

Minutes of the Meeting
September 11th, 2018 12:00pm
Lower Level of Memorial Hall

Present: Marni Harrison, Tyler King, Jodi Winkler, Nancy Cook, Lee Brayden, Kelly Dyck, Scott Johnston, Tim Doerksen, Ashley Froese, Sheena Nakonechney, Taya O'Brien, Marlin Metcalf, Harvey Takvam, Richard Dyck and Tyler Friesen

1. Call to order:

Kelly Dyck called the meeting to order at 12:02pm

2. Introductions:

Taya O'Brien was introduced to the members. She will be taking Sheena's position on the CDRC, as Sheena will be on maternity leave soon.

3. Approval of Agenda

Scott Johnston made a motion to approve the agenda as circulated. Tim Doerksen seconded - Carried

4. Approval of Minutes:

Marni Harrison made a motion to approve the June 12th, 2018 minutes as seconded – Tim Doerksen seconded - Carried

5. Financial Report:

Jodi Winkler presented the financial report. The balance in the ACU chequing account as of September 11th, 2018 is \$23276.06

Marni Harrison made a motion to approve the financial report as presented. Tim Doerksen Seconded – Carried

6. New Business:

-Gateway Condos in cooperation with the MMJS, Royal le Page and the Carman and Community Chamber of Commerce, will be hosting a Meet and Greet on Thursday, September 20, 2018 at Gateway Condos, located in Carman's Industrial Park. All Chamber members are welcome to attend.

- Postmedia will be hosting a series of Lunch and Learn seminars. Mores details will be sent to members soon.

- There was no report from Bell MTS on the FION.

7. Committee Reports:

Golf Committee:

The Golf Committee will hold their final meeting on Tuesday, September 18th, 2018 at McGee's Restaurant.

Both tournaments were a huge success and the committee will meet to discuss how the profit from the Pro-Am will be distributed.

Membership Committee:

The membership committee met on August 28th at McGee's. There are numerous directors that have committed to this committee and the committee hopes to touch base with all members before the end of the year. Membership window decals will be sent to members with their 2019 membership invoice. The committee will meet again on September 25th at Crazy Lady's Cafeteria.

Parade Committee:

The 2018 Carman Fair Parade was a huge success. As the last float left the marshalling area, the first float was returning.

There were 2 pipe bands and multiple mascots in the parade line up.

The Access Credit Union Pancake Breakfast was, as always, very well attended. Thank you to the committee and Access Credit Union for your participation in the success of this event.

8. Community Reports:

Community Economic Development- Tyler King

- Accessibility Training will take place in Carman on Thursday, October 4th. This is being offered by Community Futures Heartland. Pre-Registration is required and the cost of the session is \$15.
- An Immigration survey was completed by various members of the community prior to an information evening that was held at the Community Hall. There will be a strategic Planning session held on October 11th, as a follow up to this initial session.

Town Rep- Richard Dyck:

- Water was a topic of concern this summer. The Town of Carman received regular updates for the province. Upon recommendation, the province reduced the flow of water at Stephenfeld Dam from 10 cfs-5cfs. This, and a water conservation ban, helped to reduce the demand for water.
- The Trestle Bridge was evaluated after the flood of 2017, and after two separate reports, it was deemed safe and was reopened. A contractor was hired to replace the railings on this bridge, and after his recommendation, the reports have been re-evaluated. Due to safety concerns, the bridge may be closed again in the near future
- The building on the north side of the BSI parking lot will have the south facing mural painted over, as per an agreement with the owner and the town.
- 20 trees will be planted in this year. Some in the downtown area. Potted trees will be planted next summer. The remainder of the banners will be hung this week and these will be changed again for the Christmas season. The Christmas lights are being prepared to be hung.

- The Boyne Regional Library had a great summer and their annual reading program was very successful. On average, the BRL signs out 700 plus books per day. The fundraising for the expansion is going very well.

