

Claresholm & District Chamber of Commerce Society
November 16, 2010 Minutes

Call meeting to order: Russell Sawatzky

Attendance: 13

Additions to Agenda: none

Approval of Agenda: Nancy McCance motioned, 2nded by Roxanne Thompson

Approval of October minutes: Marilyn Curry moved, 2nded by Val Umscheid

Memberships: Sue Gour reports 118 members - copy of list of current members given to secretary

Financial Report: Sue: \$6400 profit from 2010 Trade Fair (figures in report show transactions from more than 1 trade fair/year, so don't show the true profits). Group Insurance offered through Chamber and a small commission is earned. \$15,949.29 is current balance (all accounts/total). Please see financial statement as of Oct 31/10 - copies available from Sue or Russell. Roxanne: There is now an advertisement posted on the website for this group insurance for which the Chamber will receive \$75.

Town Report: from the new town council representative, Betty Fieguth: the Alberta Economic Southwest Grow evening was attended by Betty. The Claresholm Chamber is a member. They are working on a website that will be completed by Jan/11. Businesses can upload their information to the site for free. More information to come in January. The water tower lights are complete. If anyone has any concerns or questions for Betty to take back to town council, please let her know.

MD Report: Not in attendance

Trade Fair: Russell reports 19 booths are already reserved for 2011. If businesses want their choice of locations, you may want to register right away. Please send applications and cheques to the Chamber. If you did not receive the information by e-mail, contact us and we will send you the information. The registrations will be passed on to Kathy Davies who is on the Trade Fair committee.

Correspondence: Russell

- The Alberta Chamber of Commerce AGM will be held in St. Albert in 2011. Information is on file. Russell, who attended the conference in 2010, recommends this be attended by the Chamber President next year as the conference was very worthwhile.

- Town of Claresholm letter: A new representative is needed for the SouthGrow Regional Initiative. Roxanne suggests Russell be the representative. If Don Leonard does not wish to continue, Russell is willing to represent the Chamber. Russell will contact Don.

Change in date for December meeting: The Chamber meeting will be held Dec. 14th, 2010 at the Golf Course from noon – 1 p.m.

AGM: The Annual General Meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 18, 2011. Roxanne suggests we invite Doug Griffith, to speak at this meeting. He is the author of "13 Ways to Kill Your Community". The Rural Development strategy was developed by Mr. Griffith. Roxanne will forward information about Mr. Griffith to Nancy. The Chamber can then decide whether to invite him as speaker, depending on when he is available and what the cost is. (The fee that he charges is donated to a worthy cause).

January Note: A secretary will be needed for the January AGM as Nancy will be out of town. Please contact Russell if you could fill in for this meeting!

Elections: If you have any nominations or volunteers for the following positions for the Chamber for 2011, please let us know: President, Vice-President, Treasurer & Secretary.

Garbage Fees: Bernie Feodoroff reminded the members that the Chamber unanimously opposes an increase to garbage fees that may be proposed by the Town of Claresholm. Betty will pass this on at Town Council. (this was discussed at last month's meeting).

Roxanne: The annual Old-Fashioned Christmas/late night shopping will celebrate its 10th anniversary on Fri Dec 3rd. The Chamber has paid for hay wagon rides in the past. Roxanne suggests this donation again this year. The beef on a bun profits go to the food bank as well as any profits from the concession. Motion by Roxanne for the above, 2nded by Bernie Feodoroff. All members in attendance were in favour of an estimated \$1000 donation. Motion carried.

Terry Daniel attended the meeting representing the Empress Theatre and left the Chamber a brochure describing the 2010-2011 Centre Stage Series. If anyone is interested in obtaining a copy, please contact Russell or Nancy at The Co-operators.

The meeting was then adjourned.