. The Doctor Recruitment Committee meets once monthly with the next meeting June 21st. Meetings are usually Mondays at 6:30. This is an ongoing issue for our community to attract and keep doctors. Business input would be appreciated. Please contact Michelle by calling her at the Lodge: 625-3988 x 4 if you have any ideas or would like to participate in this committee. Michelle would like to be replaced as the Chamber rep on this committee.

Russell reports that the Alberta Southwest AGM is in Waterton Park tomorrow. Russell will be attending.

Correspondence:

Sonja Carlson of the the Fair Days committee submitted a letter suggesting that businesses preparing a window display for Fair Days include a scarecrow (the Bench Show Logo). The 2010 Bench Show theme is "The 1970's". The Chamber was also asked to arrange for judging of the scarecrows with prizes, plaques, etc to be decided at a later date. Pictures of the window displays could be displayed at the arena during the bench show. .

The next Fair Board meeting will be held June 22 in the Bill Simpson Room at the library at 7:00 pm. Any Chamber member who has questions or would like to participate in a discussion of this topic or volunteer to help with Fair Days is welcome to attend. Dawn Bourke motioned the Chamber participate. Vote: carried. Fair Days will be August 14, 15, 2010.

An e-mail was received from Linda Herbert of the Health Foundation requesting your participation in the upcoming golf tournament fund raiser that is coming up this Saturday. Registrations are down this year.

Michelle Day asked about the Chamber golf tournament that was held for the 1st time last year. Carmelle Steele is in charge of this and will probably be scheduled for July or August.

Motion to adjourn: Cheryl Robinson, seconded by Marilyn Curry.
Next meeting: September 21, 2010