RM Rep- Harvey Takvam

- Things in the RM are going well

Carman and Dufferin Recreation- Sheena Nakonechney:

- Fall Program Registration has opened.
 - Self Defense – Begins, Sept 10th
 - Pickle Ball – Begins Sept 20th. Drop ins welcome. Located in the Community Hall and there is a drop in fee of \$2.
 - Babysitters Course – October 13th - Registration is available online
 - Cooking Class – Begins October 16th- Registration is available online
 - Goalie Clinics – Begin September 17th - Registration is available online
 - The Rink – Tuesdays this winter – 10 session/\$400 – Register online
- Day camps this summer were very well attended.
- Swimming lessons had 1019 students register
- Watch for more fall programs as they become available

Dufferin Ag Society Report- Jodi Winkler

- 2018 Carman County Fair was had another amazing year
- The heavy horse show boasted over 50 horses.
- The Cattle and Mini shows reached capacity
- The Saturday evening social was hosted by Carman Minor Ball and proved to be very profitable for the association.
- FREE FRIES were offered again this year

Golden Prairie Arts Council- Tyler King

- The September concert series begins on September 21st.
- The October Exhibition features the work of Naomi Gerrard – Multigrains of Energy

9. President's Report:

-See September report attached

10. Executive Director's Report – Jodi Winkler:

-See September report attached.

11. Business Arising:

- A reminder to directors that their presence on a committee is encouraged. Please see Jodi for a list of current committees that you could be a part of.
- We are looking for a chairperson that would like to pursue the possibility of bringing the Heartland Rodeo Finals back to Carman.

12. Correspondence- No Correspondence

13. Round Table Discussion:

- CIBC Run for the Cure will take place on Sunday, September 30th. Please see the Carman branch if you would like to donate to this worthwhile cause.

14. Next Meeting – Tuesday, October 9th, 2018, 12 pm in the lower level of the Memorial Hall

15. Tim Doerksen motioned to adjourn the meeting @ 12:50pm.

Presidents Report – September 2018

Welcome Back! Hopefully everyone has enjoyed a great and refreshing summer. It is sad that it goes so quickly, however I do look forward to fall.

Summer was busy and we managed to have two successful golf tournaments. The chamber tournament went off without a hitch, and was a great fundraiser for our Chamber. The Pro Am brought approximately 100 golfers of amateur and pro status to our beautiful golf course!

The fair was another highlight of the summer, at least for my family! It was great to see so many visitors in Carman. Thank you to all of those that helped with the parade and congrats to the DAS on another successful fair!

A friendly reminder to our directors that we have some committees that are currently meeting, and some events that will be coming up in the near future, and we ask that you take a look at the list of committees and find one that suits your ability. Our goal is to have all directors on at least one of these committees. Any of your available time is greatly appreciated.

There will be some change this fall in Carman and area with a new mayor and potential elections and we look forward to seeing what that brings.

Thank you for all that you do to help build our community.

Executive Director Report – September 2018

Happy fall! I trust that each of you had a relaxing and memorable summer and are ready to get back to business with the Chamber! Although we have had the summer off of meetings, I must say it has been a busy one around town.

The membership committee took a break over the summer, but met the last week in August to start organizing our fall calls. The committee would like to touch base with every member one more time before we start out 2019 campaign for new members. Look forward to a call from one of the directors on our committee, as your opinions are important to us.

The 2018 Chamber golf tournaments were held in June and August, and I would like to personally thank each and every sponsor and volunteer that helped to make these events as profitable and successful as they were. The Carman and Community Chamber tournament was held on Thursday, June 21st, and was a HUGE success. We had 104 golfers participate in this tournament and a record number of sponsors for this event. The weather was fantastic, and an enjoyable day was had by all in attendance.

The Access Credit Union Pro Am Tournament was held on Friday, August 24th and was also a very successful event. There were 100 golfers in attendance, 25 of them being Pros from around the province. Thank you to Dean North, The Carman Golf and Curling Club, and Access Credit Union for co-hosting this prestigious event with the Chamber.

The Carman Country Fair parade took to the streets on Saturday, July 14th. There were just over 100 floats that participated in the parade, along with two pipe bands and numerous dignitaries. The streets were lined with spectators, and despite the heat; it was a very memorable experience.

Planning is under way for the Halloween Party hosted by CIBC and Breakfast with Santa, hosted by Homestead Co-op. The Halloween party will take place on Saturday, October 27th and Breakfast with Santa will be held on Saturday, December 1st. More details will follow in the coming weeks.

The Chamber will be hosting a series of lunch and learns, starting in October. These events will be hosted in cooperation with Postmedia (Valley Leader) and will focus on Websites, Search Engine Operators and Social Media Management. The first event will be in conjunction with the launching of the NEW Chamber website and is scheduled to take place on October 3rd, 2018. Watch for details, which will be available soon.

Gateway Condos in the Industrial Park will be hosting a Meet and Greet for Chamber members on Thursday, September 20th from 5-7 pm. Come for a burger and a beverage and a tour. Be sure to check your email for your invitation.

Thank you for your support of the Chamber events over the summer months and I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming events this fall!