



Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 3rd, 2023 at 11am via Zoom

Attendees

Eric Bjornson, Laurence Bertram, Valerie Soltys, Nigel Kerr

Minutes

1. Approval of Agenda
 2. Approval of [June Minutes](#) (posted to public website)
 3. Approval of new members: no new members but 6 member renewals
 4. Treasurer's report (Valerie Soltys). \$5000 donation to Airport resurfacing, bursary, taxes paid. Proven Lake funds: account closed and blended into Chamber on Jan 20th 2016 (\$3862.52). Maybe consider redirecting to Leda Lake project.
 5. Follow up on member feedback re: Chamber News and Views event in Sandy Lake. Concern was to support chamber members when possible. Agreed that we should try to support members in the future.
 6. Update on Chamber Bursary 2023. Thanks to everyone who submitted their recommendation. The 2023 recipient is Suroor Ajani
 7. Update: [Mooswa Meat Grinder](#): Gravel bike race July 22, 2023 marshaling in Erickson - Very positive event that will likely/hopefully become an annual event in Erickson (very likely to happen in 2024 including a shorter 'family ride' component. Would be nice to try to make this a weekend-long event encouraging participants to spend a night or two in the region.
 8. Follow up - [Swedish Cultural Day June 10, 2023](#) - Very positive Event
 9. Follow up - [Little Valley Jamboree \(June 17th & 18th, 2023\)](#) - Very positive Event. Chamber likely to receive some proceeds for volunteerism
 10. Follow up - Kids Parade that took place at 1pm June 17th. - Should reach out to Northstar to see if they would be willing to commit to organizing in 2024
 11. Parade Float September 9th (Valerie) - Family Fall fun day - spearheaded by Erickson Daycare. Can the Chamber organize a parade? Laurence volunteered and also volunteered Bruce McEwan as parade marshall. Should send letter's to businesses letting them know about it. Post to events calendar.
 12. Ambulance Service in Erickson ([letter prepared by Laurence](#)) - new EMS position recently filled. 2 positions remain vacant. Next Chamber meeting to review letter and submit to those that should see it
 13. Dutch Elm Disease ([consider application to provincial DED program](#))
 14. Airport Resurfacing updates ([construction underway](#))
 15. Follow up on Brent Ryz & Erickson Flying Club Hanger Space Lease -Eric and Valerie to negotiate lease. We should create a template for future hanger rentals
 16. Highway Signage: discussing opportunities on Highway 10 & Highway 16. Who to lead this project? (chamber? municipalities? Destination marketing group(s)?)
 17. Membership renewals
 18. Chamber Manager - Still looking for a candidate (could/should be looking harder)
 19. Leda Lake Project update
 20. Clanwilliam Erickson decision to not have a chamber representative (consider letter). Check in to see how other local chambers interface with local gov'ts (Minnedosa, Parkland, Russel, Brandon)
 21. Board calendar of meetings and events (preset annually) - First Tuesday of every month at 11am for board meetings.
 22. Planning: Christmas Party Dec 2, 2023. Hall is booked. Need to book Caterer.
 23. Follow up on Moving file storage to Legion - work in progress
 24. Nigel:
 1. Notices: Newdale Charity House Show and Shine, Cordwood draw (100 tickets on a cord of wood).
 2. Consider Grants for new & expanding businesses. Look at Yellowhead Chamber example
 3. Website needs to be more inclusive of our entire district
 25. In Camera
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